

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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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](#)
- European Commission: DG Agriculture: Rural Development Plans 2000-2006: [Belgium](#)
- European Commission: DG Agriculture and Rural Development: Rural Development Plans 2007-2013: [Belgium](#)
- European Commission: DG Agriculture and Rural Development: Rural Development Plans 2014-2020: [Belgium](#)
- 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](#)
- OECD: Economic Surveys: [Belgium](#) (2015)
- UNIDO: Country information: [Belgium](#)
- UNCTAD/WTO: International Trade Centre: [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: 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 fédérale 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 Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion: EURES: Living & Working: [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](#)
- Guardian Newspaper Ltd. Guardian Unlimited: [World News Guide](#) [select country]

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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