Information Guide

Belgium

A guide to information sources on the Kingdom of Belgium, with hyperlinks to information within European Sources Online and on external websites

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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/ERI-Carts: 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 of 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: Economy, S.M.E.s, Self-employed and Energy: [Energy](#)
- 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: Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment
- 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
- World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO): Member States: Belgium
  - Collection of laws and documents

Investment information

- Belgium: Federal Portal: Invest in Belgium
- United Kingdom: UK Trade & Investment: Country profile
- Gov.uk: Passports, travel and living abroad: Travel abroad: Foreign travel advice: Belgium

Justice and home affairs information

- Belgium: Federal Public Service Justice (Federale Overheidsdienst Justitie / Service public fédéral Justice) [in Dutch and French]
- Belgium: Juridat (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 [annual report]

Living and working information

- Belgium: Brussels Capital Region: Living in Brussels
- European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working conditions: Belgium
- European Commission: DG Press and Communication: Your Europe [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
- Belgium: Government portal: Belgium
  - Government System
  - Role of the King
  - Constitution
- Belgium: House of Representatives (De Kamer) [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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