

Economic indicators for Belgium



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Summary

	ACTUAL FIGURES*			FORECASTS**									
	2015	2016	2017	2018					2019				
				NBB	ECB	EC	OECD	BPN***	NBB	ECB	EC	OECD	BPN***
<i>(percentage changes compared to the previous year)</i>													
REAL GDP													
Belgium													
Final consumption													
private	0.9	1.7	1.1	1.4	-	0.9	1.4	-	1.6	-	1.4	1.8	-
public	0.6	-0.2	0.6	0.9	-	0.7	1.2	-	0.7	-	1.0	0.9	-
Gross fixed capital formation	2.7	3.8	1.8	2.6	-	2.6	3.1	-	2.3	-	2.3	2.7	-
Exports of goods and services	3.5	7.6	5.0	4.4	-	3.4	4.7	-	4.1	-	3.2	4.3	-
Imports of goods and services	3.4	8.5	4.3	4.2	-	3.1	4.8	-	4.2	-	3.3	4.4	-
GDP	1.7	1.5	1.7	1.5	-	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.5	-	1.5	1.7	1.5
International comparison of GDP													
Euro area ⁽¹⁾	2.1	1.8	2.3	-	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.0	-	1.8	1.9	2.1	1.8
EU-28	2.3	2.0	2.4	-	-	2.1	-	-	-	-	1.9	-	-
CONSUMER PRICES													
Belgium													
<i>(percentage changes compared to the previous year)</i>													
HICP	0.6	1.8	2.2	2.1	-	2.3	1.8	2.1	1.9	-	2.1	1.8	1.9
National general index	0.6	2.0	2.1	1.9	-	-	-	-	2.0	-	-	-	-
National health index	1.1	2.1	1.8	1.6	-	-	-	-	1.9	-	-	-	-
International comparison of HICP													
Euro area ⁽¹⁾	0.0	0.2	1.5	-	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.7	-	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.6
EU-28	0.0	0.3	1.7	-	-	2.0	-	-	-	-	2.0	-	-
LABOUR COSTS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR⁽²⁾													
Belgium													
<i>(percentage changes compared to the previous year)</i>													
Labour costs per hour worked	0.2	-0.6	1.7	2.1	-	-	-	-	2.7	-	-	-	-
Unit labour costs	-1.5	0.0	2.0	1.7	-	1.7	0.9	-	1.9	-	1.2	1.0	-
Unit labour costs													
Euro area ⁽¹⁾	0.5	0.8	0.9	-	1.6	1.6	1.4	-	-	1.3	1.2	1.4	-
EU-28	0.3	1.3	1.2	-	-	2.0	-	-	-	-	1.5	-	-

* Sources: Belgium (NAI, NBB, Statbel, EC); Euro area, EU-28 (ECB, Eurostat).

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(2) Except for the actual figures of the Euro area and the EU-28 and the EC and OECD forecasts which pertain to the whole economy.

Summary (continued)

	ACTUAL FIGURES*			FORECASTS**									
	2015	2016	2017	2018					2019				
				NBB	ECB	EC	OECD	BPN***	NBB	ECB	EC	OECD	BPN***
LABOUR MARKET													
<i>(annual changes in percentages)</i>													
Belgium													
Total employment	0.9	1.3	1.4	0.9	-	1.0	1.1	1.1	0.6	-	0.7	1.0	0.8
Unemployment	-3.2	-4.4	-5.0	-5.0	-	-9.6	-9.3	-	-1.1	-	-4.3	-3.9	-
<i>(annual changes in thousands)</i>													
Total employment	40.1	59.0	64.8	41.4	-	49.0	50.5	-	29.9	-	32.9	46.1	-
Unemployment	-19.2	-25.6	-27.5	-26.3	-	-34.1	-34.3	-	-5.5	-	-13.9	-13.0	-
<i>(annual averages in percentages of labour force)</i>													
Harmonised unemployment rate ⁽¹⁾	8.5	7.8	7.1	6.7	-	6.4	6.4	6.4	-6.7	-	6.1	6.1	6.3
International comparison of harmonised unemployment rate ⁽¹⁾													
Euro area ⁽²⁾	10.9	10.0	9.1	-	8.3	8.4	8.3	8.3	-	7.8	7.9	7.8	7.8
EU-28	9.4	8.6	7.6	-	-	6.9	-	-	-	-	6.6	-	-
GENERAL GOVERNMENT													
<i>(percentages of GDP)</i>													
Belgium													
Primary balance	0.6	0.4	1.6	1.3	-	1.4	-	-	0.3	-	1.2	-	-
Overall balance	-2.5	-2.4	-0.9	-1.0	-	-1.0	-1.3	-1.2	-1.8	-	-1.1	-1.4	-1.4
Consolidated gross debt	106.5	106.1	103.4	102.3	-	101.4	101.6	101.7	101.8	-	99.8	100.1	100.4
International comparison of overall balance													
Euro area ⁽²⁾	-2.0	-1.6	-1.0	-	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.8	-	-0.8	-0.8	-0.4	-0.9
EU-28	-2.3	-1.7	-1.0	-	-	-0.7	-	-	-	-	-0.8	-	-
CURRENT ACCOUNT													
<i>(percentages of GDP)</i>													
Belgium													
	-1.0	-0.6	0.7	-0.3	-	1.2	-0.8	0.2	-0.7	-	1.1	-0.8	-0.3
International comparison													
Euro area ⁽²⁾	3.2	3.6	3.5	-	3.2	3.8	4.0	3.4	-	2.8	3.6	3.9	3.2
EU-28	1.1	1.6	1.4	-	-	2.5	-	-	-	-	2.3	-	-

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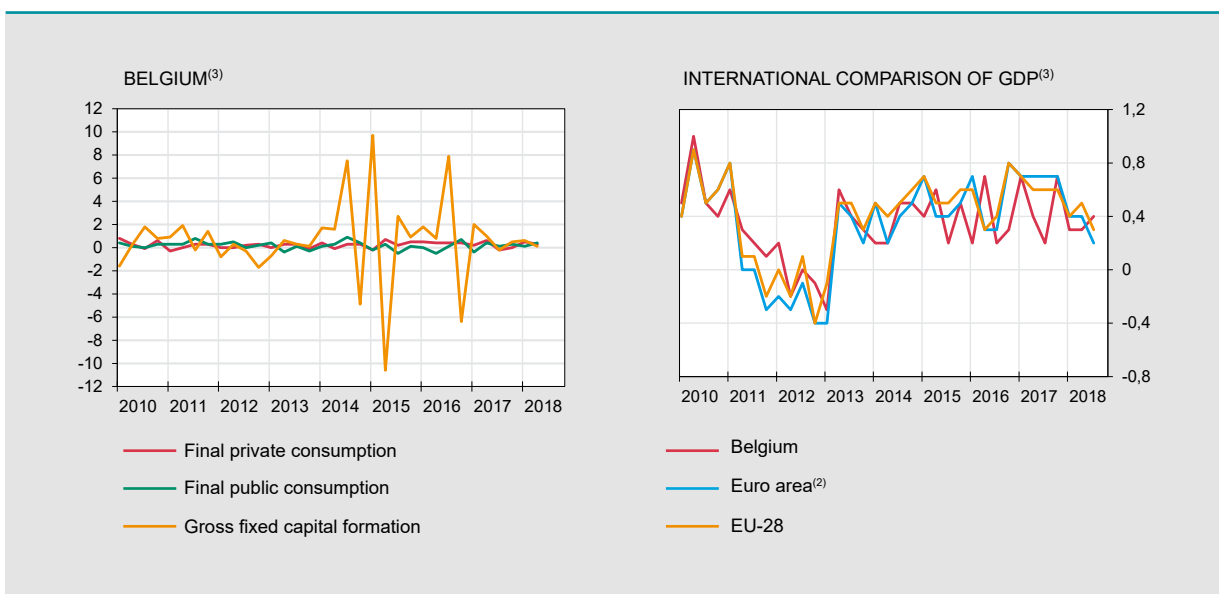
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	2016		2017				2018		
	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III
GDP ⁽¹⁾									
Belgium	<i>(millions of euro)</i>								
GDP in chained 2016 euros	106383	106684	107382	107800	107965	108703	109004	109362	n.
	<i>(percentage changes)</i>								
vs the previous quarter	0.2	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.4 ⁽⁴⁾
vs the corresponding quarter of the previous year	1.6	1.4	1.9	1.5	1.5	1.9	1.5	1.4	1.7 ⁽⁴⁾
International comparison	<i>(percentage changes)</i>								
vs the previous quarter									
Euro area ⁽²⁾	0.3	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.2 ⁽⁴⁾
EU-28	0.4	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.3 ⁽⁴⁾
vs the corresponding quarter of the previous year									
Euro area ⁽²⁾	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.5	2.8	2.7	2.4	2.2	1.7 ⁽⁴⁾
EU-28	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.5	2.8	2.6	2.3	2.1	1.9 ⁽⁴⁾
MAIN COMPONENTS OF EXPENDITURE ⁽¹⁾	<i>(percentage changes compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year)</i>								
Final private consumption	1.7	1.7	1.3	1.5	1.0	0.6	0.9	0.7	n.
Final public consumption	-0.2	0.4	0.0	0.9	0.9	0.5	1.0	1.0	n.
Gross fixed capital formation	11.8	3.7	3.9	4.1	-3.8	3.3	1.9	1.0	n.
business	16.1	4.7	5.0	6.0	-5.6	4.7	2.5	0.8	n.
housing	6.1	2.5	2.9	-0.4	-0.8	-1.5	-1.1	0.1	n.
public	-4.1	-0.7	-1.4	1.2	3.5	5.2	4.7	4.0	n.
Exports of goods and services	9.8	9.1	10.3	4.0	2.8	3.0	2.5	3.7	n.
Imports of goods and services	13.1	10.0	10.7	4.0	0.7	2.3	2.0	2.8	n.
GDP	1.6	1.4	1.9	1.5	1.5	1.9	1.5	1.4	1.7 ⁽⁴⁾
MAIN COMPONENTS OF VALUE ADDED ⁽¹⁾									
Industry	0.4	-0.5	0.3	-0.2	0.4	1.6	0.9	1.0	n.
Construction	-0.7	-1.4	-0.1	-0.8	-2.0	-0.3	-1.3	-0.2	n.
Services	1.7	1.8	2.4	2.2	2.1	2.2	1.8	1.6	n.
GDP	1.6	1.4	1.9	1.5	1.5	1.9	1.5	1.4	1.7 ⁽⁴⁾



Sources: Belgium (NAI); Euro area, EU-28 (Eurostat).

- (1) Adjusted for seasonal and calendar effects.
- (2) Euro area = EA19.
- (3) Percentage changes versus previous quarter.
- (4) Flash estimate.

Activity and labour market indicators

Activity

NBB.Stat

	2017			2018									
	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O
	<i>(percentage changes in the average for the last 3 months compared to the corresponding period of the previous year)</i>												
Industrial production, excluding building	4.1	5.0	1.9	1.5	-1.1	1.4	1.5	1.8	1.5	0.7	1.2	n.	n.
New car registrations including mixed cars	-2.0	0.5	-3.4	-0.2	-1.4	0.5	-0.5	2.7	5.2	7.6	20.6	10.0	-1.2

	2016				2017				2018	
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II
	<i>(percentage changes compared to the corresponding period of the previous year)</i>									
Total turnover ⁽¹⁾	-0.2	-1.5	-1.1	2.0	8.2	6.9	5.7	4.9	1.2	3.5
Investments ⁽¹⁾	11.0	10.1	-1.2	9.0	3.8	5.5	4.1	2.9	2.2	3.3

Labour market

EMPLOYMENT NBB.Stat

	2016				2017				2018	
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II
Belgium	<i>(in thousands)</i>									
Domestic employment ⁽²⁾	4631.8	4650.0	4670.6	4685.8	4703.1	4720.5	4728.8	4743.9	4760.0	4774.7
	<i>(percentages of the population of working age)</i>									
Employment rate ⁽³⁾ 15-64 years	61.6	62.0	62.2	63.4	62.2	62.8	63.4	64.1	63.9	63.7
20-64 years	66.9	67.3	67.5	69.0	67.7	68.2	68.5	69.6	69.3	69.0
International comparison of the employment rate ⁽³⁾										
Euro area ⁽⁴⁾ 15-64 years	64.6	65.4	65.9	65.8	65.4	66.3	66.8	66.8	66.5	67.3
20-64 years	69.1	69.9	70.3	70.2	69.9	70.9	71.3	71.3	71.0	71.9
EU-28 15-64 years	65.7	66.6	67.1	66.9	66.7	67.7	68.2	68.1	67.8	68.6
20-64 years	70.2	71.1	71.5	71.4	71.2	72.3	72.6	72.5	72.3	73.2

UNEMPLOYMENT NBB.Stat

	2017			2018									
	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O
Belgium	<i>(in thousands, end of period)</i>												
Unemployment ⁽⁵⁾	521	505	505	513	506	492	480	464	464	521	525	508	497
< 25 years old	101	93	90	92	89	84	80	74	74	94	99	100	94
≥ 25 years old	420	412	415	422	417	408	401	390	390	427	426	408	403
	<i>(percentages of the labour force)</i>												
Harmonised unemployment rate ⁽⁶⁾	6.6	6.4	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.6	6.5	6.3	n.
International comparison of harmonised unemployment rate ⁽⁶⁾													
Euro area ⁽⁴⁾	8.8	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.1	8.1	n.
EU-28	7.4	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.1	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.7	n.

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

(1) Based on VAT-declaration.

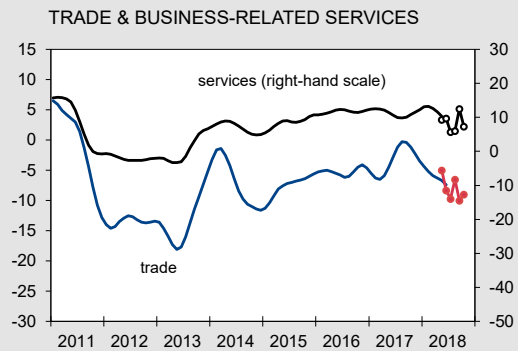
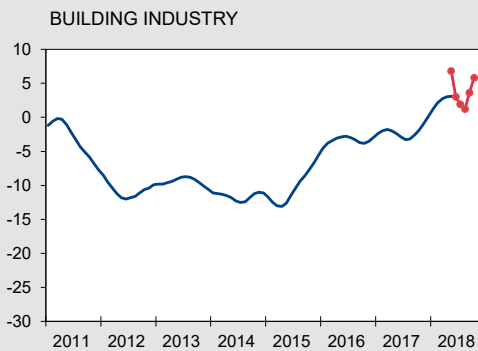
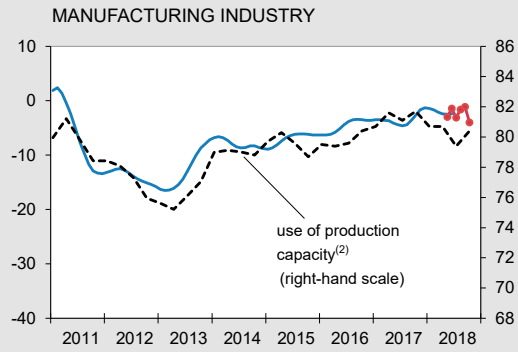
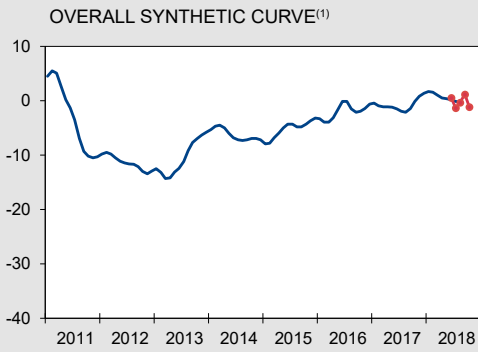
(2) Quarterly average of the number of employees and self-employed persons, seasonally adjusted.

(3) 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.

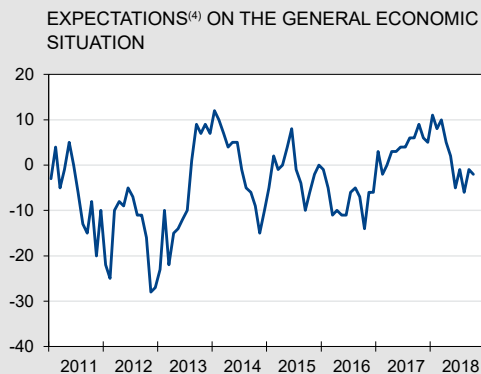
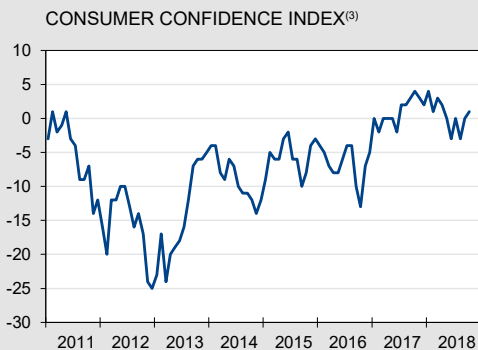
(4) Euro area = EA19.

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

(6) This series corresponds with the results of the Labour Force Survey (LFS, group of 15-74 years), monthly adjusted by using the administrative national unemployment figures, in accordance with the Eurostat's methodology.



— Seasonally adjusted and smoothed series
 — Seasonally adjusted series



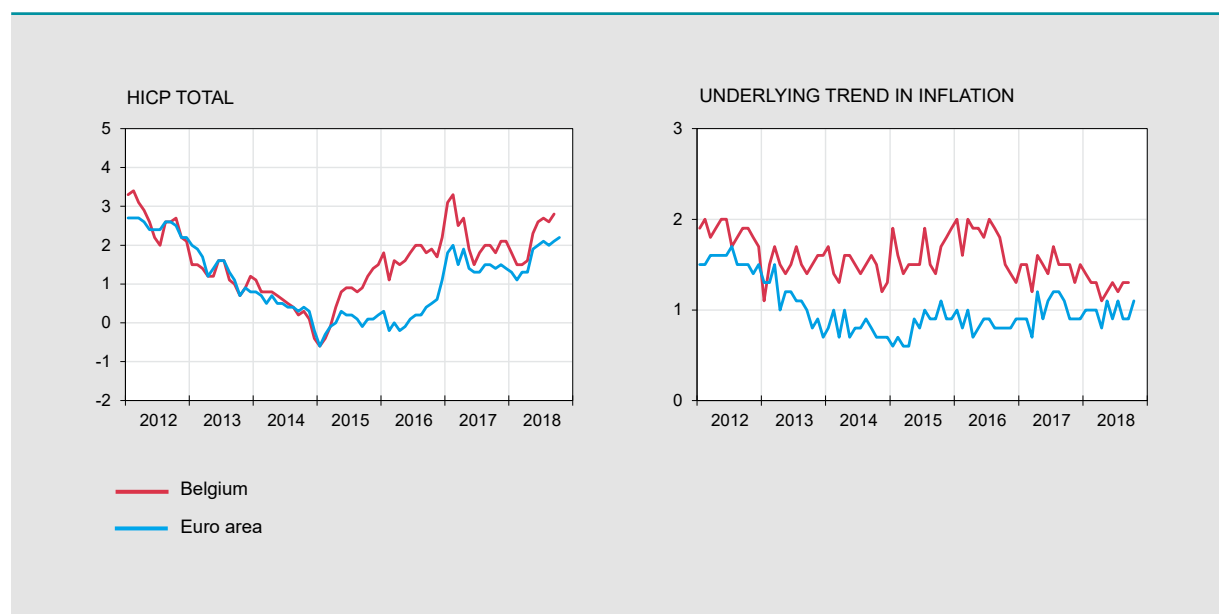
Source: NBB.

- (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

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
<i>(percentage changes compared to the previous year)</i>						
BELGIUM						
Total HICP	2.6	1.2	0.5	0.6	1.8	2.2
Energy	6.0	-4.6	-6.0	-8.0	-0.6	9.8
Unprocessed food ⁽¹⁾	3.4	4.4	-1.3	2.1	2.6	0.1
Processed food	3.1	3.2	2.1	1.6	3.5	2.1
Underlying trend in inflation ⁽²⁾	1.9	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.5
Non-energy industrial goods	0.9	1.0	0.3	0.5	1.0	0.8
Services	2.5	1.9	2.3	2.4	2.2	1.9
<i>p.m.</i> National index of consumer prices						
General index	2.8	1.1	0.3	0.6	2.0	2.1
Health index ⁽³⁾	2.7	1.2	0.4	1.1	2.1	1.8
EURO AREA⁽⁴⁾						
Total HICP	2.5	1.3	0.4	0.0	0.2	1.5
Energy	7.6	0.6	-1.9	-6.8	-5.1	4.9
Unprocessed food ⁽¹⁾	3.0	3.5	-0.8	1.6	1.4	2.2
Processed food	3.1	2.2	1.2	0.6	0.6	1.6
Underlying trend in inflation ⁽²⁾	1.5	1.1	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.0
Non-energy industrial goods	1.2	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.4
Services	1.8	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.4



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).

(4) Euro area = EA11-2000, EA12-2006, EA13-2007, EA15-2008, EA16-2010, EA17-2013, EA18-2014, EA19.

■ Harmonised index of consumer prices (continued)

Monthly data [NBB.Stat](#)

	2017			2018									
	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O
<i>(percentage changes compared to the corresponding month of the previous year)</i>													
BELGIUM													
Total HICP	1.8	2.1	2.1	1.8	1.5	1.5	1.6	2.3	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.8	n.
Energy	5.6	9.2	5.6	2.6	1.6	1.0	3.5	8.2	11.3	13.4	13.3	13.3	n.
Unprocessed food ⁽¹⁾	-0.3	-0.1	0.8	0.7	-0.2	0.3	0.6	2.2	2.2	2.0	1.2	3.2	n.
Processed food	2.1	2.6	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.2	3.0	n.
Underlying trend in inflation ⁽²⁾	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.3	n.
Non-energy industrial goods	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.3	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.7	1.0	n.
Services	2.1	1.7	1.9	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.3	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.5	n.
<i>p.m.</i> National index of consumer prices													
General index	2.0	2.1	2.1	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.8	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.8
Health index ⁽³⁾	1.9	1.8	2.0	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.3
EURO AREA⁽⁴⁾													
Total HICP	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.2 ⁽⁵⁾
Energy	3.0	4.7	2.9	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.6	6.1	8.0	9.5	9.2	9.5	10.6 ⁽⁵⁾
Unprocessed food ⁽¹⁾	2.8	2.4	1.9	1.1	-0.9	0.8	1.5	2.4	2.9	2.6	2.5	3.2	2.1 ⁽⁵⁾
Processed food	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.5	2.3	2.9	3.0	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.3 ⁽⁵⁾
Underlying trend in inflation ⁽²⁾	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.8	1.1	0.9	1.1	0.9	0.9	1.1 ⁽⁵⁾
Non-energy industrial goods	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.4 ⁽⁵⁾
Services	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.0	1.6	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.5 ⁽⁵⁾

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General government - EDP definition⁽¹⁾

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
	<i>(percentages of GDP)</i>				
REVENUE					
Fiscal and para-fiscal revenue	45.2	45.1	44.6	43.7	44.3
Direct taxes	16.7	16.8	16.6	16.2	16.8
Indirect taxes	13.1	13.0	12.9	13.0	13.0
Actual social contributions	14.4	14.3	14.3	13.7	13.6
Capital taxes	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8
Non-fiscal and non-para-fiscal revenue ⁽²⁾	7.5	7.1	6.7	6.9	7.0
Total	52.7	52.2	51.3	50.6	51.3
PRIMARY EXPENDITURE					
Social benefits ⁽³⁾	25.3	25.3	25.2	25.1	25.0
Other expenditures	27.2	26.7	25.5	25.1	24.6
Total	52.5	52.0	50.7	50.2	49.7
PRIMARY BALANCE	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.4	1.6
INTEREST CHARGES	3.3	3.3	3.0	2.8	2.5
OVERALL BALANCE	-3.1	-3.1	-2.5	-2.4	-0.9
<i>p.m.</i> FOR THE SUBSECTORS					
Federal government	-2.6	-2.6	-1.3	-2.6	-1.3
Social security	-0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2
Communities and regions	-0.2	-0.4	-1.4	0.0	0.1
Local authorities	-0.3	-0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1
INTERNATIONAL COMPARISON					
Primary balance					
Belgium	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.4	1.6
Euro area ⁽⁴⁾	-0.2	0.1	0.3	0.6	1.0
EU-28	-0.6	-0.4	-0.1	0.4	1.0
Overall balance					
Belgium	-3.1	-3.1	-2.5	-2.4	-0.9
Euro area ⁽⁴⁾	-3.0	-2.5	-2.0	-1.6	-1.0
EU-28	-3.3	-2.9	-2.3	-1.7	-1.0
Consolidated gross debt					
Belgium	105.5	107.6	106.5	106.1	103.4
Euro area ⁽⁴⁾	91.6	91.8	89.9	89.1	86.8
EU-28	85.8	86.4	84.4	83.3	81.6

Sources: NAI, NBB, Eurostat.

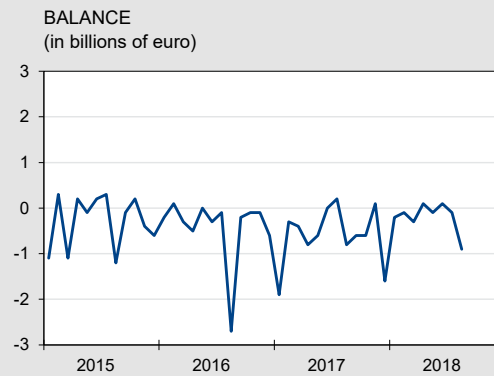
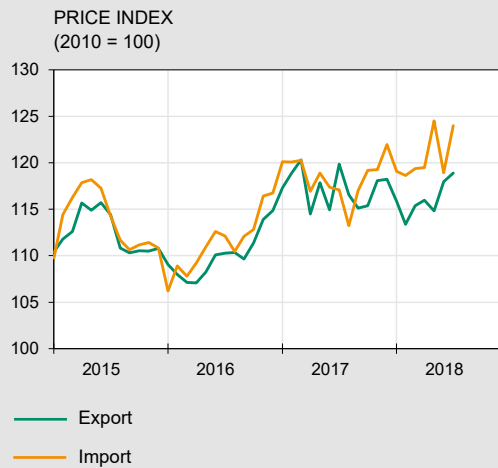
(1) Excessive Deficit Procedure (EDP), definition of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

(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 = EA19.

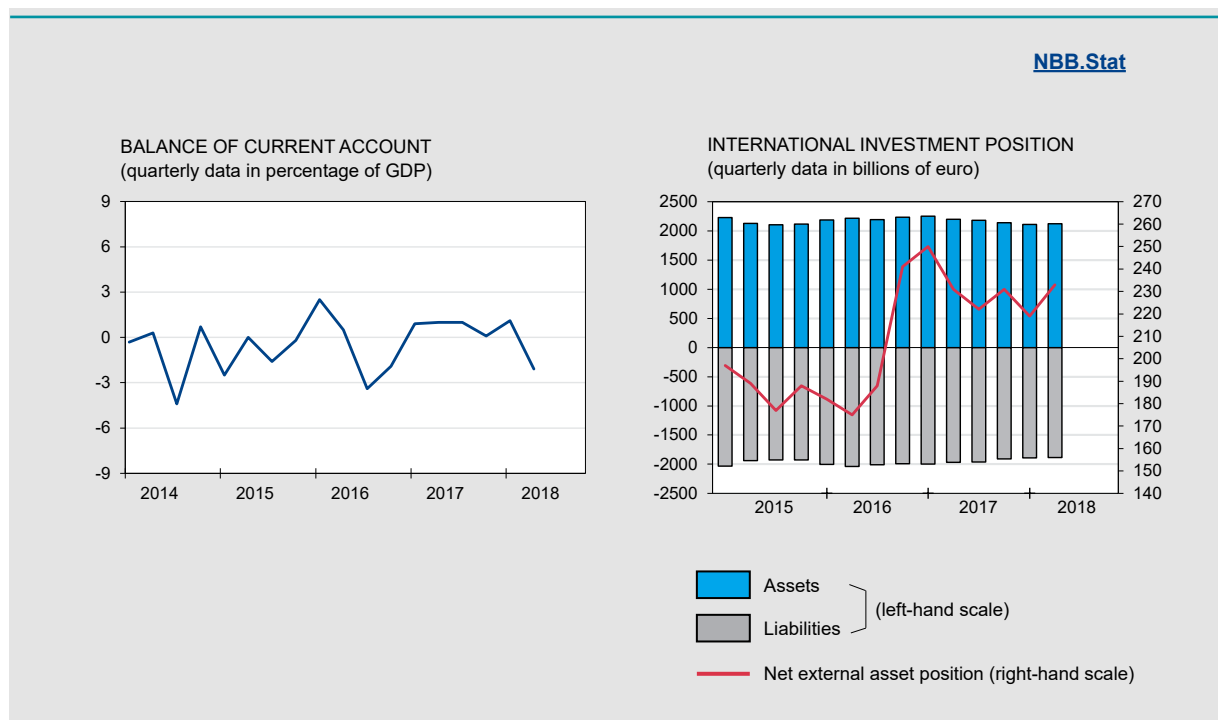
VALUE	2017					2018							
	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A
	<i>(billions of euro)</i>												
Monthly data													
Export	20.5	22.0	23.5	23.9	21.3	24.5	23.5	25.9	23.2	24.5	26.0	24.7	22.0
Import	21.3	22.6	24.0	23.8	22.8	24.7	23.6	26.2	23.2	24.6	25.9	24.7	22.9
Balance	-0.8	-0.6	-0.6	0.1	-1.6	-0.2	-0.1	-0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.9
Cumulative data over the last 12 months													
Export	266.8	266.9	268.9	270.0	270.0	273.4	274.8	274.7	277.0	277.7	280.0	283.4	284.9
Import	272.3	272.7	275.2	276.2	277.3	278.9	280.0	279.8	281.3	281.5	283.7	287.4	289.0
Balance	-5.5	-5.9	-6.4	-6.3	-7.3	-5.5	-5.2	-5.1	-4.3	-3.8	-3.7	-4.0	-4.1
	<i>(percentage changes in the last 12 months compared to the preceding 12 months)</i>												
PRICE													
Export	5.9	6.4	6.6	6.7	6.6	5.8	4.6	3.2	2.7	1.8	1.6	0.9	n.
Import	6.0	6.3	6.6	6.5	6.4	5.2	4.2	3.2	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.5	n.
Terms of trade	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.8	-0.7	-1.6	n.
VOLUME													
Export	4.5	3.2	3.4	2.3	1.4	2.2	3.1	2.5	3.7	3.8	4.4	5.8	n.
Import	4.6	3.6	3.9	3.1	2.5	2.3	2.6	1.5	2.3	1.2	1.9	2.7	n.
Coverage ratio	-0.1	-0.4	-0.5	-0.8	-1.1	-0.1	0.5	1.0	1.4	2.6	2.5	3.0	n.



Source: NAI.
(1) National concept.

Balance of payments [NBB.Stat](#)

	2017							2018					
	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J
	<i>(cumulative data over the last 12 months, in billions of euro)</i>												
CURRENT ACCOUNT	-3.6	-2.9	0.7	0.9	1.5	2.2	3.2	4.9	4.2	3.5	3.2	2.2	0.0
Goods	-1.4	-0.9	1.4	1.3	1.0	1.1	0.4	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.2	2.1	2.3
Services	3.3	2.9	2.7	2.2	2.5	2.5	4.0	4.3	3.8	3.8	3.3	2.5	1.3
Primary incomes	1.9	2.2	3.6	4.3	4.8	5.3	5.3	5.5	5.7	5.3	5.1	5.0	3.9
Secondary incomes	-7.3	-7.2	-7.0	-6.8	-6.8	-6.7	-6.5	-6.7	-7.1	-7.3	-7.5	-7.5	-7.5
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3
FINANCIAL ACCOUNT	-5.3	-6.1	-5.2	-3.0	-3.7	-5.6	-3.9	-2.0	-2.2	-3.4	-3.1	-2.8	-4.2
Direct investment	12.9	27.8	25.9	28.5	8.8	5.6	26.6	28.0	27.5	42.6	38.9	34.9	28.9
Equity capital	57.5	55.5	64.0	64.1	36.4	42.6	21.7	18.9	23.1	22.8	25.9	24.8	23.2
Other capital	-44.6	-27.7	-38.2	-35.6	-27.6	-37.1	4.9	9.1	4.5	19.8	12.9	10.2	5.7
Portfolio investment	-13.6	-27.9	-30.8	-23.3	-10.8	-6.9	9.6	15.1	20.5	7.0	14.3	17.3	6.0
Financial derivatives	-0.9	-0.2	0.3	-0.3	0.5	0.1	0.7	1.1	1.6	1.7	2.0	2.8	3.4
Other transactions	-4.1	-6.2	-1.2	-8.5	-3.0	-5.4	-42.0	-47.5	-52.9	-55.8	-59.5	-58.9	-43.5
NBB's reserves	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.0
ERRORS AND OMISSIONS	-2.2	-3.6	-6.5	-4.7	-6.0	-8.2	-7.5	-7.3	-6.8	-7.3	-6.6	-5.3	-4.5



Sources: NBB, NAI.



Sources: ECB, NBB.

(1) Minimum bid rate.

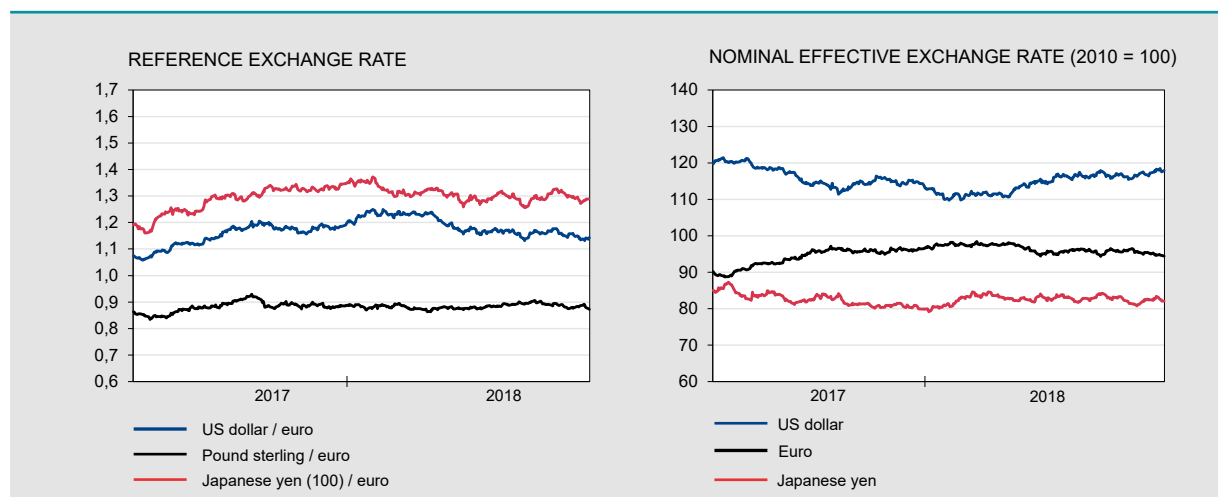
(2) Weighted average rate.

(3) Floating rate and up to 1 year initial rate fixation.

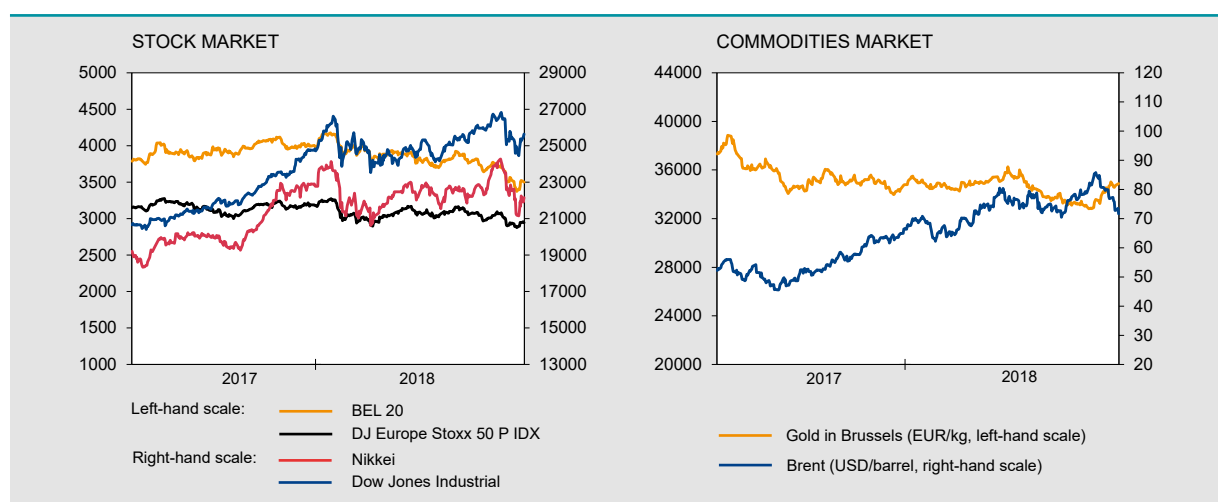
(4) Ten-year government bond.

Financial markets (continued)

Exchange rates [NBB.Stat](#)



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Sources: ECB, BIS, Euronext.

Monetary aggregates⁽¹⁾ [NBB.Stat](#)

	2017				2018								
	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S
<i>(end of period, in billions of euro)</i>													
EURO AREA													
M3 excluding currency in circulation	10662	10679	10749	10749	10761	10755	10814	10867	10942	11035	11019	11017	11030
M3	11766	11786	11856	11872	11869	11863	11931	11989	12068	12173	12164	12165	12180
of which: by MFI⁽²⁾ in BELGIUM													
Deposits													
overnight	196,4	202,0	204,0	200,5	201,5	201,3	204,9	206,5	211,5	212,2	210,6	211,1	211,4
with agreed maturity up to 2 years	11,8	12,6	12,1	12,2	12,5	13,0	14,6	13,8	12,9	12,7	13,8	12,9	13,4
redeemable at notice up to 3 months	301,9	301,5	301,6	301,6	303,1	304,3	305,4	305,3	307,0	307,8	308,4	309,0	309,4
Others M3 ⁽³⁾ components	28,3	28,2	28,0	29,0	21,9	23,2	23,7	22,7	19,1	21,4	19,6	17,6	18,3
M3 ⁽³⁾	538,5	544,3	545,7	543,3	539,1	541,8	548,7	548,4	550,5	554,0	552,4	550,7	552,5

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.

	2016				2017				2018	
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II
	<i>(end of period outstanding amounts in billions of euro)</i>									
FINANCIAL ASSETS										
Individuals	1291.4	1304.0	1319.7	1322.7	1328.7	1324.0	1332.4	1341.4	1330.7	1341.2
General government	201.5	210.5	208.4	216.0	189.6	189.4	192.2	188.9	187.7	188.5
Non-financial corporations	1458.4	1491.2	1495.8	1545.7	1555.0	1519.2	1507.2	1484.6	1480.3	1474.9
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES										
Individuals	260.2	263.6	266.5	267.3	271.0	274.6	277.2	279.3	282.8	285.8
General government	607.8	623.1	625.3	613.7	586.3	576.6	582.6	578.8	581.4	581.3
Non-financial corporations	1919.2	1963.0	1953.7	1989.8	1988.5	1968.0	1959.6	1934.6	1924.7	1922.7
NET FINANCIAL WEALTH										
Individuals	1031.2	1040.4	1053.2	1055.3	1057.7	1049.3	1055.2	1062.0	1047.9	1055.3
General government	-406.3	-412.5	-416.9	-397.7	-396.7	-387.2	-390.4	-389.9	-393.7	-392.8
Non-financial corporations	-460.7	-471.9	-457.9	-444.1	-433.5	-448.8	-452.4	-450.0	-444.4	-447.8

Source: NBB.

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