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Coronavirus—“Technology sector to reboot as of 4 May” (Agoria)

Dear Journalist,

The Belgian technology sector will restart gradually as of Monday, 4 May, according to Marc Lambotte, CEO of the technology umbrella organization Agoria, now that the National Security Council has announced the exit strategy for our country. “The exit strategy is the way to go. On Monday, we will continue consultations with all relevant partners to arrive at a guide that is to serve as the key to reboot the companies in our sector as of 4 May.”

Mr Lambotte: “We are aiming at an economic restart under healthy and safe circumstances. This means in particular keeping sufficient distance on the work floor and protecting employees as and where necessary with protective equipment such as mouth masks.”

More and more work is being done in the technology sector. Whereas the average activity rate was 49.7% three weeks ago, it rose to 52.8% last week. According to Agoria, the increase is in particular due to solutions found by a number of companies to be able to keep sufficient distance. “That is why Agoria is now strongly committed to a guide with guidelines, tips and good examples, including from the manufacturing industry. Approximately half of the people who work in the technology sector are at the moment at least partially unemployed.

Do not hesitate to contact us for more information or for an interview with Marc Lambotte.

Kind regards,

Frederik

About Agoria

The technology federation Agoria has some 2000 member companies and is there for everyone who is inspired by technology. The technology industry in our country is the sector with the highest added value (€30 billion in 2019) and the highest real economic growth (11.5% since 2015). It employs more than 310,000 people. In 2019 it generated a turnover of €129 billion, while investments exceeded €4 billion.

As to Agoria’s services and views on talent policy, market development, regulation, digitization, smart eco systems, infrastructure, the manufacturing industry, climate, the environment and energy, with “Be the Change” Agoria is strongly committed to the influence of digitization on the labour market. Agoria is the main sponsor of the Agoria Solar Team of 20 Belgian students who are keen to become world champion in solar car racing in Australia for the second time in 2021. The organization has some 200 employees who work in Brussels, Antwerp, Ghent, Liège and Charleroi. Marc Lambotte is the CEO. For more information, please go to www.agoria.be.