



Vlaamse Commissie voor  
Wetenschappelijke Integriteit  
Flemish Commission for Research Integrity

# Research integrity in Flanders

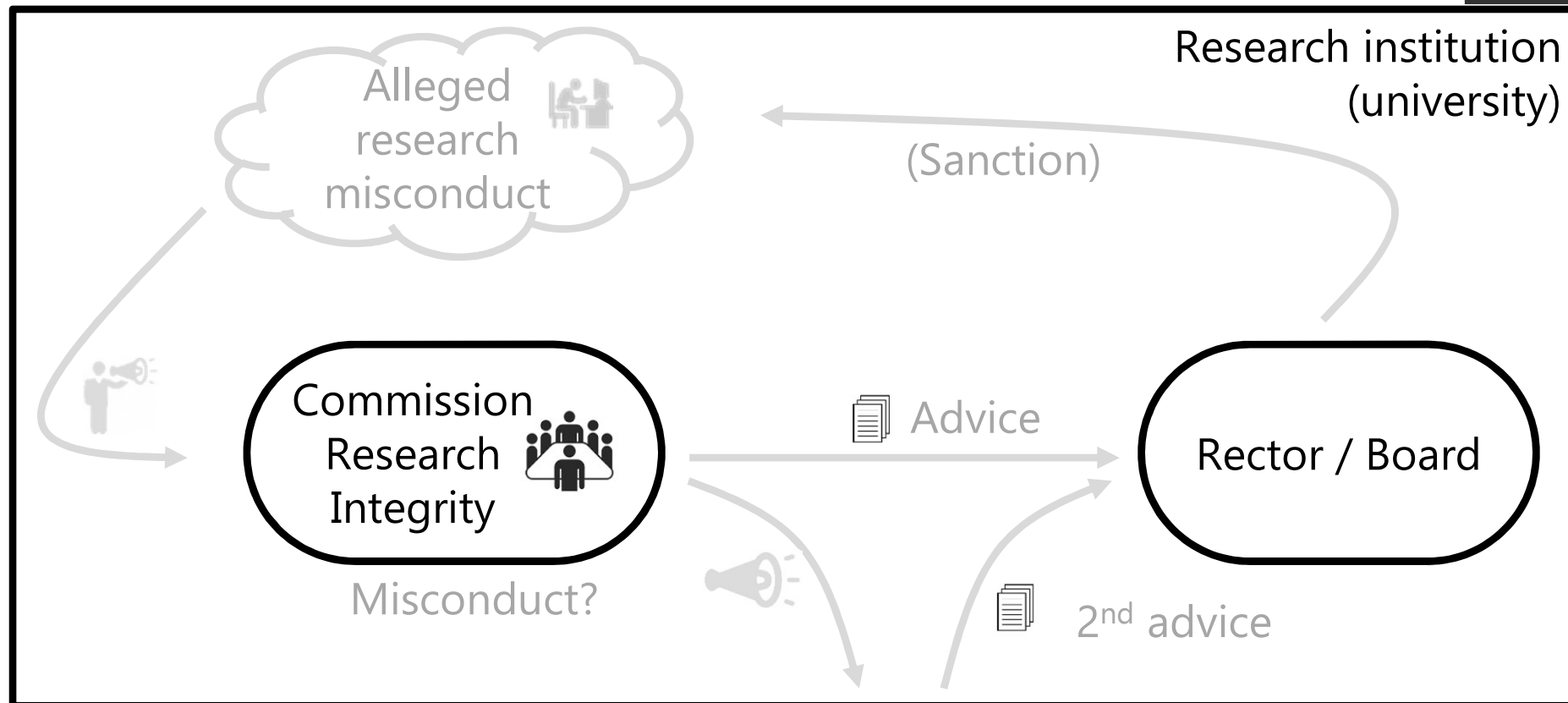
## Lessons learned after 8 VCWI years

22 October, 2021

Research Integrity in Belgium  
Palace of the Academies, Brussels

*André Van Steirteghem*  
*Chairman VCWI 2013-2021*





Misconduct?  
2<sup>nd</sup> opinion

Flemish  
Commission for  
Research Integrity



Research institution  
(university)



Alleged  
research  
misconduct



(Sanction)



Commission  
Research  
Integrity



Misconduct?

Advice



Rector / Board



2<sup>nd</sup> advice



VCWI



Misconduct?  
2<sup>nd</sup> opinion

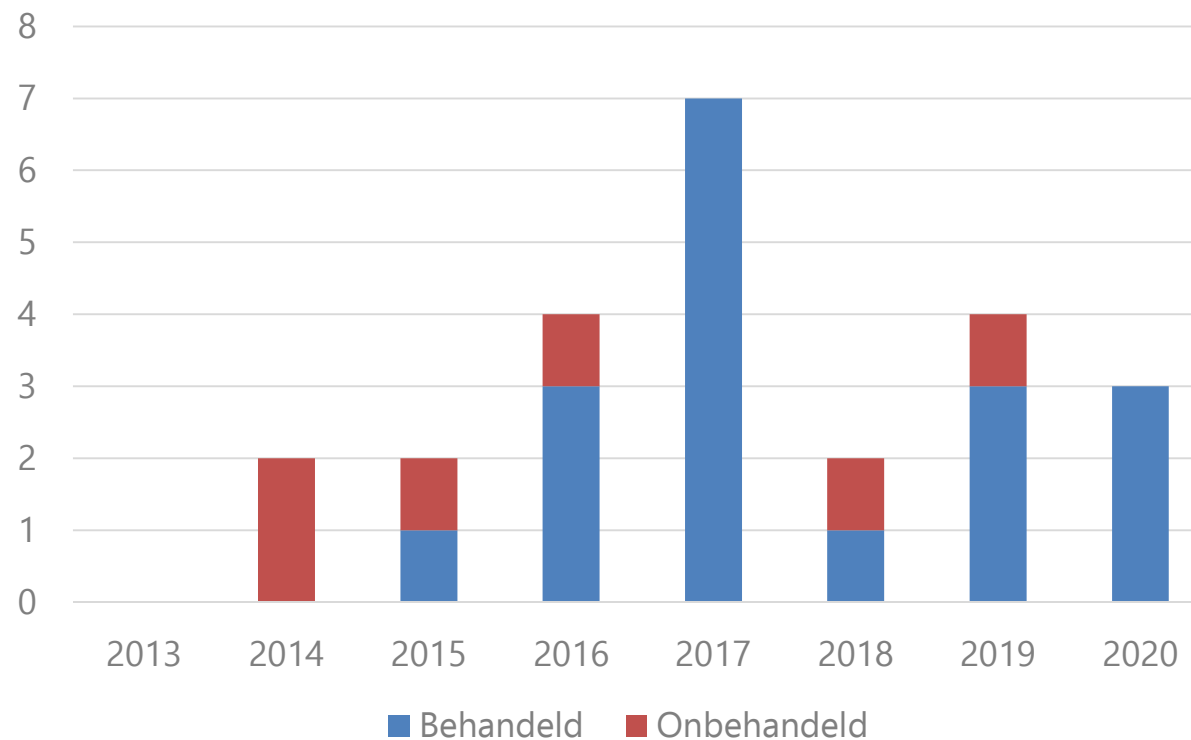
Flemish  
Commission for  
Research Integrity

# VCWI second advices on cases



-  Jaarverslag 2013
-  Jaarverslag 2014
-  Jaarverslag 2015
-  Jaarverslag 2016
-  Jaarverslag 2017
-  Jaarverslag 2018
-  Jaarverslag 2019
-  Jaarverslag 2020

Number of incoming second advice requests  
each year



# **VCWI** issues general advice

**Plagiarism in proposals**

**ALLEA code**

**CRI procedures  
during a pandemic**

**Authorship  
contribution  
statements**

# Goals of the VCWI

**Optimization and harmonization of CRI activities**

**Good and fair handling of allegations**

**Development of an unambiguous and shared view on research integrity**

**Recognizing structural problems with regard to research integrity**

# Six areas for attention

## **Authorship**

*Specify authorship contribution*

## **Legal matters in CRI procedures**

*Perspective of deontology & quality assurance*

## **Research(er) assessment**

*Align evaluation to what is good for science*

## **Harmonization**

*of CRI practices and regulations*

## **Training in research**

## **integrity**

*For all researchers and students*

## **Conflicts of interest**

*Also for reviewers and in service*

# Research integrity in Belgium

Collaboration for better integrity promotion?



Vlaamse Commissie voor  
Wetenschappelijke Integriteit  
Flemish Commission for Research Integrity



Conseil Supérieur pour  
l'Intégrité Scientifique  
Higher Council for Research Integrity  
of French-speaking Belgium





Thanks for your attention