

Post adoption support in Flanders (Belgium)

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Here we provide a comprehensive list of formal **post adoption support in Flanders (Belgium)**.

“Afstammingscentrum (AC)” or “Filiation Center”

The AC was established in 2021.

The AC is based on the fundamental right of having access to information about one's origins and guarantees custom-made professional guidance in anyone's search in this context.

The AC is the point of reference for questions about filiation, descent and kinship. It will continuously develop and gather expertise, raises awareness and formulate policy recommendations on these topics. The center works independently and assists anyone with questions about parentage, such as access to an adoption file or a search for biological relatives.

The centre serves a rather broad range of target groups: anyone whose legal kinship does not correspond to the biological, genetic and/or social kinship and anyone with questions about their own context of descent.

You can find more information about their work here (in Dutch): www.afstammingscentrum.be and in the attached English brochure.

“Steunpunt Adoptie (SA)” or “Adoption Support Center”

SA is a center of expertise about adoption in Flanders that offers information and post adoption support to all parties involved in adoption during all phases of the adoption process.

SA organizes information sessions and preparation programs for prospective adoptive parents and provides adoption support during and after the adoption process. The services are directed primarily to adoptees, (candidate) adoptive parents and birth parents. SA offers a varied range of information, advice, training, individual and group counselling.

Post adoption support can be provided individually or in groups. When necessary, people are referred to other support services.

SA also facilitates support groups for adoptees and adoptive parents. Adoptees can turn to A-buddy. An A-buddy is an adoptee with whom they can talk in an informal setting, to share experiences.

You can find more information about their work here (in Dutch): www.steunpuntadoptie.be.

Accredited Adoption Bodies (AAB)

Accredited adoption services provide post adoption support to adoptive families and adoptees from countries of origin with whom they work together.

Adoptive families benefit from initial post adoption support. This involves following up and supporting the adopted child and the family during the child's adjustment and integration period in the adoptive family. Where necessary, the AAB refer to more specialized assistance.

The AAB also offer support for post adoption support questions that raise in a later period. They also accompany roots questions.

You can find more information about their work here (in Dutch):

<https://www.rayofhope.be/>

<https://www.hetkleinmirakel.be/>

<https://www.fiac-vzw.be/>