

Economic indicators for Belgium

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■ Summary

REAL GDP	ACTUAL FIGURES*						FORECASTS**					
	2019 2020 2021			2022			2023					
	NBB	ECB	EC	OECD	BPN***	NBB	ECB	EC	OECD	BPN***		
(percentage changes compared to the previous year)												
Belgium												
Final consumption												
private	1.7	-8.3	5.5	4.0	-	3.7	2.5	-	1.7	-	1.1	0.1
public	2.2	0.0	4.8	-0.3	-	1.1	1.0	-	0.6	-	-0.4	2.3
Gross fixed capital formation	5.0	-5.1	4.9	-1.5	-	-0.5	-0.1	-	-0.3	-	0.6	1.7
Exports of goods and services	2.4	-5.0	11.3	4.4	-	4.0	3.8	-	-0.2	-	1.3	0.3
Imports of goods and services	2.0	-5.6	10.7	4.0	-	3.5	3.4	-	0.3	-	1.6	0.9
GDP	2.2	-5.4	6.1	3.1	-	2.8	2.9	3.0	0.6	-	0.2	0.5
International comparison of GDP												
Euro area ⁽¹⁾	1.6	-6.1	5.3	-	3.4	3.2	3.3	3.3	-	0.5	0.3	0.5
EU-27	1.8	-5.7	5.4	-	-	3.3	-	-	-	-	0.3	-
CONSUMER PRICES												
Belgium												
HICP	1.2	0.4	3.2	10.4	-	10.4	9.9	10.4	4.4	-	6.2	6.6
National general index	1.4	0.7	2.4	9.6	-	-	-	-	5.1	-	-	-
National health index	1.5	1.0	2.0	9.2	-	-	-	-	5.4	-	-	-
International comparison of HICP												
Euro area ⁽³⁾	1.2	0.3	2.6	-	8.4	8.5	8.3	8.5	-	6.3	6.1	6.8
EU-27	1.4	0.7	2.9	-	-	9.3	-	-	-	-	7.0	-
LABOUR COSTS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR ⁽²⁾												
Belgium												
Labour costs per hour worked	2.1	5.2	0.0	5.7	-	-	-	-	8.5	-	-	-
Unit labour costs	1.1	0.7	2.3	6.7	-	5.4	6.9	-	7.7	-	9.2	9.3
Unit labour costs												
Euro area ⁽¹⁾	1.9	4.6	0.1	-	3.2	3.0	-	-	5.0	4.8	-	-
EU-27	2.0	4.7	0.1	-	-	3.2	-	-	-	5.0	-	-

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

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(1) Euro area = EA19, except the OECD forecasts.

(2) Except for the actual figures of the Euro area and the EU-27 and the EC and OECD forecasts which pertain to the whole economy.

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

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	ACTUAL FIGURES*				FORECASTS**							
	2019 2020 2021			2022				2023				
	NBB	ECB	EC	OECD	BPN***	NBB	ECB	EC	OECD	BPN***		
LABOUR MARKET												
(annual changes in percentages)												
Belgium												
Total employment	1.6	0.0	1.8	2.1	-	1.8	2.0	1.6	0.5	-	0.3	0.4
Unemployment	-3.8	3.7	-6.0	-3.2	-	-	-	-	5.5	-	-	-
(annual changes in thousands)												
Total employment	77.9	1.9	90.3	104.7	-	90.5	-	-	26.0	-	15.7	-
Unemployment	-18.8	17.5	-29.6	-14.7	-	-	-	-	24.8	-	-	-
(annual averages in percentages of labour force)												
Harmonised unemployment rate ⁽¹⁾	5.5	5.8	6.3	5.7	-	5.8	5.8	5.7	6.2	-	6.4	6.5
International comparison of harmonised unemployment rate⁽¹⁾												
Euro area ⁽²⁾	7.6	8.0	7.7	-	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.7	-	6.9	7.2	7.1
EU-27	6.8	7.2	7.0	-	-	6.2	-	-	-	-	6.5	-
GENERAL GOVERNMENT												
(percentages of GDP)												
Belgium												
Primary balance	0.0	-7.0	-3.9	-2.8	-	-3.7	-	-	-3.6	-	-4.2	-
Overall balance	-1.9	-9.0	-5.6	-4.3	-	-5.2	-5.2	-5.0	-5.3	-	-5.8	-5.8
Consolidated gross debt	97.6	112.0	109.2	105.2	-	106.2	106.2	105.9	108.1	-	107.9	107.0
International comparison of overall balance												
Euro area ⁽²⁾	-0.6	-7.0	-5.1	-	-3.5	-3.5	-3.7	-3.8	-	-3.7	-3.7	-3.8
EU-27	-0.5	-6.7	-4.6	-	-	-3.4	-	-	-	-	-3.6	-
CURRENT ACCOUNT												
(percentages of GDP)												
Belgium	0.1	1.1	0.4	-4.7	-	-2.7	-4.6	-3.8	-5.1	-	-2.9	-4.4
International comparison												
Euro area ⁽²⁾	2.3	1.6	2.3	-	-1.0	1.5	1.4	-0.6	-	-1.4	1.9	1.4
EU-27	2.4	2.1	2.4	-	-	1.1	-	-	-	-	1.4	-

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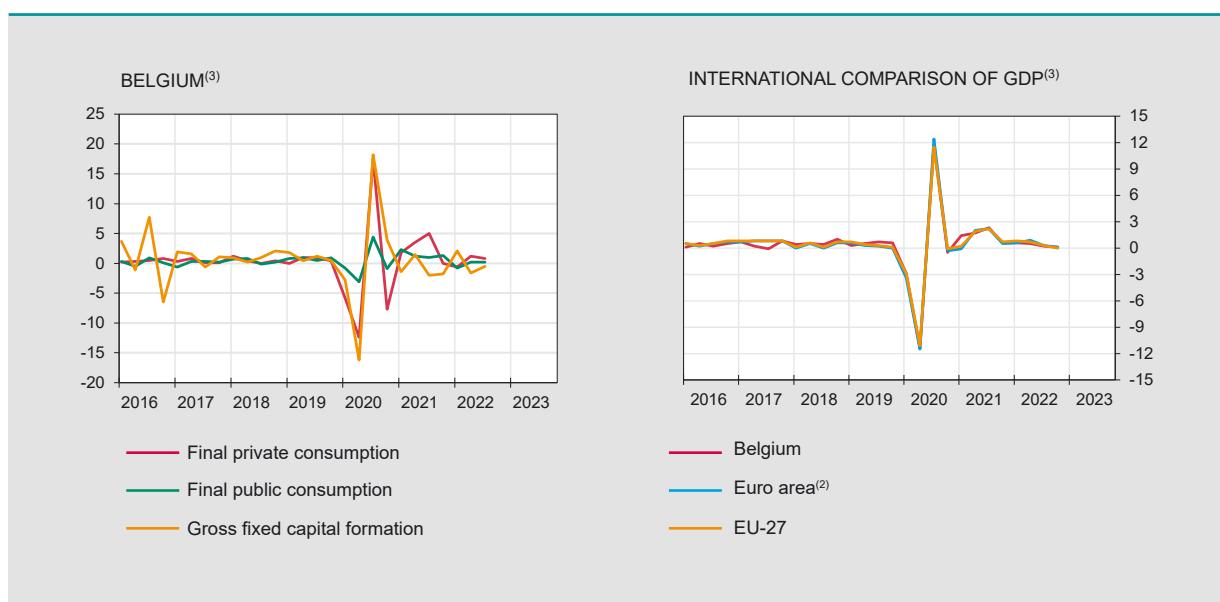
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	2020		2021				2022			
	IV	I	II	III	IV		I	II	III	IV
GDP⁽¹⁾										
Belgium										
GDP in chained 2015 euros	107729	109199	111085	113666	114314	114963	115588	115832	n.	
	<i>(millions of euro)</i>									
	<i>(percentage changes)</i>									
vs the previous quarter	-0.5	1.4	1.7	2.3	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.1 ⁽⁴⁾	
vs the corresponding quarter of the previous year	-4.4	-0.2	14.6	5.0	6.1	5.3	4.1	1.9	1.4 ⁽⁴⁾	
International comparison										
vs the previous quarter	<i>(percentage changes)</i>									
Euro area ⁽²⁾	-0.3	-0.1	2.0	2.2	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.3	0.1 ⁽⁴⁾	
EU-27	-0.1	0.2	1.9	2.2	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.3	0.0 ⁽⁴⁾	
vs the corresponding quarter of the previous year	<i>(percentage changes)</i>									
Euro area ⁽²⁾	-4.1	-0.8	14.2	3.9	4.8	5.5	4.3	2.3	1.9 ⁽⁴⁾	
EU-27	-3.9	-0.8	13.8	4.2	5.1	5.6	4.4	2.5	1.8 ⁽⁴⁾	
MAIN COMPONENTS OF EXPENDITURE ⁽¹⁾										
	<i>(percentage changes compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year)</i>									
Final private consumption	-10.5	-3.3	14.2	2.1	10.6	8.1	5.6	1.4	n.	
Final public consumption	-0.5	2.6	7.2	3.7	5.9	2.7	1.7	0.8	n.	
Gross fixed capital formation	0.1	1.5	22.8	1.9	-3.7	-0.2	-3.3	-1.9	n.	
business	0.6	0.5	26.5	0.2	-7.0	-1.6	-4.8	-1.5	n.	
housing	-2.9	3.1	21.8	4.7	4.1	6.2	2.8	-0.2	n.	
public	2.7	5.0	5.7	7.0	3.0	-6.7	-2.9	-7.1	n.	
Exports of goods and services	-2.2	0.9	21.4	13.2	10.9	9.2	4.2	4.3	n.	
Imports of goods and services	-2.6	-0.1	21.5	12.0	10.7	9.4	3.5	3.8	n.	
GDP	-4.4	-0.2	14.6	5.0	6.1	5.3	4.1	1.9	1.4 ⁽⁴⁾	
MAIN COMPONENTS OF VALUE ADDED ⁽¹⁾										
Industry	-2.1	-1.4	10.3	-1.4	-1.8	-1.1	-0.1	1.3	n.	
Construction	-1.5	0.6	15.8	-3.7	-4.2	-2.9	-1.0	1.4	n.	
Services	-4.3	-0.1	14.7	6.8	7.7	7.0	5.5	2.5	n.	
GDP	-4.4	-0.2	14.6	5.0	6.1	5.3	4.1	1.9	1.4 ⁽⁴⁾	



(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

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	2022												2023	
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	
(percentage changes in the average for the last 3 months compared to the corresponding period of the previous year)														
Industrial production, excluding building ⁽¹⁾	11.4	11.5	7.5	2.5	1.5	-5.4	-6.3	-10.0	-4.5	-2.7	0.8	-1.3	n.	
New car registrations including mixed cars	-19.0	-17.1	-13.5	-17.8	-19.3	-18.5	-13.1	-6.1	6.1	15.0	20.5	21.9	20.1	
2020					2021					2022				
			II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III		
(percentage changes compared to the corresponding period of the previous year)														
Total turnover ⁽²⁾	-19.6	-6.9	-4.2	3.7	31.8	18.0	23.0	24.0	21.9	17.7				
Investments ⁽²⁾	-22.2	-8.9	-4.5	5.2	32.8	11.4	4.1	7.0	10.7	14.6				

Labour market

EMPLOYMENT NBB.Stat

	2020				2021				2022			
	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III		
Belgium												
Domestic employment ⁽³⁾	4872.9	4889.1	4920.2	4935.3	4973.0	5015.5	5032.7	5057.9	5087.5	5103.3		
(in thousands)												
(percentages of the population of working age)												
Employment rate ⁽⁴⁾ 15-64 years	64.2	65.1	64.5	63.6	65.0	66.4	66.2	66.4	66.0	66.9		
20-64 years	69.6	70.2	69.9	69.0	70.5	71.4	71.6	71.9	71.4	72.1		
International comparison of the employment rate⁽⁴⁾												
Euro area ⁽⁵⁾ 15-64 years	66.1	66.9	67.1	66.3	67.7	68.9	69.0	68.9	69.7	69.9		
20-64 years	70.7	71.5	71.8	70.8	72.3	73.4	73.7	73.5	74.4	74.4		
EU-27	66.8	67.6	67.8	66.8	68.1	69.2	69.3	69.2	70.0	70.2		
	71.5	72.3	72.5	71.5	72.9	73.9	74.1	74.0	74.9	74.9		

UNEMPLOYMENT NBB.Stat

	2022												2023	
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	
Belgium														
Unemployment ⁽⁶⁾	449	446	441	439	433	433	469	480	466	463	459	464	476	
< 25 years old	74	74	71	69	67	68	79	86	90	87	84	82	85	
≥ 25 years old	375	372	370	370	365	365	390	394	376	376	375	382	391	
(in thousands, end of period)														
(percentages of the labour force)														
Harmonised unemployment rate ⁽⁷⁾	5.3	5.2	5.4	5.7	5.9	5.8	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.5	n.	
International comparison of harmonised unemployment rate⁽⁷⁾														
Euro area ⁽⁵⁾	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.6	n.	
EU-27	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	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 = EA19.

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

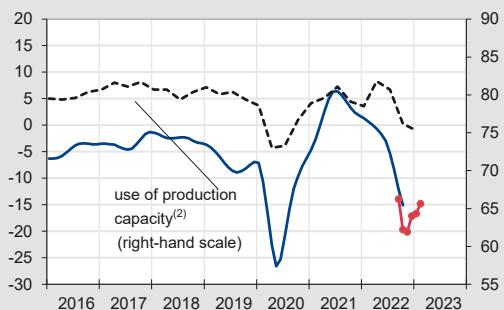
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■ Business survey NBB.Stat

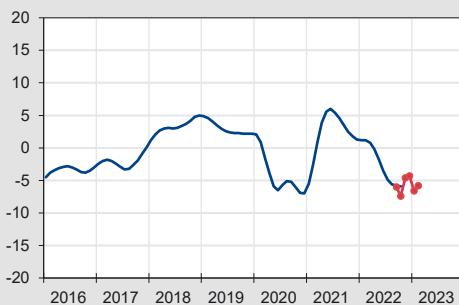
OVERALL SYNTHETIC CURVE⁽¹⁾



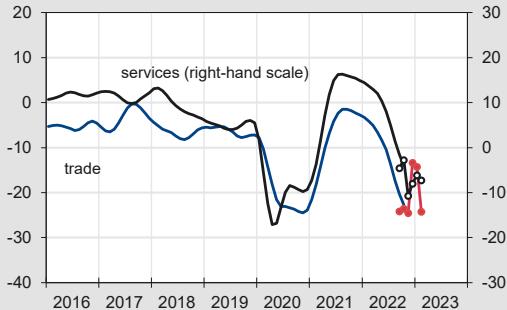
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BUILDING INDUSTRY



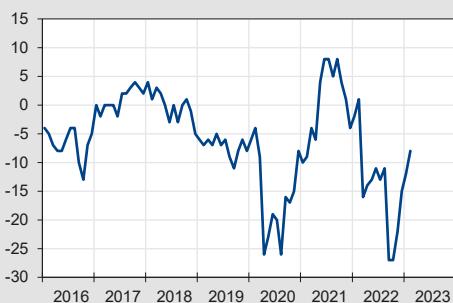
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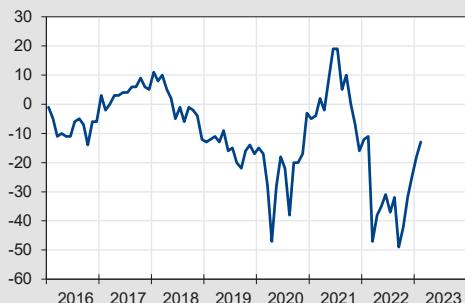
- Seasonally adjusted and smoothed series
- Seasonally adjusted series

■ Consumer survey NBB.Stat

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE INDEX⁽³⁾



EXPECTATIONS⁽⁴⁾ ON THE GENERAL ECONOMIC SITUATION



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.

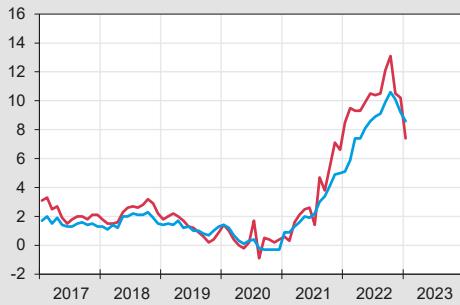
(4) Over the next 12 months.

■ Harmonised index of consumer prices

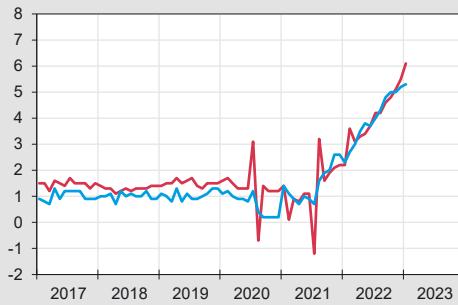
Annual data

	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 ⁽¹⁾	-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 ⁽²⁾	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 ⁽³⁾	1.8	1.8	1.5	1.0	2.0	9.3
EURO AREA ⁽⁴⁾						
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 ⁽¹⁾	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 ⁽²⁾	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



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).

(4) Euro area = EA11-1999, EA12-2001, EA13-2007, EA15-2008, EA16-2009, EA17-2011, EA18-2014, EA19-2015, EA20-2023.

■ Harmonised index of consumer prices (continued)

Monthly data [NBB.Stat](#)

	2022												2023
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J
(percentage changes compared to the corresponding month of the previous year)													
BELGIUM													
Total HICP	8.5	9.5	9.3	9.3	9.9	10.5	10.4	10.5	12.1	13.1	10.5	10.2	7.4
Energy	67.0	65.9	64.8	62.9	65.5	64.6	55.1	55.3	67.2	69.2	37.9	33.0	0.9
Unprocessed food ⁽¹⁾	1.8	3.2	4.6	4.1	5.5	7.1	8.0	8.7	8.9	11.8	14.4	13.5	16.1
Processed food	4.2	4.5	4.6	5.2	6.6	8.3	9.3	9.6	10.5	11.6	13.1	13.5	16.3
Underlying trend in inflation ⁽²⁾	2.2	3.6	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.7	4.2	4.2	4.6	4.8	5.1	5.5	6.1
Non-energy industrial goods	1.3	4.8	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.6	4.0	4.2	5.1	5.6	6.0	6.4	6.7
Services	2.8	2.8	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.8	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.5	4.8	5.5
<i>p.m.</i> National index of consumer prices													
General index	7.6	8.0	8.3	8.3	9.0	9.7	9.6	9.9	11.3	12.3	10.6	10.4	8.1
Health index ⁽³⁾	7.1	7.6	7.7	7.8	8.3	8.7	9.1	9.7	11.3	12.3	10.6	10.6	8.3
EURO AREA⁽⁴⁾													
Total HICP	5.1	5.9	7.4	7.4	8.1	8.6	8.9	9.1	9.9	10.6	10.1	9.2	8.6
Energy	28.8	32.0	44.3	37.5	39.1	42.0	39.6	38.6	40.7	41.5	34.9	25.5	18.9
Unprocessed food ⁽¹⁾	5.2	6.2	7.8	9.2	9.0	11.2	11.1	11.0	12.7	15.5	13.8	12.0	11.3
Processed food	3.0	3.5	4.1	5.4	7.0	8.2	9.4	10.5	11.5	12.4	13.6	14.3	15.0
Underlying trend in inflation ⁽²⁾	2.3	2.7	3.0	3.5	3.8	3.7	4.0	4.3	4.8	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.3
Non-energy industrial goods	2.1	3.1	3.4	3.8	4.2	4.3	4.5	5.1	5.5	6.1	6.1	6.4	6.7
Services	2.3	2.5	2.7	3.3	3.5	3.4	3.7	3.8	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.4	4.4

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General government - EDP definition⁽¹⁾

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
(percentages of GDP)					
REVENUE					
Fiscal and parafiscal revenue	44.2	44.2	42.9	42.9	43.1
Direct taxes	16.6	16.8	15.6	15.7	15.8
Indirect taxes	13.3	13.4	13.3	13.0	13.4
Actual social contributions	13.4	13.3	13.2	13.5	13.0
Capital taxes	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.8
Non-fiscal and non-parafiscal revenue ⁽²⁾	7.2	7.1	7.0	7.0	6.9
Total	51.3	51.4	49.9	49.9	49.9
PRIMARY EXPENDITURE					
Social benefits ⁽³⁾	24.6	24.6	24.5	27.9	26.3
Other expenditures	25.1	25.6	25.4	29.0	27.5
Total	49.7	50.1	49.9	57.0	53.8
PRIMARY BALANCE	1.7	1.3	0.0	-7.0	-3.9
INTEREST CHARGES	2.4	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.7
OVERALL BALANCE	-0.7	-0.9	-1.9	-9.0	-5.6
<i>p.m. FOR THE SUBSECTORS</i>					
Federal government	-1.3	-0.2	-1.9	-7.1	-4.1
Social security	0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3
Communities and regions	0.2	-0.4	-0.2	-2.2	-1.8
Local authorities	0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
INTERNATIONAL COMPARISON					
Primary balance					
Belgium	1.7	1.3	0.0	-7.0	-3.9
Euro area ⁽⁴⁾	1.0	1.4	1.0	-5.5	-3.7
EU-27	1.0	1.3	1.0	-5.3	-3.3
Overall balance					
Belgium	-0.7	-0.9	-1.9	-9.0	-5.6
Euro area ⁽⁴⁾	-0.9	-0.4	-0.6	-7.0	-5.1
EU-27	-0.8	-0.4	-0.5	-6.7	-4.6
Consolidated gross debt					
Belgium	102.0	99.9	97.6	112.0	109.2
Euro area ⁽⁴⁾	87.9	86.0	83.9	97.0	95.4
EU-27	81.7	79.7	77.5	89.8	87.9

Sources: NAI, NBB, Eurostat.

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

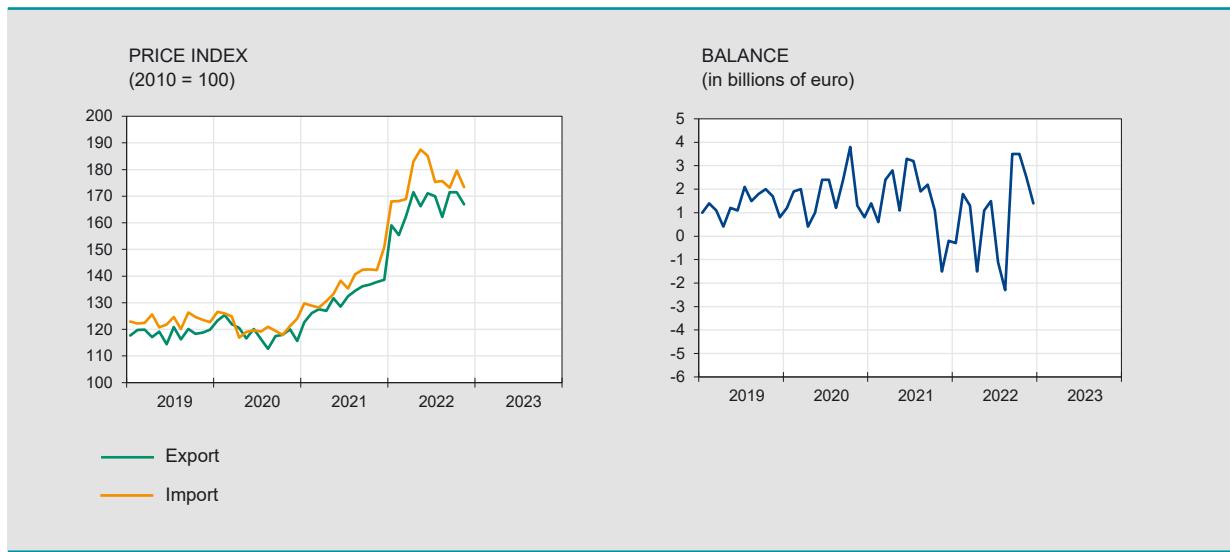
(2) Property income, imputed social security contributions, transfers from other sectors and sales of goods and services.

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

(4) Euro area = EA19.

■ Foreign trade⁽¹⁾ NBB.Stat

	2021		2022											
	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	
VALUE														
<i>(billions of euro)</i>														
Monthly data														
Export	44.7	44.5	45.4	53.9	46.5	52.1	51.3	49.0	50.6	57.2	52.4	53.1	46.1	
Import	44.9	44.8	43.6	52.6	47.9	51.0	49.8	50.0	52.9	53.6	48.9	50.6	44.7	
Balance	-0.2	-0.3	1.8	1.3	-1.5	1.1	1.5	-1.1	-2.3	3.5	3.5	2.5	1.4	
Cumulative data over the last 12 months														
Export	464.7	477.8	491.8	506.2	515.6	531.4	541.4	552.5	566.3	581.9	590.4	600.6	602.0	
Import	446.5	461.3	474.1	489.6	503.3	519.0	530.8	546.1	564.0	578.4	584.4	590.7	590.4	
Balance	18.2	16.5	17.7	16.6	12.4	12.4	10.6	6.4	2.3	3.5	5.9	9.9	11.5	
<i>(percentage changes in the last 12 months compared to the preceding 12 months)</i>														
PRICE														
Export	10.6	13.2	15.2	17.2	19.8	20.9	23.1	24.3	24.4	25.2	25.9	26.3	n.	
Import	12.9	15.3	17.7	20.2	22.6	25.1	26.7	27.9	28.6	28.7	29.0	29.2	n.	
Terms of trade	-2.0	-1.7	-2.0	-2.5	-2.3	-3.2	-2.6	-2.7	-3.2	-2.7	-2.4	-2.2	n.	
VOLUME														
Export	13.5	15.1	17.1	16.4	12.6	11.8	8.9	8.0	8.2	8.1	6.6	5.5	n.	
Import	13.5	15.9	17.1	16.3	14.1	12.1	10.5	10.5	11.0	11.3	8.7	6.1	n.	
Coverage ratio	0.0	-0.7	0.0	0.1	-1.3	-0.3	-1.4	-2.3	-2.5	-2.9	-1.9	-0.6	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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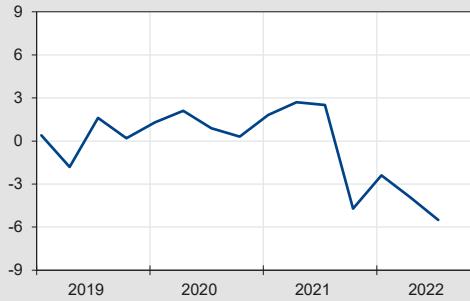
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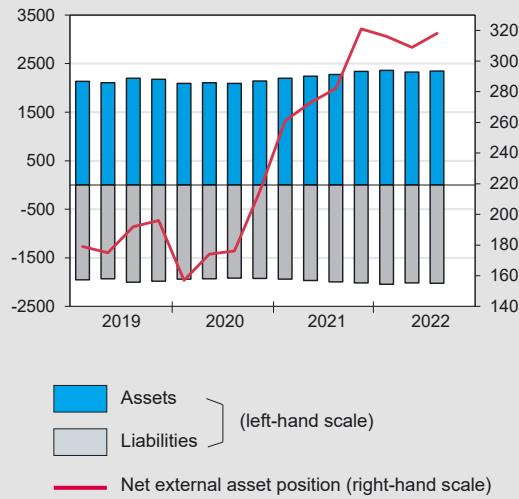
	2021				2022								
	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S
<i>(cumulative data over the last 12 months, in billions of euro)</i>													
CURRENT ACCOUNT	8.9	6.1	2.8	2.2	-0.3	-1.4	-3.1	-7.2	-7.8	-11.9	-17.7	-22.1	-22.3
Goods	10.1	7.4	4.9	4.0	1.3	0.9	-1.2	-4.9	-5.5	-9.2	-14.4	-18.5	-19.5
Services	2.0	1.9	1.5	1.3	1.1	0.2	0.5	0.0	-0.3	-0.7	-1.3	-1.8	-1.0
Primary incomes	4.7	4.9	4.5	4.6	4.9	4.9	5.0	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.8	5.7
Secondary incomes	-8.0	-8.2	-8.1	-7.8	-7.6	-7.4	-7.4	-7.4	-7.4	-7.4	-7.6	-7.6	-7.5
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2
FINANCIAL ACCOUNT	10.8	5.9	4.9	4.6	0.6	-1.7	-4.2	-6.9	-7.4	-11.8	-19.6	-22.2	-19.1
Direct investment	20.7	15.0	12.7	17.9	15.8	19.1	16.6	19.4	26.5	27.5	16.5	14.3	14.7
Equity capital	10.3	7.0	10.4	14.7	14.1	15.4	9.9	11.2	11.5	15.4	16.9	16.2	16.0
Other capital	10.4	7.9	2.3	3.2	1.7	3.6	6.7	8.2	15.0	12.1	-0.4	-1.9	-1.3
Portfolio investment	-1.2	5.9	4.1	9.0	12.9	13.2	21.4	15.6	18.5	9.8	24.8	23.1	16.4
Financial derivatives	0.8	0.7	1.9	-0.9	-0.5	-0.5	-0.4	0.9	-0.1	-0.8	0.0	-0.3	-0.9
Other transactions	-18.0	-24.0	-22.4	-29.6	-36.0	-42.0	-50.3	-51.4	-60.8	-56.7	-69.3	-60.4	-49.6
NBB's reserves	8.5	8.3	8.5	8.3	8.3	8.5	8.5	8.6	8.5	8.3	8.4	1.1	0.2
ERRORS AND OMISSIONS	1.1	-1.0	1.1	1.6	0.2	-1.1	-1.8	-0.4	-0.2	-0.5	-2.1	-0.3	3.0

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BALANCE OF CURRENT ACCOUNT
(quarterly data in percentage of GDP)



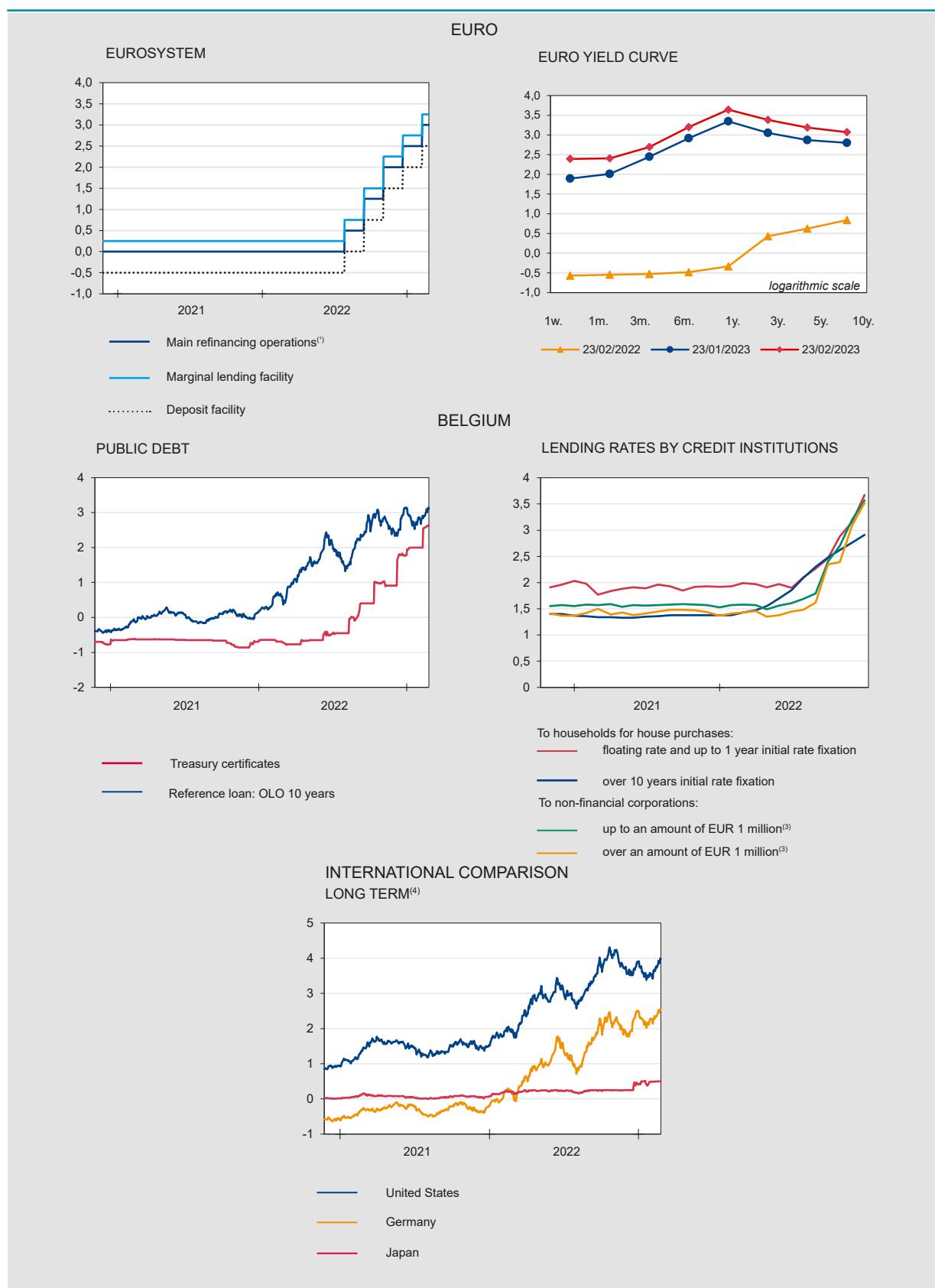
INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT POSITION
(quarterly data in billions of euro)



Sources: NBB, NAI.

■ Financial markets

Interest rates [NBB.Stat](#)



Sources: ECB, NBB.

(1) Minimum bid rate.

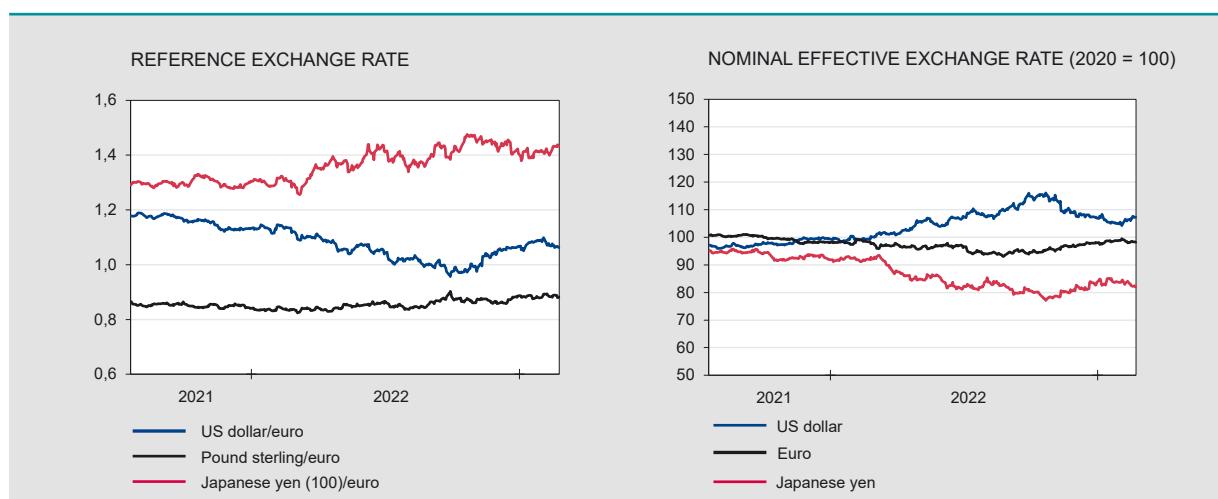
(2) Weighted average rate.

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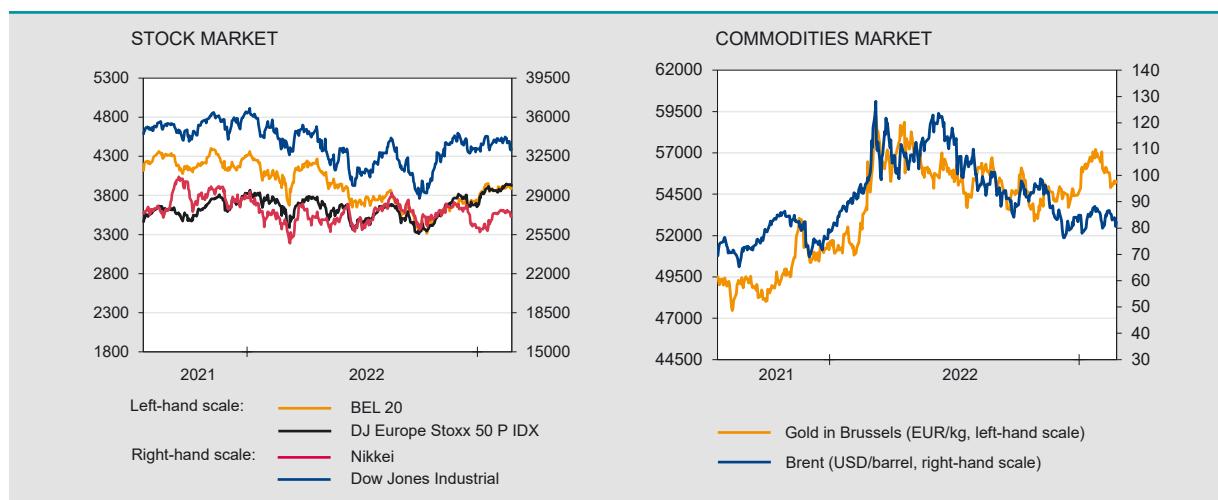
(4) Ten-year government bond.

■ Financial markets (continued)

Exchange rates [NBB.Stat](#)



Stock and commodities market [NBB.Stat](#)



Sources: ECB, BIS, Euronext.

Monetary aggregates⁽¹⁾ [NBB.Stat](#)

	2021												2022													
	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
EURO AREA																										
M3 excluding currency in circulation	14019	14008	14041	14114	14227	14263	14339	14452	14536	14639	14570	14631	14606	15496	15486	15528	15624	15747	15792	15874	15996	16075	16176	16107	16164	16151
M3																										
of which: by MFI ⁽²⁾ in BELGIUM																										
Deposits																										
overnight	298.4	295.0	298.8	303.6	308.7	312.3	313.4	311.1	313.7	310.3	306.3	302.2	294.8													
with agreed maturity up to 2 years	11.1	11.1	10.3	10.5	11.7	10.3	12.3	14.0	15.4	19.8	25.1	28.6	34.1													
redeemable at notice up to 3 months	334.3	332.3	332.2	332.0	327.7	329.5	330.1	329.8	328.8	327.7	326.7	325.5	325.9													
Others M3 ⁽³⁾ components	29.3	29.4	29.0	33.9	36.5	35.9	41.3	37.8	35.6	36.0	35.9	41.8	41.1													
M3 ⁽³⁾	673.1	667.9	670.3	680.0	684.7	687.9	697.1	692.7	693.6	693.9	693.9	697.3	695.9													

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

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	2020			2021				2022		
	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III
	(end of period outstanding amounts in billions of euro)									
FINANCIAL ASSETS										
Individuals	1424.9	1435.0	1481.8	1491.3	1521.5	1525.8	1556.5	1525.2	1476.8	1456.6
General government	243.5	228.7	226.0	227.0	237.9	231.7	240.0	223.1	220.9	206.9
Non-financial corporations	1440.8	1441.7	1498.2	1516.8	1544.1	1572.5	1608.8	1640.9	1651.1	1669.2
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES										
Individuals	302.5	305.8	308.6	312.4	317.9	320.8	324.1	328.1	333.3	336.7
General government	694.9	687.6	688.3	682.8	695.0	696.6	698.8	669.2	639.4	612.9
Non-financial corporations	1903.5	1892.0	1953.6	1955.1	1989.7	2002.4	2038.9	2058.0	2052.0	2047.4
NET FINANCIAL WEALTH										
Individuals	1122.5	1129.1	1173.2	1178.9	1203.7	1205.0	1232.3	1197.1	1143.5	1119.9
General government	-451.3	-458.9	-462.4	-455.9	-457.2	-464.9	-458.7	-446.1	-418.4	-406.0
Non-financial corporations	-462.7	-450.3	-455.4	-438.4	-445.6	-429.9	-430.1	-417.0	-400.9	-378.3

Source: NBB.

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