Belgium 🇧🇪

Statistical Country Profile

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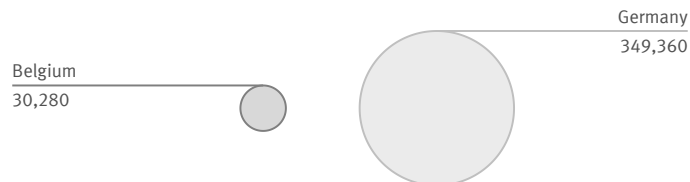
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■ General information

Capital city	Official language	Currency
Brussels	Dutch, French, German	Euro

Land area in relation to Germany
km²

Belgium
30,280

Germany
349,360

■ Economy and finance

Gross domestic product (GDP), total bn US$	GDP, real change % since 2000	GDP per capita US$	GDP per capita internat. US$
533	+29	46,724	48,245
(2018)	(2018)	(2018)	(2018)
Source: IMF-WEO	Source: IMF-WEO*	Source: IMF-WEO	Source: IMF-WEO

Gross domestic product, real change
% on previous year

3.6

1.4

2000   2005   2010   2015   2018
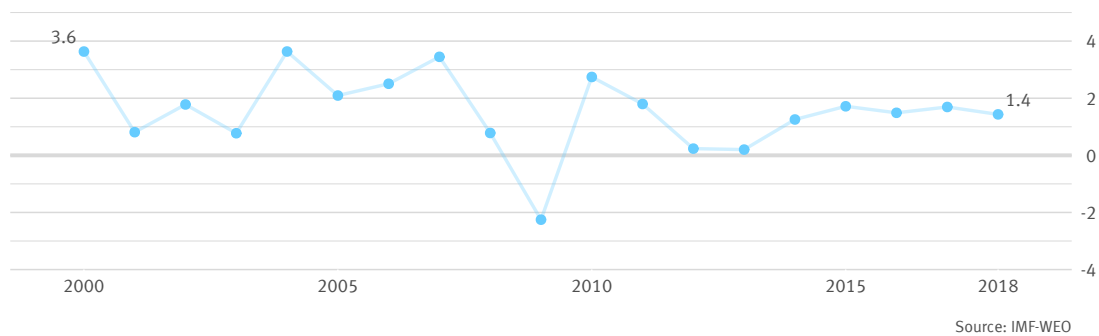
Gross domestic product per capita
US$

23,298

46,724

2000   2005   2010   2015   2018
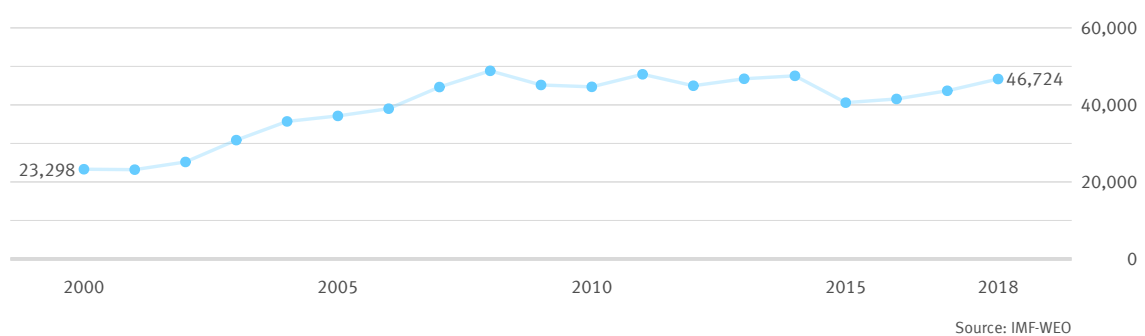
Inflation rate (change of consumer price index) % on previous year	General government gross debt % of GDP	General government net lending / borrowing % of GDP
+2.1	101.4	-0.8
(2018) Source: IMF-IFS	(2018) Source: IMF-WEO	(2018) Source: IMF-WEO
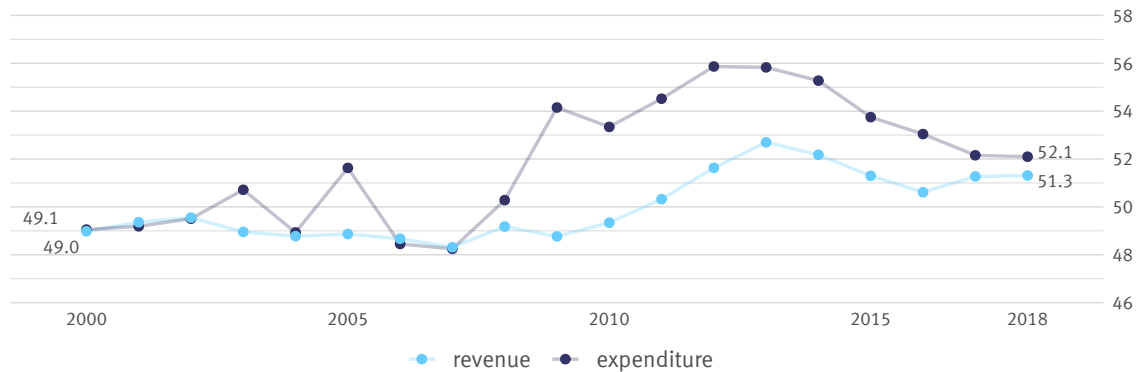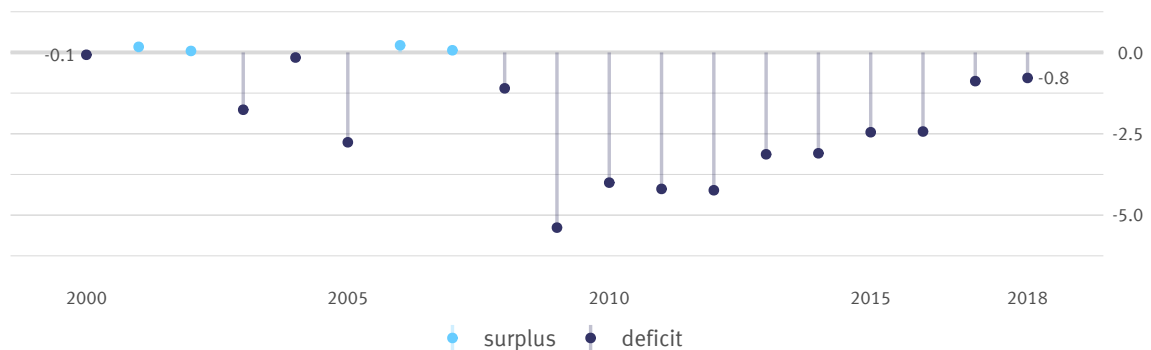
General government revenue and expenditure
% of GDP

Source: IMF-WEO

General government net lending / borrowing
% of GDP

Source: IMF-WEO

Foreign direct investment (FDI): inward stocks bn US$	Foreign direct investment (FDI): outward stocks bn US$	Foreign direct investment (FDI): net flow, inward bn US$	Foreign direct investment (FDI): net flow, outward bn US$
567	691	1	21
(2017) Source: UNCTAD	(2017) Source: UNCTAD	(2017) Source: UNCTAD	(2017) Source: UNCTAD
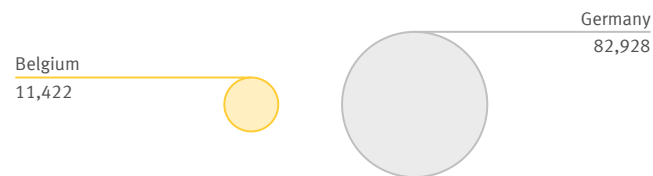
◼ Population

Population total 1,000	Population density inhabitants per km²	Life expectancy at birth (women) years	Life expectancy at birth (men) years
11,422	377	84.0	79.0
(2018)	(2018)	(2017)	(2017)
Source: WB-WDI	Source: WB-WDI	Source: WB-WDI	Source: WB-WDI

Population in relation to Germany 2018
1,000

Belgium
11,422

Germany
82,928

Source: WB-WDI

Population
1,000

11,539

Projection medium
variant after 2019
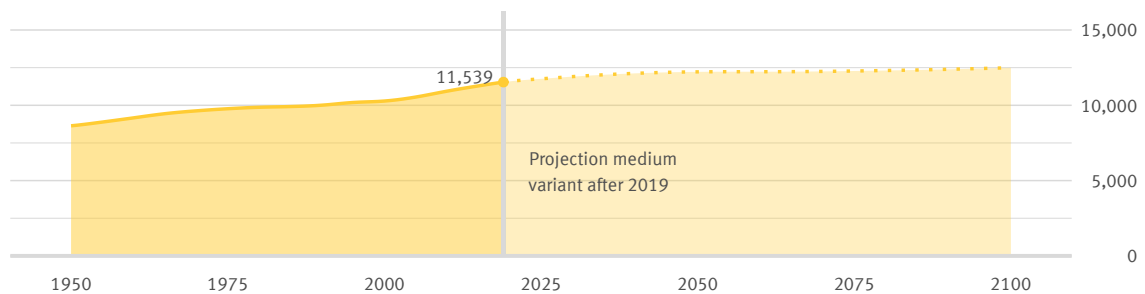
Source: UN-POP

Population by age group
proportion, %

Projection medium
variant after 2015

◼ under 15-year-olds   ◼ 15- to 64-year-olds   ◼ 65-year-olds and older
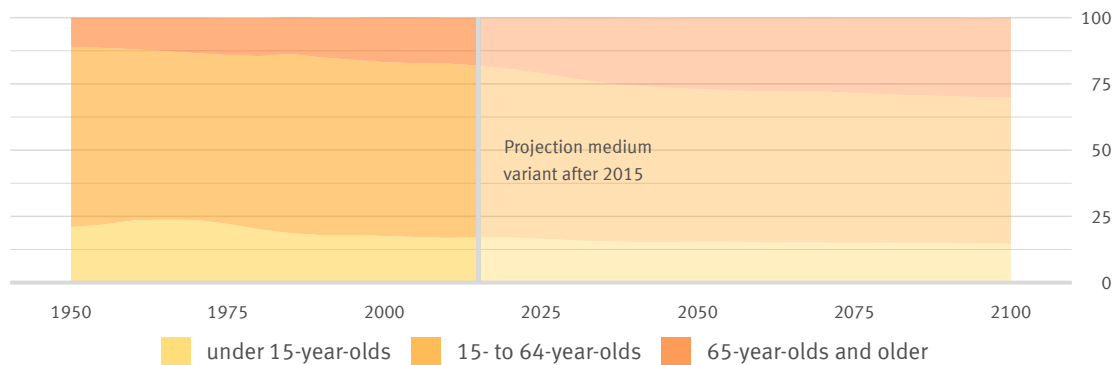
Source: UN-POP

■ Health

Practising physicians per 1,000 inhabitants	Hospital beds per 1,000 inhabitants	Prevalence of raised blood pressure %	Prevalence of obesity (BMI >= 30) %
3.0	6.2	17.5	22.1
(2015)	(2014)	(2015)	(2016)
Source: WHO	Source: WHO	Source: WHO	Source: WHO

■ Education

Government expenditure on education % of GDP	Pupil-teacher ratio (primary education) number	Pupil-teacher ratio (secondary education) number	Students (tertiary education) per 100,000 inhabitants
6.6	11.3	9.1	4,485
(2015)	(2016)	(2016)	(2016)
Source: UNESCO	Source: UNESCO	Source: UNESCO	Source: UNESCO*

■ Labour force

Employment rate (persons aged 15+) %	Labour force (persons aged 15+) 1,000	Labour force participation rate (persons aged 15+) %	Self-employment (persons aged 15+) %
49.3	5,037	53.2	15.0
(2017)	(2017)	(2017)	(2017)
Source: ILO-KILM	Source: ILO-KILM	Source: ILO-KILM	Source: ILO-KILM

Employment rate (persons aged 15+)
%

Source: ILO-KILM

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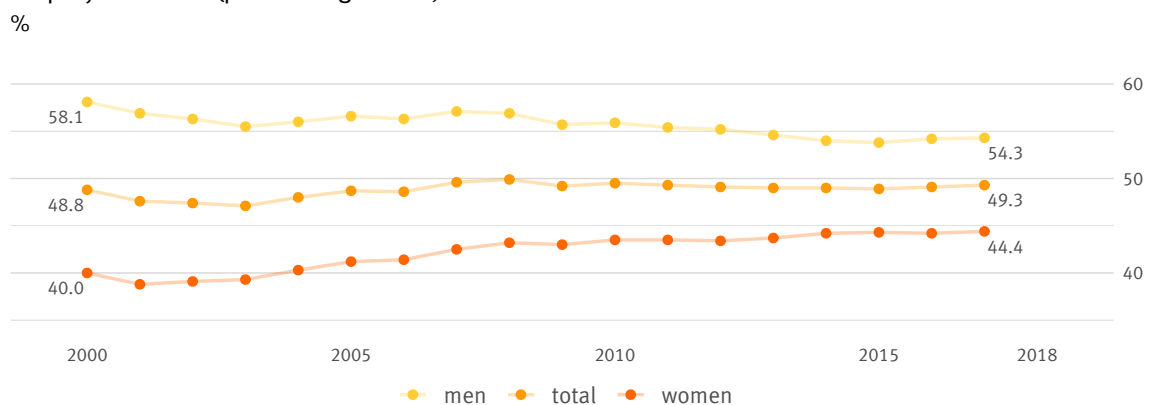
Employment and gross value added by sector 2017

%

Employment

1.3	21.3	77.4

Gross value added

0.7	19.6	68.9	10.8

■ agriculture, forestry, fisheries ■ industry ■ services ■ not specified

Source employment: ILO-KILM
Source gross value added: WB-WDI

Unemployment rate (persons aged 15+) %	Unemployment rate (persons aged 15 to 24) %	Long-term unemployment rate (persons aged 15+) % of unemployed persons
7.4	19.0	49.7
(2017)	(2017)	(2017)
Source: ILO-KILM	Source: ILO-KILM	Source: ILO-KILM

Unemployment rate and youth unemployment rate

%

15.3   19.0
6.6   7.4

2000   2005   2010   2015   2018

—●— youth unemployment rate (persons aged 15 to 24)   —●— unemployment rate (persons aged 15+)

Source: ILO-KILM

■ Living conditions

Human Development Index (HDI) value (0 low to 1 high)	Human Development Index (HDI) rank (of 188 countries)	Income distribution: Gini coefficient value (0 to 100; 0=equal distribution)
0.896	22	27.7
(2015) Source: UNDP	(2015) Source: UNDP	(2015) Source: WB-WDI
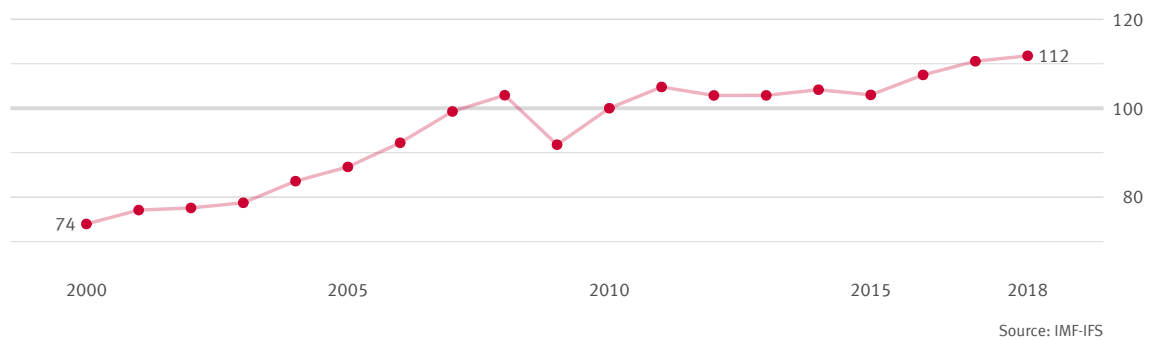
■ Production

Index of industrial production
2010=100

Source: IMF-IFS

■ Agriculture and forestry

Change of agricultural production % since 2000	Agricultural land % of land area	Forest area % of land area
-5	44.6	22.6
(2016) Source: FAO*	(2016) Source: FAO*	(2016) Source: FAO*
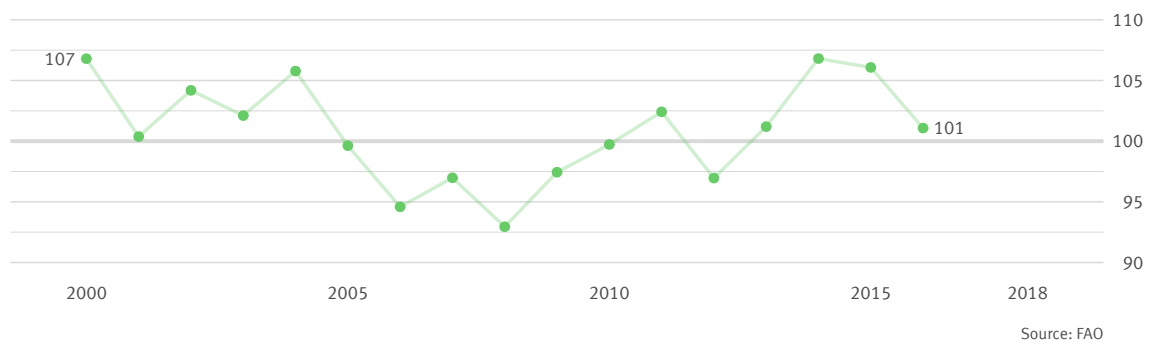
Index of agricultural production
2004 to 2006 = 100

Source: FAO

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■ Foreign trade
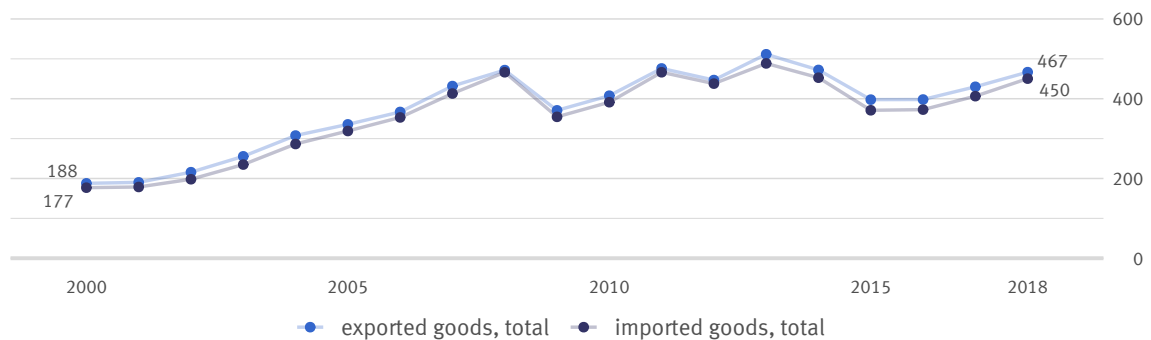
Export of goods	Import of goods	Trade balance, goods
bn US$	bn US$	bn US$
467	450	+16
(2018)	(2018)	(2018)
Source: UN Comtrade	Source: UN Comtrade	Source: UN Comtrade*

Export and import of goods
US$

exported goods, total   imported goods, total

Source: UN Comtrade

Foreign trade balance
US$

trade surplus   trade deficit

Source: UN Comtrade

Goods exported to Germany	Goods exported to Germany	Goods imported from Germany	Goods imported from Germany
mn US$	% of all goods exported	mn US$	% of all goods imported
82,906	17.8	58,525	13.0
(2018)	(2018)	(2018)	(2018)
Source: UN Comtrade	Source: UN Comtrade*	Source: UN Comtrade	Source: UN Comtrade*

Main trading partners 2018

Exports of goods
%

Germany	17.8
France	14.4
Netherlands	12.2
United Kingdom	8.0
United States	5.2

Imports of goods
%

Netherlands	17.9
Germany	13.0
France	9.4
United States	6.9
Ireland	5.1
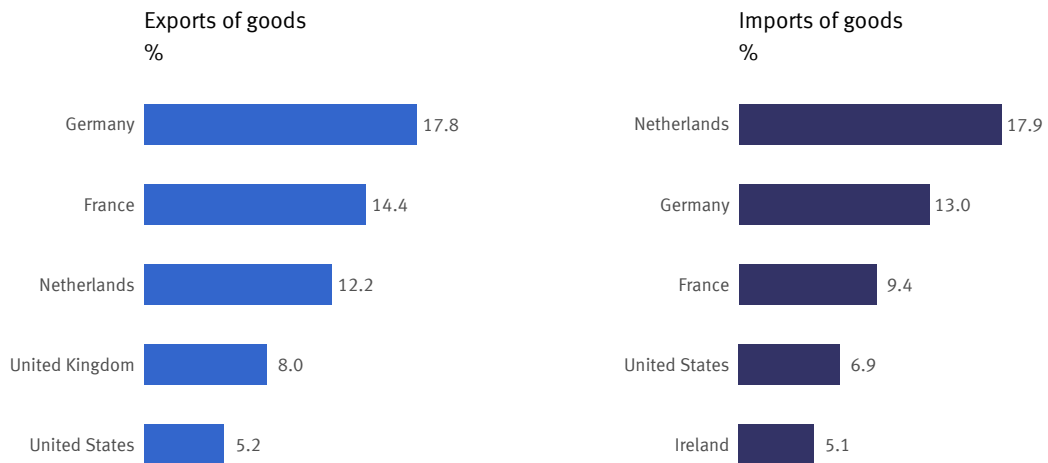
Main commodities traded 2018

Exports of goods
%

Vehicles (excl. rail) and parts	11.1
Pharmaceutical products	10.2
Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	9.4
Organic chemicals	8.1
Plastics and articles thereof	7.2

Imports of goods
%

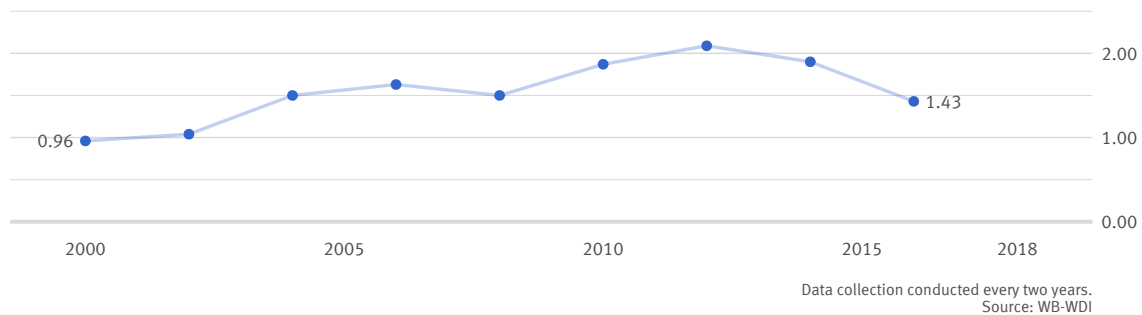|	
Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	14.0
Vehicles (excl. rail) and parts	12.5
Pharmaceutical products	9.0
Organic chemicals	8.3
Machinery and mechanical appliances	7.7

Source: UN Comtrade*

Classification of commodities: Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding Systems (HS2).

■ Transport

Passenger cars per 1,000 inhabitants	Total rail network km per 1 mn inhabitants	Air transport per 1,000 inhabitants
496	318	1,202
(2015) Source: OICA*	(2016) Source: WB-WDI*	(2017) Source: WB-WDI*

Gasoline price at the pump
US$ per litre

Data collection conducted every two years.
Source: WB-WDI

■ Environment and energy

Carbon dioxide emissions tonnes per capita	Total primary energy supply kg oil equivalent per capita	Gross electricity consumption kWh per capita	Renewable energy % of total final energy consumption
9.1	4,688	7,709	9.2
(2017) Source: EDGAR	(2015) Source: WB-WDI	(2014) Source: WB-WDI	(2015) Source: WB-WDI

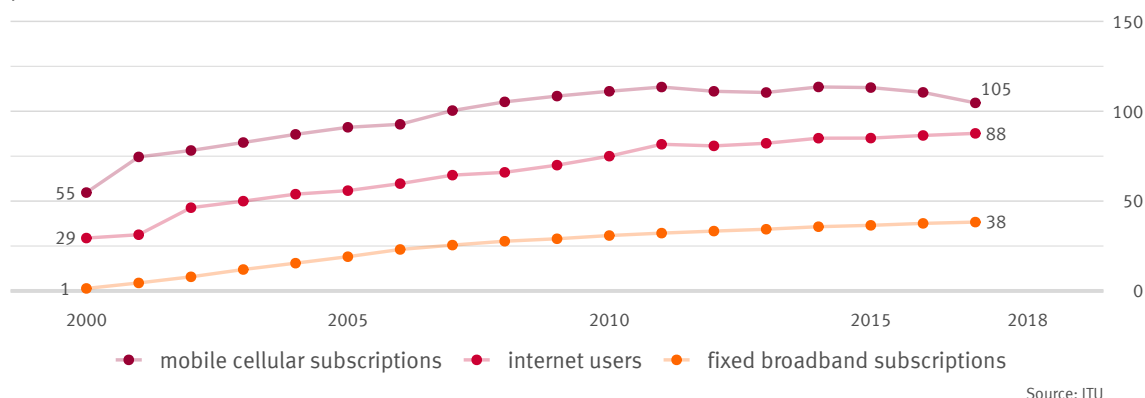### Carbon dioxide emissions in relation to Germany 2017
tonnes per capita

Belgium 9.1   Germany 9.7
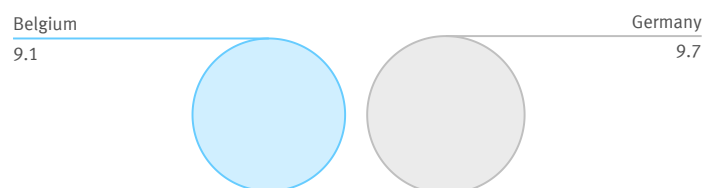
Source: EDGAR

■ Science, research, technology

Gross domestic expenditure on R&D	Researchers	Resident patent applications
% of GDP	per 1 mn inhabitants	per 1 mn inhabitants
2.6	4,942	286
(2017)	(2017)	(2016)
Source: UNESCO	Source: UNESCO	Source: WIPO

Dissemination of modern communication technology
per 100 inhabitants

- mobile cellular subscriptions
- internet users
- fixed broadband subscriptions

Source: ITU

■ Sources

EDGAR	Emissions Database for Global Atmospheric Research, European Commission
FAO	United Nations, Food and Agricultural Organization
ILO-KILM	International Labour Organization, Key Indicators of the Labour Market
IMF-IFS	International Monetary Fund, International Financial Statistics
IMF-WEO	International Monetary Fund, World Economic Outlook
ITU	United Nations, International Telecommunication Union
OICA	International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers
UN Comtrade	United Nations, Comtrade Database
UNCTAD	United Nations, Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCO	United Nations, Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNPOP	United Nations, Population Division
WB-WDI	World Bank, World Development Indicators
WHO	World Health Organization, Global Health Observatory
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization

* Own calculations based on the original data source.

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