# Smurfit Westrock Drogenbos: **Our history**

## 1947

Smurfit Westrock Drogenbos was founded in 1947 by **Family Langenaeken** (a father with his two sons) as a packaging company named 'Edwards Emballages'.

## 1988

'Edwards Emballages' was sold to **Wenthworth group** in 1988. But to this very day, the Smurfit Westrock Drogenbos team has kept the close-knit atmosphere of a family business alive .

## 1995

We were sold to **Kappa Packaging Group** in 1995. Kappa group was a Netherlands-based company founded in 1974 and Europe's largest manufacturer of corrugated and cardboard packaging

## 1996

The knowledge and budget that became available thanks to the merger with 'Kappa Packaging group' allowed 'Kappa Drogenbos' to **focus all resources on making great POS-displays.**

## 2005

In 2005 **Jefferson Smurfit merged with Kappa Packaging** to form **Smurfit Kappa.**

## 2010

Thanks to the **digital revolution** we have managed to greatly increase our output and quality with tighter timeframes.

## 2015-2025

The last few years we've focused on **market research and data analysis**. This with the goal of better understanding what you, the customer, deem important. And to help you moving forward.

## 2020

During the Covid-19 pandemic, Smurfit Kappa was deemed an 'Essential Business' in many of the countries in which we operate. We played a vital role in supplying packaging for critical supply chains such as food/drink, pharmaceuticals and medical equipment, that are needed by our customers and communities.

## 2023-2024

In 2023 we've done a lot of renovations. A new EHBO space, charging stations for electric vehicles, cantine, rooftop above the factory, entrance hall, facade and offices.

Now we can accommodate our employees and customers in an even better and modern environment.

## 2024

Merger between Smurfit Kappa and Westrock to form

**Smurfit Westrock.**