Information Guide

Belgium

A guide to information sources on the Kingdom of Belgium.

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Information sources in the ESO database

- Belgium – External / Internal / Regions

General information

- Belgium: Government portal: Belgium
  - Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation
  - Flemish Community
  - Walloon Community [in French]
  - German Community
- Wikipedia: Belgium
- UK: FCO: Country profile: Belgium
- US: CIA: The World Factbook: Belgium
- US: State Department: Background Note: Belgium
- BBC News: Country Profile: Belgium
- SearchEnginesoftheWorld: European Search Engines, Directories and Lists: Belgium

Agricultural information

- Belgium: Federal Public Service Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment
- FAO: Country profile and Mapping information system: Belgium
- European Commission: DG Agriculture: Agriculture and Rural Development
- Organic Europe: Organic farming in European countries: Belgium

Competition policy information

- Belgium: Federal Public Service: S.M.E.s, Self-employed and Energy: Competition
- OECD: Documentation on Belgium: Competition

Culture and language information

- UNESCO: World Heritage Sites: Belgium
- Council of Europe/ERICarts: Cultural Policies in Europe: Belgium
- Council of Europe: Culture, Heritage and Nature: Country Profiles: Belgium
- SIL International: Ethnologue: Languages of the World: Belgium

Defence and security information

- Belgium: Federal Public Service Defence [in French and Dutch]
- Belgium: State Security [in French and Dutch]
- Belgium: Permanent Representation of Belgium to NATO
Economic information

- ESO: Belgium: Economic situation
- Belgium: Ministry of Economic Affairs
- Belgium: Administration of the Treasury
- Belgium: Belgian Corporation for International Investment
- Belgium: National Bank of Belgium
- European Commission: DG Economic and Financial Affairs:
  - Economies of the Member States: Belgium
  - Stability and Convergence Programmes [select year and country]
- European Commission: DG Regional and Urban Policy: Belgium
- European Commission: DG Taxation and Customs Union: Taxes in Europe Database [select country]
- International Monetary Fund: Belgium and the IMF
- OECD: Country List: Belgium
- UNIDO: Country information: Belgium
- WTO: Belgium and the WTO
- United States: Commercial Service: Doing Business in Belgium
- European Commission: Europe 2020: Europe 2020 in your country: Belgium

Education information

- Belgium: Ministries of Education
  - Flemish Community: Flemish Ministry of Education and Training (Vlaams Ministerie van Onderwijs en Vorming)
  - French Community: General Administration for Education and Research (Administration Générale de l’Enseignement et de la Recherche scientifique) [in French]
  - German-Speaking Community: Ministry for the German-Speaking Community (Ministerium der Deutschsprachigen Gemeinschaft) [in German]
- European Commission: Youth Partnership: Youth Policy in Belgium
  - Flemish Community
  - French Community
- Eurydice: Eurypedia - European Encyclopedia on National Education Systems: Belgium
  - Flemish Community
  - French Community
  - German-Speaking Community
- European Union: Your Europe: Citizens: Education [select topic then country]
- Council of Europe/UNESCO/European Commission: ENIC-NARIC: Country profiles: Belgium
- World Bank: EdStats: Country Profile
- OECD: Education: Belgium
- UNESCO: Institute for Statistics: Education in Belgium
- European Commission: Study in Europe
- EuroEducation: European Education Directory: Education System in Belgium
  - Flemish Community
  - French Community
- NationMaster: Education in Belgium: Statistics
- Wikipedia: Education in Belgium
Employment information

- Belgium: [Federal Public Service Employment, Labour and Social Dialogue](#)
- Belgium: [National Labour Council](#) [in French and Flemish]
- European Commission: Europe 2020: Europe 2020 in your country: [Belgium](#)
- Eurofound: Country Profile: [Belgium](#)
- European Trade Union Institution: National Industrial Relations: Countries: [Belgium](#)
- Federation of European Employers: Industrial Relations across Europe: [Belgium](#)
- International Labour Organization: NATLEX: [Belgium](#)
- OECD: Key Employment Statistics: [Belgium](#)

Energy information

- Belgium: [Federal Public Service Employment, Labour and Social Dialogue](#)
- European Commission: DG Energy:
  - [Energy Figures by Country](#)
  - [National Renewable Energy Action Plans](#) [select country]
- European Commission: ManagEnergy: Energy Agencies in [Belgium](#)
- International Energy Agency:
  - Countries: [Belgium](#)
  - [Statistics and Balances](#) [select country and topic]
- Nation Master: Country profile: [Belgium](#)
- United States: Energy Information Administration: [International Energy Data](#)

Environmental information

- Belgium: [Federal Public Service Employment, Labour and Social Dialogue](#)
- FAO: Country Profile: [Belgium](#)
  - FAO: Forestry Department: Forestry Country Information: [Belgium](#)
  - FAO: Water and Food Security Country Profiles: [Belgium](#)
- European Environment Agency:
  - EIONET - European Environment Information and Observation Network: Country Information Sources: [Belgium](#)
  - SERIS - State of the Environment Reporting Information System: [Belgium](#)
- European Environmental Bureau: Members: [Belgium](#)
- European Network of the Heads of Environment Protection Agencies: EPA Network Members: Countries: [Belgium](#)
- Friends of the Earth International: [Belgium](#)
  - Flanders and Brussels
  - Wallonia and Brussels
- Greenpeace International: [Belgium](#)
- OECD: Environment: [Belgium](#)

European policies and relations with the European Union

- Belgium: Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Policies: [Belgium and the European Union](#)
  - [Belgian EU Presidency July-December 2010](#)
- Belgium: [National Bank of Belgium](#)
  - [Notes and Coins](#)
  - [SEPA: Single Euro Payments Area](#)
  - [European System of Central Banks](#)
Belgium: International and European Financial Affairs (IEFA)
  - Economic and financial policy European Union
  - European Commission: DG Economic and Financial Affairs: Belgium
    - Stability and Convergence Programmes
    - Belgium and the euro
  - European Commission: DG Regional Policy:
    - Belgium: Cohesion policy 2007-2013
    - Belgium: Cohesion policy 2014-2020
  - European Commission: Representation in Belgium [in French]
    - Representative of the European Commission: Belgium [in Dutch, French and German]
  - European Commission: Enterprise Europe Network: Belgium
  - European Investment Bank: Finance contracts signed, 1959-Present: Belgium
  - European Parliament: Information Office: Belgium [in French, Dutch and German]
  - Council of Europe: Member States: Belgium

Geographic information and maps

- European Union: DG Press and Communication: Europe maps [select country]
- FAO: Country profiles and mapping information system: Country maps: Belgium
- University of Texas: Perry Castañeda Library Map Collection: Belgium
- MapsOfWorld.com: Belgium Map
- Google.com: GoogleMaps: Belgium

Health information

- Belgium: Federal Public Service: Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment
- World Health Organisation: Belgium
- World Health Organisation: Regional Office for Europe: Country Information
- European Commissions: DG Employment and Social Affairs: Social Protection in the EU [find country-related information on social security systems]
  - Social Protection & Social Inclusion
- European Monitoring Centre For Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA):
  - Country profiles [select country]
  - National reports on the drug situation
  - National strategies [Documents and country profiles]
  - Legal text search [Find national drugs legislations]
- European Commission: Public Health Indicators [data and statistics]

Human rights information

- United Nations: Office of the High Commissioner for Human rights: Belgium
  [Documents, ratifications and reservations]
- Council of Europe: European Social Charter: National reports [select country]
- Council of Europe: Anti-torture Committee: State documents and visits
- Council of Europe: Venice Commission: Belgium
- United States: State department:
  - Human Rights Report [select year and country]
  - International Religious Freedom Report [select year and country]
- Amnesty International: Human rights by country: Belgium
- Human Rights Watch: Country report
- Wikipedia: Human rights in Belgium
Intellectual property information

- Belgium: [Federal Portal: Intellectual property](https://www.fediverse.be)
- World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO): Member States: Belgium
  - Collection of laws and documents

Investment information

- Belgium: [Federal Portal: Invest in Belgium](https://www.investinbelgium.be)
- United Kingdom: UK Trade & Investment: [Country profile](https://www.gov.uk/government/world/belgium)
- Gov.uk: Passports, travel and living abroad: Travel abroad: Foreign travel advice: Belgium

Justice and home affairs information

- Belgium: [Federal Public Service Justice](https://www.dij.justitie.be) (Federale Overheidsdienst Justitie / Service public fédéral Justice) [in Dutch and French]
- Belgium: [Juridat](https://www.juridat.be) (Portal of the Belgian Judicial Power) [in Dutch and French]
- United States: Law Library of Congress: Law online: Belgium
- Council of Europe: European Commission for Democracy through Law: Documents on Belgium
- European Court of Human Rights: [Statistical Information](https://www.echr.coe.int) [annual report]

Living and working information

- European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working conditions: Belgium
- European Commission: DG Press and Communication: [Your Europe](https://www.youreurope.eu) [Find factsheets with specific information on individual Member States]
- Eurofond: European Observatory of Working Life: Place of work and working conditions: Belgium
- JustLanded.com: Belgium
- Foreign & Commonwealth Office: Travel and Living Abroad: Belgium
- United States: State Department: Post Reports: Belgium

Media information

- European Broadcasting Union (EBU): Broadcasting Organisations [select country]
- European Journalism Centre: European Media Landscape: Belgium

Political information (including Elections)

- ESO: Belgium: [Political situation](https://www.eso.int)
- Belgium: Government portal: Belgium
  - Government System
  - Role of the King
  - Constitution
- Belgium: [House of Representatives (De Kamer)](https://www.de-kamer.be) [in Dutch]
- Belgium: [Belgian Senate](#)
- Belgium: [The Belgian Monarchy](#)
- Belgium: [Official Polling Results 2014](#)
- IFES: Election Guide: [Belgium](#)
- ESO: Belgium: Political situation: [Elections](#)
- Wikipedia: Elections in [Belgium](#)
- Parties and Elections in Europe: [Belgium](#)
- United States: Law Library of Congress: Law online: [Belgium](#)
- Political resources on the web: [Belgium](#)

**Public management information**

- Belgium: Federal Portal: [Belgium](#)
- OECD: Public governance: By Country: [Belgium](#)
- European Commission: Joinup: eGovernment Factsheets: [Belgium](#)

**R&D information**

- Belgium: [Federal Science Policy Office](#)
- European Commission: DG Enterprise: [CORDIS](#)
  - National R&D Information Service: [Belgium](#)
- European Commission: DG Research and Innovation:
  - [European Research by Belgium 2004-2009](#)
  - [FP7: Research and Innovation funding in Belgium 2007-2013](#)
  - [Horizon 2020: Funding 2016-2020](#) [select area]

**Regional and local information**

- Eurostat: Portrait of the Regions: [Eurostat regional yearbook](#)
- Committee of the Regions
  - Belgium: [Regional links](#)
  - Contact details for regional offices in Brussels [in French](#)
- Brussels-Capital Region
  - [Brussels in Europe](#)
- Walloon Region [in French]
  - Hainaut [in French]
  - Walloon Brabant [in French]
  - Namur [in French]
  - Liège
  - Luxemburg [in French]
- Flemish Region
  - Antwerp [in Dutch]
  - Limburg [in Dutch]
  - Flemish Brabant
  - East Flanders [in Dutch]
  - West Flanders [in Dutch]
  - Flanders and the EU

**Social information**

- OECD: Documentation on Belgium:
  - Insurance and Pensions
  - Social and welfare issues
• World Bank: Gender Statistics: Country information: Belgium
• European Commission: Eurobarometer [Search system]
• European Commission: Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion: Social Protection in the EU [find country-related information on social security systems]
• USA: SSA: Social Security Programs Throughout the World [select year and country]

Statistical information
• Belgium: National Bank of Belgium
• Belgium: National Statistical Institute
• Belgium: General Directory of Institutions and the Public [in German, French and Dutch]
• Eurostat: Country profiles: Belgium
• World Bank: Key data and statistics: Belgium
• OECD: Statistics on Belgium

Tourism information
• Belgium: Flanders: Tourism Flanders
• Belgium: Wallonia/Brussels: Tourism Promotion Office (Office de Promotion de Tourisme)
• Belgium: Brussels-Capital Region: Culture, Tourism and Leisure

Transport information
• Belgium: Federal Public Service Mobility and Transport (FOD Mobiliteit en Vervoer / SPF public federal Mobilité et Transports) [in Dutch and French]
• European Commission: DG Mobility & Transport: Legal acts on transport statistics
• Wikipedia: Transport in Belgium
• NationMaster.com: Transportation: Country Profile

Weather information
• Belgium: Royal Meteorological Institute
• BBC Weather Centre: Country Guide: Belgium

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