

# Economic indicators for Belgium

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## ■ Summary

REAL GDP	ACTUAL FIGURES*						FORECASTS**					
	2020 2021 2022			2023			2024					
	NBB	ECB	EC	OECD	BPN***	NBB	ECB	EC	OECD	BPN***		
(percentage changes compared to the previous year)												
Belgium												
Final consumption												
private	-8.2	6.3	3.2	2.7	-	1.4	1.4	-	1.8	-	1.9	1.5
public	-0.3	5.2	4.2	1.1	-	0.2	0.4	-	0.6	-	0.8	1.2
Gross fixed capital formation	-5.2	5.0	-0.2	2.5	-	4.6	4.3	-	2.7	-	1.8	1.2
Exports of goods and services	-6.3	13.9	4.9	-0.1	-	-0.2	-0.4	-	2.0	-	1.3	0.3
Imports of goods and services	-7.4	13.0	4.9	0.4	-	0.5	0.3	-	2.5	-	1.5	0.7
GDP	-5.3	6.9	3.0	1.4	-	1.4	1.4	1.0	1.3	-	1.4	1.1
International comparison of GDP												
Euro area <sup>(1)</sup>	-6.1	5.9	3.4	-	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	-	0.8	1.2	0.9
EU-27	-5.6	6.0	3.4	-	-	0.6	-	-	-	-	1.3	-
CONSUMER PRICES												
Belgium												
HICP	0.4	3.2	10.3	1.9	-	2.4	2.4	2.7	4.3	-	4.2	3.0
National general index	0.7	2.4	9.6	3.8	-	-	-	-	3.6	-	-	-
National health index	1.0	2.0	9.3	4.3	-	-	-	-	3.8	-	-	-
International comparison of HICP												
Euro area <sup>(3)</sup>	0.3	2.6	8.4	-	5.4	5.6	5.5	5.6	-	2.7	3.2	2.9
EU-27	0.7	2.9	9.2	-	-	6.5	-	-	-	-	3.5	-
LABOUR COSTS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR <sup>(2)</sup>												
Belgium												
Labour costs per hour worked	5.2	0.0	5.5	8.0	-	-	-	-	3.3	-	-	-
Unit labour costs	0.7	2.3	6.4	8.2	-	6.4	7.0	-	2.9	-	2.8	3.5
Unit labour costs												
Euro area <sup>(1)</sup>	4.6	-0.2	3.4	-	6.1	6.0	-	-	-	4.1	3.8	-
EU-27	4.7	-0.1	3.6	-	-	6.4	-	-	-	-	4.0	-

\* Sources: Belgium (NAI, NBB, Statbel, EC); Euro area, EU-27 (ECB, Eurostat).

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	ACTUAL FIGURES*					FORECASTS**							
	2020 2021 2022			2023				2024					
	NBB	ECB	EC	OECD	BPN***	NBB	ECB	EC	OECD	BPN***			
<b>LABOUR MARKET</b>													
(annual changes in percentages)													
Belgium													
Total employment	0.0	1.9	2.0	1.1	-	0.8	0.8	1.1	0.8	-	0.6	0.5	0.9
Unemployment	3.7	-6.0	-2.3	3.6	-	-	-	-	-	-1.4	-	-	-
(annual changes in thousands)													
Total employment	2.0	93.3	103.8	54.1	-	42.1	-	-	41.6	-	33.5	-	-
Unemployment	17.5	-29.6	-10.6	16.4	-	-	-	-	-	-6.5	-	-	-
(annual averages in percentages of labour force)													
Harmonised unemployment rate <sup>(1)</sup>	5.8	6.3	5.6	5.8	-	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.6	-	5.6	5.7	5.7
<b>International comparison of harmonised unemployment rate<sup>(1)</sup></b>													
Euro area <sup>(2)</sup>	8.0	7.7	6.8	-	6.5	6.6	6.5	6.5	-	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.7
EU-27	7.2	7.1	6.2	-	-	6.0	-	-	-	-	6.0	-	-
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>													
(percentages of GDP)													
Belgium													
Primary balance	-6.9	-3.7	-2.0	-2.9	-	-3.1	-3.5	-	-2.7	-	-2.8	-3.2	-
Overall balance	-8.9	-5.4	-3.5	-4.7	-	-4.9	-4.9	-3.5	-4.6	-	-4.9	-4.8	-3.8
Consolidated gross debt	111.8	108.0	104.3	104.7	-	106.3	105.3	105.4	105.9	-	106.4	107.4	106.8
<b>International comparison of overall balance</b>													
Euro area <sup>(2)</sup>	-7.1	-5.2	-3.6	-	-3.1	-3.2	-3.3	-3.4	-	-2.8	-2.8	-2.9	-2.9
EU-27	-6.7	-4.7	-3.3	-	-	-3.2	-	-	-	-	-2.8	-	-
<b>CURRENT ACCOUNT</b>													
(percentages of GDP)													
Belgium	1.4	1.3	-1.0	-0.5	-	0.1	-1.3	-1.3	-1.0	-	-0.3	-1.1	-0.8
<b>International comparison</b>													
Euro area <sup>(2)</sup>	1.8	2.8	-0.6	-	1.2	2.5	3.1	1.4	-	1.0	2.6	3.0	1.3
EU-27	2.2	2.8	-0.4	-	-	2.5	-	-	-	-	2.5	-	-

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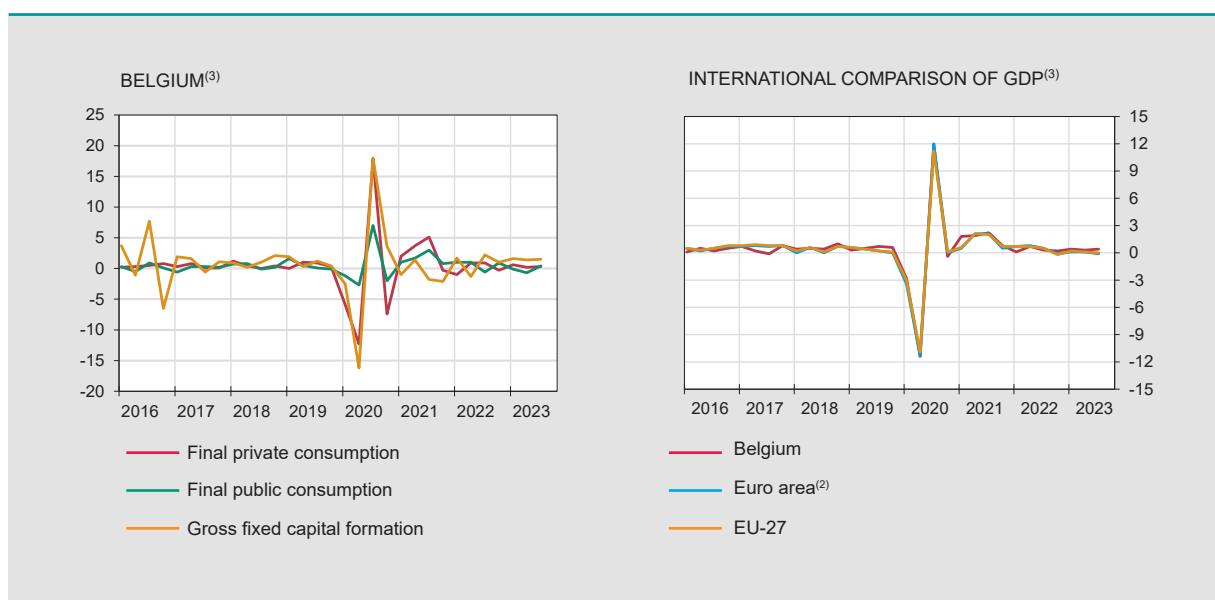
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	2021		2022				2023				
	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III		
GDP <sup>(1)</sup>			(millions of euro)								
Belgium											
GDP in chained 2015 euros	114485	115351	115486	116291	116655	116938	117421	117812	118286		
			(percentage changes)								
vs the previous quarter	2.2	0.8	0.1	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4		
vs the corresponding quarter of the previous year	5.6	6.9	5.1	3.8	1.9	1.4	1.7	1.3	1.4		
International comparison			(percentage changes)								
vs the previous quarter											
Euro area <sup>(2)</sup>	2.1	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.5	-0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.1		
EU-27	2.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.5	-0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0		
vs the corresponding quarter of the previous year											
Euro area <sup>(2)</sup>	4.7	5.2	5.4	4.1	2.4	1.8	1.3	0.6	0.0		
EU-27	4.9	5.5	5.6	4.2	2.6	1.7	1.1	0.5	0.0		
MAIN COMPONENTS OF EXPENDITURE <sup>(1)</sup>			(percentage changes compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year)								
Final private consumption	2.9	10.9	7.6	4.7	0.5	0.4	2.0	1.3	0.7		
Final public consumption	3.7	6.6	6.6	5.9	2.2	2.3	1.2	-0.4	0.6		
Gross fixed capital formation	2.2	-3.4	-0.8	-3.5	0.3	3.5	3.4	6.3	5.6		
business	1.1	-6.1	-1.4	-4.1	2.6	7.5	6.3	10.7	9.4		
housing	3.5	0.6	1.1	-3.7	-5.2	-4.8	-5.0	-4.2	-5.5		
public	6.9	6.1	-1.0	0.3	-2.4	-3.3	2.9	0.0	2.6		
Exports of goods and services	16.5	12.6	8.6	3.0	4.5	3.7	2.5	0.2	-3.4		
Imports of goods and services	14.6	12.3	8.2	2.7	4.7	4.2	3.9	1.3	-2.8		
GDP	5.6	6.9	5.1	3.8	1.9	1.4	1.7	1.3	1.4		
MAIN COMPONENTS OF VALUE ADDED <sup>(1)</sup>											
Industry	0.4	0.3	-0.2	0.3	2.4	0.2	-1.4	-3.1	-3.9		
Construction	2.7	2.1	-1.6	-3.9	-3.0	-1.2	0.4	2.1	3.0		
Services	6.7	7.7	6.4	5.4	2.7	2.2	2.7	2.3	2.6		
GDP	5.6	6.9	5.1	3.8	1.9	1.4	1.7	1.3	1.4		



Sources: Belgium (NAI); Euro area, EU-27 (Eurostat).

(1) Adjusted for seasonal and calendar effects.

(2) Euro area = EA20.

(3) Percentage changes versus previous quarter.

# Activity and labour market indicators

## Activity

### NBB.Stat

	2022				2023								
	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N
(percentage changes in the average for the last 3 months compared to the corresponding period of the previous year)													
Industrial production, excluding building <sup>(1)</sup>	0.7	-1.0	-1.5	-3.5	-2.0	-2.8	-4.2	-5.1	-3.3	-8.1	-9.1	n.	n.
New car registrations including mixed cars	20.5	21.9	20.1	20.6	27.5	49.5	56.0	59.7	57.9	53.0	44.8	26.4	26.0
2021				2022				2023					
II	III	IV		I	II	III	IV	I	II	III			
(percentage changes compared to the corresponding period of the previous year)													
Total turnover <sup>(2)</sup>	31.8	18.0	23.0	24.0	21.9	16.7	11.8	3.8	-3.7	-4.5			
Investments <sup>(2)</sup>	32.8	11.4	4.1	7.0	10.7	13.8	19.0	15.4	18.4	18.3			

## Labour market

### EMPLOYMENT NBB.Stat

	2021			2022				2023		
	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III
(in thousands)										
Belgium										
(percentages of the population of working age)										
Domestic employment <sup>(3)</sup>	4973.9	5017.8	5040.2	5064.4	5090.6	5111.8	5117.3	5127.0	5134.1	5146.8
Employment rate <sup>(4)</sup>	65.0	66.4	66.2	66.4	66.0	66.9	66.8	66.6	65.9	66.8
15-64 years	70.5	71.4	71.6	71.9	71.4	72.1	72.3	72.1	71.4	72.2
20-64 years										
International comparison of the employment rate <sup>(4)</sup>										
Euro area <sup>(5)</sup>	67.6	68.8	68.8	68.7	69.5	69.7	69.7	69.5	70.3	70.3
15-64 years	72.2	73.3	73.5	73.3	74.2	74.3	74.3	74.2	75.1	75.0
20-64 years										
EU-27	68.1	69.2	69.3	69.1	69.9	70.1	70.1	69.9	70.6	70.7
15-64 years	72.9	73.9	74.0	73.9	74.8	74.9	74.9	74.8	75.5	75.5
20-64 years										

### UNEMPLOYMENT NBB.Stat

	2022				2023								
	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N
(in thousands, end of period)													
Belgium													
(percentages of the labour force)													
Unemployment <sup>(6)</sup>	459	464	476	473	472	468	464	466	501	510	507	513	504
< 25 years old	84	82	85	84	81	78	76	75	85	90	96	95	89
≥ 25 years old	375	382	391	389	391	390	388	391	416	420	411	418	414
Harmonised unemployment rate <sup>(7)</sup>													
	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.3	5.3	4.4	5.6	n.
International comparison of harmonised unemployment rate <sup>(7)</sup>													
Euro area <sup>(5)</sup>	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	n.
EU-27	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.0	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	n.

Sources: NBB; Statbel, SMEs, Self-employed and Energy; NEO, FEBIAC; Eurostat; NAI.

(1) Following a change in the data collection at Statbel from January 2020, this series has been revised and now includes only data relating to the mining and quarrying industries, manufacturing and electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply (sections B - C - D).

(2) Based on VAT-declaration.

(3) Quarterly average of the number of employees and self-employed persons, seasonally adjusted.

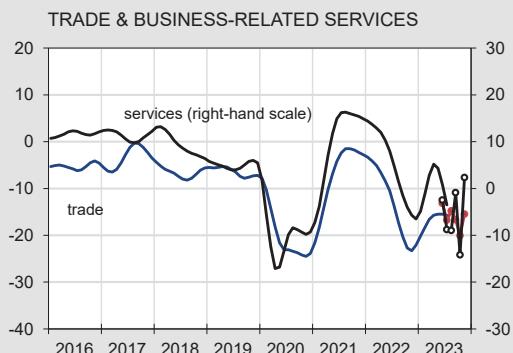
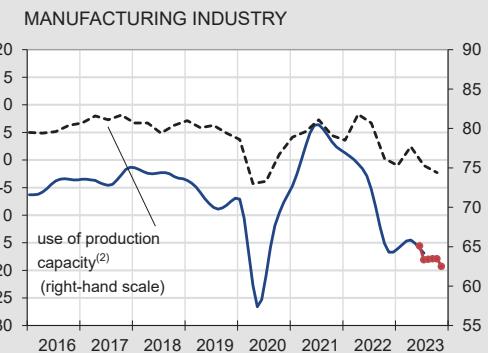
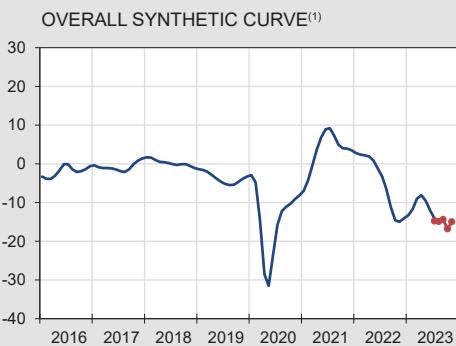
(4) Harmonised data from the quarterly labour force survey (LFS), unadjusted data. Break in series in 2017-I due to the reform and modernization of the LFS.

(5) Euro area = EA20 (from 2023).

(6) Fully unemployed persons receiving benefits, compulsorily and voluntarily registered job-seekers, gross data.

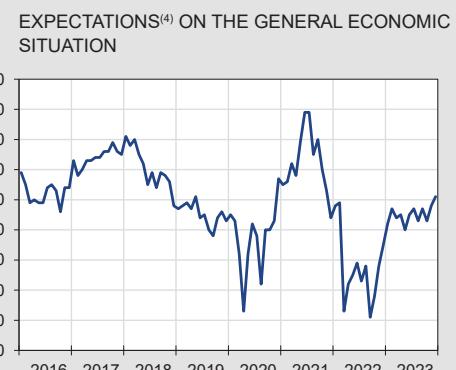
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## ■ Business survey [NBB.Stat](#)



— Seasonally adjusted and smoothed series  
—●— Seasonally adjusted series  
—○—

## ■ Consumer survey [NBB.Stat](#)



Source: NBB.

(1) Weighted average of the synthetic curve of manufacturing industry, building industry, trade and business-related services.

(2) Percentage of production capacity utilisation, seasonally adjusted.

(3) Includes expectations on the general economic situation, unemployment, financial situation and saving capacity.

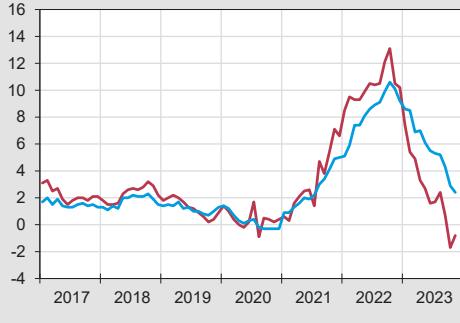
(4) Over the next 12 months.

# ■ Harmonised index of consumer prices

## Annual data

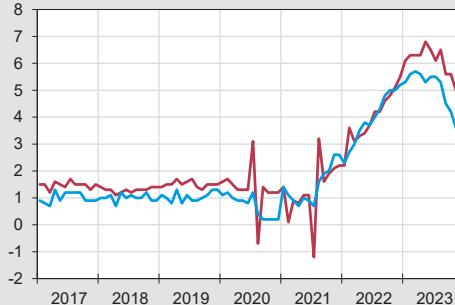
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
(percentage changes compared to the previous year)						
BELGIUM						
Total HICP	2.2	2.3	1.2	0.4	3.2	10.3
Energy	9.9	8.9	-0.8	-11.0	22.4	57.9
Unprocessed food <sup>(1)</sup>	-0.2	1.8	-0.4	4.7	-2.2	7.6
Processed food	1.8	2.9	1.7	2.1	1.7	8.4
Underlying trend in inflation <sup>(2)</sup>	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.3	4.0
Non-energy industrial goods	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.7	0.8	4.2
Services	1.9	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.6	3.8
<i>p.m.</i> National index of consumer prices						
General index	2.1	2.1	1.4	0.7	2.4	9.6
Health index <sup>(3)</sup>	1.8	1.8	1.5	1.0	2.0	9.3
EURO AREA <sup>(4)</sup>						
Total HICP	1.5	1.8	1.2	0.3	2.6	8.4
Energy	4.9	6.4	1.1	-6.8	13.0	37.0
Unprocessed food <sup>(1)</sup>	2.4	2.3	1.4	4.0	1.6	10.4
Processed food	1.5	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.5	8.6
Underlying trend in inflation <sup>(2)</sup>	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.7	1.5	3.9
Non-energy industrial goods	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	1.5	4.6
Services	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.0	1.5	3.5

HICP TOTAL



— Belgium  
— Euro area

UNDERLYING TREND IN INFLATION



Sources: Eurostat, Statbel, SMEs, Self-employed and Energy.

(1) Fruit, vegetables, meat and fish.

(2) HICP excluding food and energy.

(3) General index excluding products which are harmful to the health (tobacco, alcohol, petrol and diesel).

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# ■ Harmonised index of consumer prices (continued)

Monthly data [NBB.Stat](#)

	2022						2023					
	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N
(percentage changes compared to the corresponding month of the previous year)												
<b>BELGIUM</b>												
Total HICP	7.4	5.4	4.9	3.3	2.7	1.6	1.7	2.4	0.7	0.7	-1.7	-0.8
Energy	0.9	-14.7	-19.2	-27.1	-32.6	-36.0	-33.2	-28.9	-33.9	-33.9	-42.6	-36.5
Unprocessed food <sup>(1)</sup>	16.1	16.6	17.5	15.4	14.7	12.5	12.8	11.3	9.9	9.9	8.5	8.0
Processed food	16.3	16.9	17.6	15.2	14.5	13.0	12.5	11.7	11.2	11.2	9.3	5.0
Underlying trend in inflation <sup>(2)</sup>	6.1	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.8	6.5	6.1	6.5	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.1
Non-energy industrial goods	6.7	6.7	7.0	6.5	6.5	6.5	4.1	5.6	4.4	4.4	4.4	3.4
Services	5.5	5.9	5.9	6.0	6.9	6.4	6.9	6.9	6.3	6.3	6.3	5.9
<i>p.m.</i> National index of consumer prices												
General index	10.4	8.1	6.6	6.7	5.6	5.2	4.2	4.1	4.1	2.4	0.4	0.76
Health index <sup>(3)</sup>	10.6	8.3	6.8	7.4	6.0	5.9	5.0	4.8	4.2	2.1	0.3	0.87
<b>EURO AREA<sup>(4)</sup></b>												
Total HICP	9.2	8.6	8.5	6.9	7.0	6.1	5.5	5.3	5.2	4.3	2.9	2.4
Energy	25.5	18.9	13.7	-0.9	2.3	-1.8	-5.6	-6.1	-3.3	-4.6	-11.2	-11.5
Unprocessed food <sup>(1)</sup>	12.0	11.3	13.9	14.7	10.0	9.6	9.0	9.2	7.8	6.6	4.5	6.3
Processed food	14.3	15.0	15.4	15.7	14.6	13.4	12.4	11.3	10.3	9.4	8.4	7.1
Underlying trend in inflation <sup>(2)</sup>	5.2	5.3	5.6	5.7	5.6	5.3	5.5	5.5	5.3	4.5	4.2	3.6
Non-energy industrial goods	6.4	6.7	6.8	6.6	6.2	5.8	5.5	5.0	4.7	4.1	3.5	2.9
Services	4.4	4.4	4.8	5.1	5.2	5.0	5.4	5.6	5.5	4.7	4.6	4.0

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**General government - EDP definition<sup>(1)</sup>**

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<i>(percentages of GDP)</i>					
<b>REVENUE</b>					
Fiscal and parafiscal revenue	44.2	42.9	42.8	42.6	42.6
Direct taxes	16.8	15.6	15.7	15.6	16.4
Indirect taxes	13.4	13.3	12.9	13.3	12.6
Actual social contributions	13.3	13.2	13.5	12.9	12.9
Capital taxes	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7
Non-fiscal and non-parafiscal revenue <sup>(2)</sup>	7.1	7.0	7.1	6.9	7.0
Total	51.4	49.9	49.9	49.5	49.6
<b>PRIMARY EXPENDITURE</b>					
Social benefits <sup>(3)</sup>	24.6	24.5	27.8	25.9	25.3
Other expenditures	25.6	25.5	29.0	27.3	26.4
Total	50.1	49.9	56.8	53.2	51.6
<b>PRIMARY BALANCE</b>	1.3	0.0	-6.9	-3.7	-2.0
<b>INTEREST CHARGES</b>	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.5
<b>OVERALL BALANCE</b>	-0.9	-2.0	-8.9	-5.4	-3.5
<i>p.m. FOR THE SUBSECTORS</i>					
Federal government	-0.2	-1.9	-7.1	-4.0	-2.6
Social security	-0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.0
Communities and regions	-0.4	-0.2	-2.2	-1.7	-0.9
Local authorities	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	-0.1
<b>INTERNATIONAL COMPARISON</b>					
Primary balance					
Belgium	1.3	0.0	-6.9	-3.7	-2.0
Euro area <sup>(4)</sup>	1.4	1.0	-5.5	-3.8	-1.9
EU-27	1.3	1.0	-5.3	-3.4	-1.7
Overall balance					
Belgium	-0.9	-2.0	-8.9	-5.4	-3.5
Euro area <sup>(4)</sup>	-0.4	-0.6	-7.1	-5.2	-3.6
EU-27	-0.4	-0.5	-6.7	-4.7	-3.3
Consolidated gross debt					
Belgium	99.9	97.6	111.8	108.0	104.3
Euro area <sup>(4)</sup>	86.1	84.1	97.2	94.7	90.9
EU-27	79.8	77.7	90.0	87.4	83.5

Sources: NAI, NBB, Eurostat.

(1) Excessive Deficit Procedure (EDP), definition of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

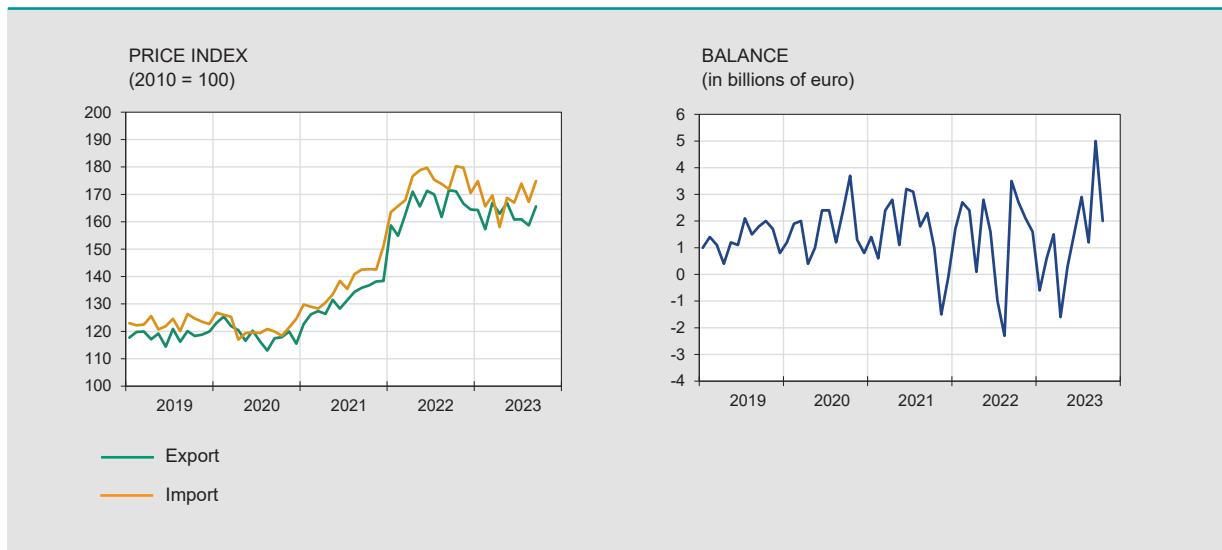
(2) Property income, imputed social security contributions, transfers from other sectors and sales of goods and services.

(3) From social security and all other subsectors of general government.

(4) Euro area = EA20.

# ■ Foreign trade<sup>(1)</sup> NBB.Stat

VALUE	2022			2023									
	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O
<i>(billions of euro)</i>													
Monthly data													
Export	52.6	53.6	48.3	46.6	45.0	50.6	41.8	42.8	44.2	40.5	40.2	45.5	45.2
Import	49.8	51.5	46.8	47.2	44.4	49.1	43.4	42.5	42.6	37.7	39.0	40.5	43.1
Balance	2.7	2.1	1.6	-0.6	0.6	1.5	-1.6	0.3	1.6	2.9	1.2	5.0	2.0
Cumulative data over the last 12 months													
Export	592.2	602.9	606.4	608.4	608.0	604.6	599.7	590.2	582.9	574.3	563.7	551.9	544.5
Import	579.7	586.9	588.7	593.0	594.7	592.2	589.0	581.9	574.6	562.1	547.9	534.6	527.8
Balance	12.5	16.0	17.7	15.4	13.3	12.4	10.8	8.3	8.3	12.3	15.8	17.3	16.7
<i>(percentage changes in the last 12 months compared to the preceding 12 months)</i>													
PRICE													
Export	25.9	26.3	26.1	23.6	21.6	19.3	15.8	13.6	10.3	7.5	5.7	3.5	n.
Import	26.9	27.6	26.7	24.8	22.1	19.5	15.4	12.0	8.9	6.6	4.4	3.1	n.
Terms of trade	-0.8	-1.0	-0.5	-1.0	-0.5	-0.1	0.4	1.5	1.3	0.9	1.3	0.5	n.
VOLUME													
Export	6.9	5.9	3.6	2.9	1.4	0.0	0.1	-2.6	-2.7	-3.7	-6.5	-8.8	n.
Import	9.4	6.6	4.3	3.5	3.2	2.1	2.4	1.2	0.5	-2.5	-6.2	-9.6	n.
Coverage ratio	-2.3	-0.7	-0.7	-0.6	-1.7	-2.1	-2.2	-3.8	-3.2	-1.2	-0.3	0.9	n.



Source: NAI.

(1) From 15/01/2020 the focus on the evolution of foreign trade will be shifted to the community concept instead of the national concept.  
The figures on the NBB.Stat website remain fully available in national and in community concept.

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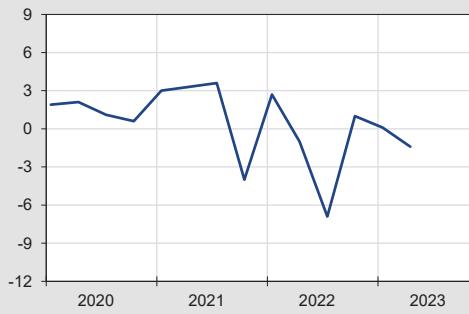
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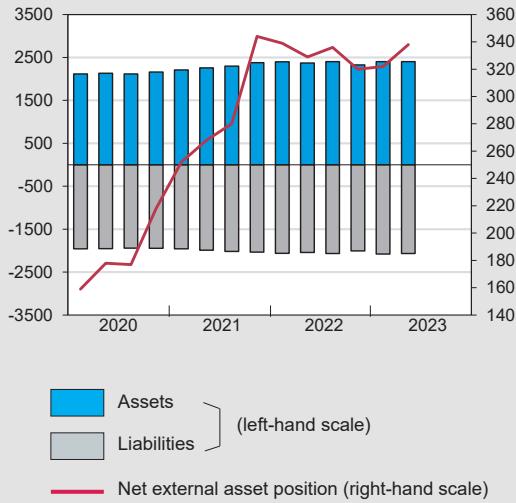
	2022							2023					
	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	
	(cumulative data over the last 12 months, in billions of euro)												
CURRENT ACCOUNT	1.1	-6.5	-11.9	-12.5	-11.3	-6.8	-5.6	-9.3	-9.7	-9.0	-7.7	-10.6	-9.7
Goods	1.3	-5.9	-11.5	-12.9	-12.0	-8.1	-7.7	-10.4	-10.4	-9.8	-9.0	-10.2	-8.9
Services	-0.9	-1.6	-1.8	-1.3	-1.5	-1.7	-1.3	-2.6	-3.0	-2.9	-2.5	-2.7	-3.2
Primary incomes	6.9	7.1	7.4	7.4	7.5	8.0	8.6	8.9	9.1	9.3	9.5	8.1	8.3
Secondary incomes	-6.2	-6.2	-6.0	-5.7	-5.3	-5.0	-5.1	-5.2	-5.3	-5.7	-5.6	-5.7	-5.8
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.4
FINANCIAL ACCOUNT	-1.9	-10.9	-13.2	-12.9	-8.3	-5.4	-5.4	-9.9	-10.4	-9.7	-7.5	-7.9	-8.2
Direct investment	29.3	19.2	15.8	16.1	16.5	21.7	12.6	9.1	8.6	5.9	7.2	-0.9	-3.0
Equity capital	15.4	17.0	16.3	16.0	18.5	15.0	-1.5	2.7	2.1	5.8	6.3	0.6	-0.9
Other capital	13.9	2.1	-0.5	0.1	-2.1	6.7	14.0	6.3	6.5	0.1	0.9	-1.6	-2.1
Portfolio investment	8.7	23.8	22.1	16.6	14.6	14.6	0.8	-4.4	-13.4	-14.9	-6.1	-10.9	-9.9
Financial derivatives	-0.8	0.0	-0.3	-0.8	-0.5	-0.9	3.9	2.1	2.9	3.6	3.3	4.9	3.9
Other transactions	-47.5	-62.2	-51.9	-44.8	-39.2	-41.1	-22.8	-17.3	-9.1	-4.8	-12.5	-1.5	1.0
NBB's reserves	8.3	8.4	1.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	-0.2
ERRORS AND OMISSIONS	-3.8	-4.7	-1.7	-0.8	2.4	0.7	-0.7	-1.6	-1.6	-1.6	-0.9	1.3	0.1

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BALANCE OF CURRENT ACCOUNT  
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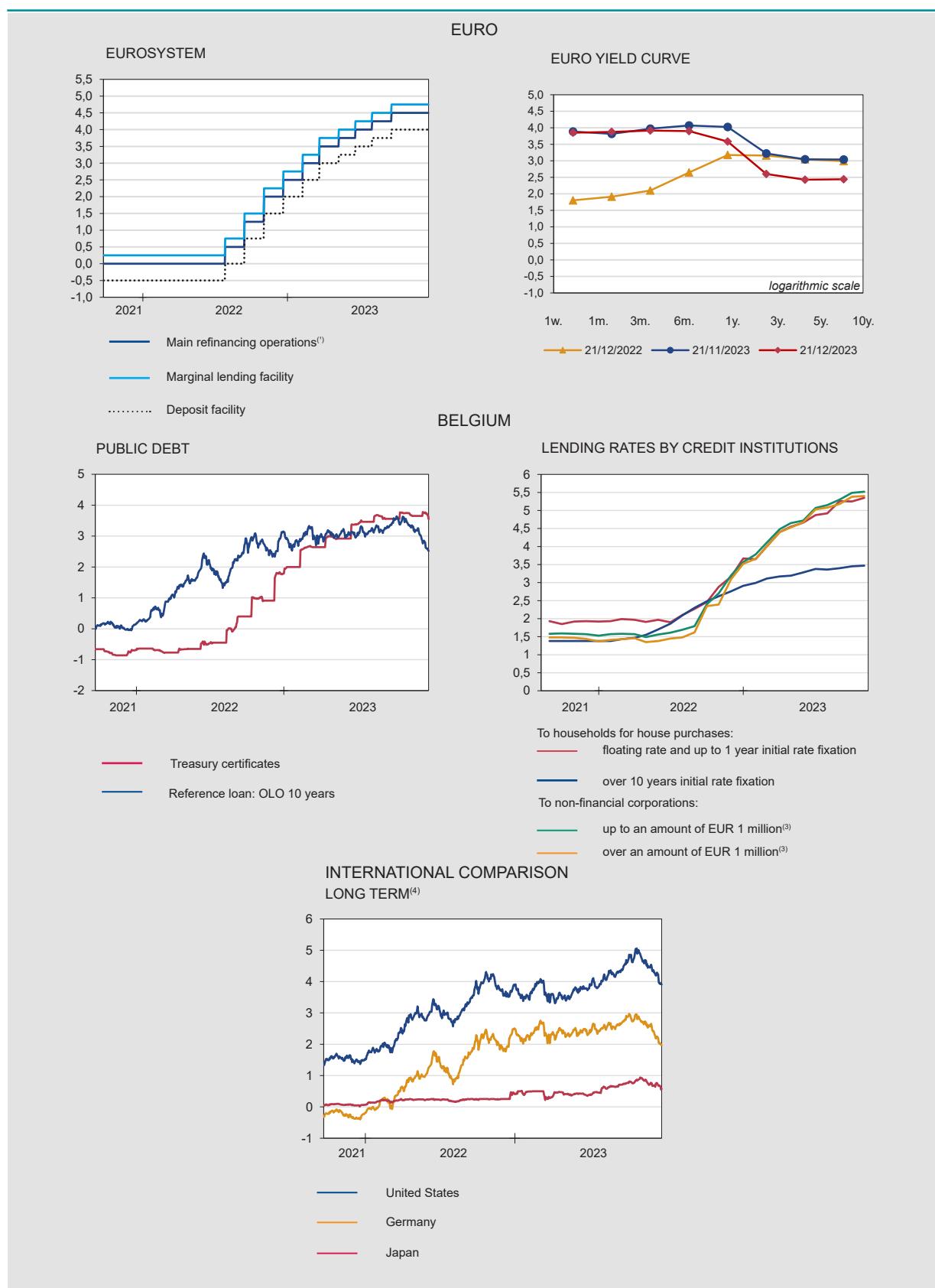
INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT POSITION  
(quarterly data in billions of euro)



Sources: NBB, NAI.

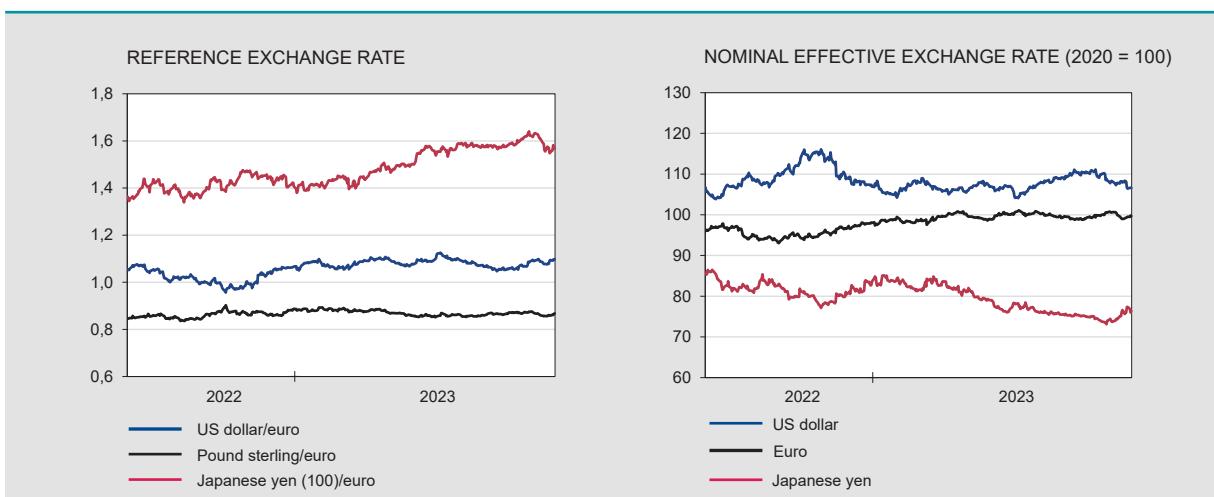
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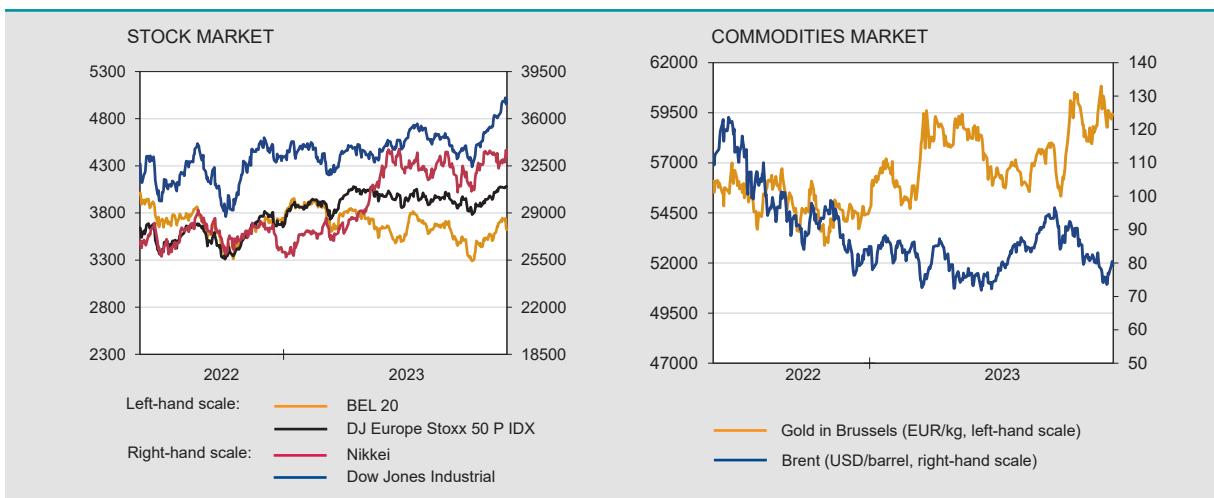


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Sources: ECB, BIS, Euronext.

### Monetary aggregates<sup>(1)</sup> [NBB.Stat](#)

	2022			2023											
	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O		
(end of period, in billions of euro)															
<b>EURO AREA</b>															
M3 excluding currency in circulation	14563	14618	14587	14510	14479	14479	14469	14450	14447	14439	14409	14466	14424		
M3	16100	16151	16132	16043	16009	16013	16007	15990	15989	15984	15947	16001	15955		
of which: by MFI <sup>(2)</sup> in BELGIUM															
Deposits															
overnight	306.3	302.2	294.4	282.0	278.9	270.7	266.9	263.6	257.9	249.3	249.3	241.1	237.6		
with agreed maturity up to 2 years	25.1	28.6	34.3	41.2	46.4	53.7	57.1	61.1	68.5	75.7	83.4	87.4	95.2		
redeemable at notice up to 3 months	326.7	325.5	326.0	326.5	325.0	324.1	322.9	323.6	322.2	320.0	301.9	291.5	289.3		
Others M3 <sup>(3)</sup> components	35.9	41.1	40.9	39.8	40.9	36.3	36.0	31.7	34.5	32.6	34.1	32.6	34.7		
M3 <sup>(3)</sup>	693.9	697.3	695.5	689.6	691.3	684.8	682.9	680.1	683.2	677.6	668.8	652.7	656.9		

Sources: NBB, ECB.

(1) M3 comprises currency in circulation, deposits with agreed maturity up to 2 years, repurchase agreements (exclude the Repurchase agreements with Central counterparties - CCPs), money market fund shares/units, money market paper and debt securities up to 2 years.

(2) Monetary Financial Institutions.

(3) Excluding currency in circulation.

# ■ Financial accounts NBB.Stat

	2021				2022				2023	
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II
<i>(end of period outstanding amounts in billions of euro)</i>										
<b>FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>										
Individuals	1494.9	1528.1	1533.6	1565.2	1535.5	1486.0	1463.7	1485.8	1511.4	1522.2
General government	226.7	237.6	231.7	239.7	224.2	223.0	211.0	218.4	222.0	223.6
Non-financial corporations	1533.4	1550.3	1584.7	1631.3	1666.6	1690.2	1718.7	1674.7	1684.0	1646.5
<b>FINANCIAL LIABILITIES</b>										
Individuals	314.2	320.3	323.1	326.6	330.9	336.5	339.5	343.8	345.3	347.5
General government	686.4	698.2	699.7	701.1	673.3	642.3	616.8	620.2	646.3	649.1
Non-financial corporations	1966.3	1989.9	2005.2	2027.0	2052.4	2056.7	2067.3	2069.7	2086.5	2044.4
<b>NET FINANCIAL WEALTH</b>										
Individuals	1180.7	1207.9	1210.5	1238.6	1204.6	1149.5	1124.2	1141.9	1166.1	1174.7
General government	-459.7	-460.7	-468.0	-461.4	-449.1	-419.4	-405.9	-401.9	-424.3	-425.4
Non-financial corporations	-432.9	-439.6	-420.4	-395.7	-385.8	-366.4	-348.6	-395.0	-402.5	-397.9

Source: NBB.

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