

# Economic indicators for Belgium

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## ■ Summary

	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)										
<b>REAL GDP</b>										
Belgium										
Final consumption										
private	1.7	-8.3	5.5	4.1	-	3.7	2.5	-	1.1	0.1
public	2.2	0.0	4.8	1.4	-	1.1	1.0	-	0.6	-0.4
Gross fixed capital formation	5.0	-5.1	4.9	-1.7	-	-0.5	-0.1	-	-0.3	0.6
Exports of goods and services	2.4	-5.0	11.3	4.5	-	4.0	3.8	-	-0.2	1.3
Imports of goods and services	2.0	-5.6	10.7	4.1	-	3.5	3.4	-	0.3	1.6
GDP	2.2	-5.4	6.1	3.1	-	2.8	2.9	3.0	0.6	0.2
International comparison of GDP										
Euro area <sup>(1)</sup>	1.6	-6.1	5.3	-	3.4	3.2	3.3	3.3	-	0.5
EU-27	1.8	-5.7	5.4	-	-	3.3	-	-	-	0.3
<b>CONSUMER PRICES</b>										
Belgium										
HICP	1.2	0.4	3.2	10.3	-	10.4	9.9	10.4	4.4	-
National general index	1.4	0.7	2.4	9.6	-	-	-	-	5.1	-
National health index	1.5	1.0	2.0	9.3	-	-	-	-	5.4	-
International comparison of HICP										
Euro area <sup>(3)</sup>	1.2	0.3	2.6	-	8.4	8.5	8.3	8.5	-	6.3
EU-27	1.4	0.7	2.9	-	-	9.3	-	-	-	7.0
<b>LABOUR COSTS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR<sup>(2)</sup></b>										
Belgium										
Labour costs per hour worked	2.1	5.2	0.0	5.5	-	-	-	-	8.5	-
Unit labour costs	1.1	0.7	2.3	6.4	-	5.4	6.9	-	7.7	-
Unit labour costs										
Euro area <sup>(1)</sup>	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

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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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<b>LABOUR MARKET</b>													
(annual changes in percentages)													
Belgium													
Total employment	1.6	0.0	1.8	2.0	-	1.8	2.0	1.6	0.5	-	0.3	0.4	0.5
Unemployment	-3.8	3.7	-6.0	-2.3	-	-	-	-	5.5	-	-	-	-
(annual changes in thousands)													
Total employment	77.9	1.9	90.3	100.9	-	90.5	-	-	26.0	-	15.7	-	-
Unemployment	-18.8	17.5	-29.6	-10.7	-	-	-	-	24.8	-	-	-	-
(annual averages in percentages of labour force)													
Harmonised unemployment rate <sup>(1)</sup>	5.5	5.8	6.3	5.7	-	5.8	5.8	5.7	6.2	-	6.4	6.5	6.0
<b>International comparison of harmonised unemployment rate<sup>(1)</sup></b>													
Euro area <sup>(2)</sup>	7.6	8.0	7.7	-	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.7	-	6.9	7.2	7.1	7.2
EU-27	6.8	7.2	7.0	-	-	6.2	-	-	-	-	6.5	-	-
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>													
(percentages of GDP)													
Belgium													
Primary balance	0.0	-7.0	-3.9	-2.4	-	-3.7	-	-	-3.6	-	-4.2	-	-
Overall balance	-1.9	-9.0	-5.6	-3.9	-	-5.2	-5.2	-5.0	-5.3	-	-5.8	-5.8	-5.3
Consolidated gross debt	97.6	112.0	109.2	105.0	-	106.2	106.2	105.9	108.1	-	107.9	107.0	107.1
<b>International comparison of overall balance</b>													
Euro area <sup>(2)</sup>	-0.6	-7.0	-5.1	-	-3.5	-3.5	-3.7	-3.8	-	-3.7	-3.7	-3.8	-4.0
EU-27	-0.5	-6.7	-4.6	-	-	-3.4	-	-	-	-	-3.6	-	-
<b>CURRENT ACCOUNT</b>													
(percentages of GDP)													
Belgium	0.1	1.1	0.4	-4.3	-	-2.7	-4.6	-3.8	-5.1	-	-2.9	-4.4	-2.9
<b>International comparison</b>													
Euro area <sup>(2)</sup>	2.3	1.6	2.3	-	-1.0	1.5	1.4	-0.6	-	-1.4	1.9	1.4	-0.5
EU-27	2.4	2.1	2.4	-	-	1.1	-	-	-	-	1.4	-	-

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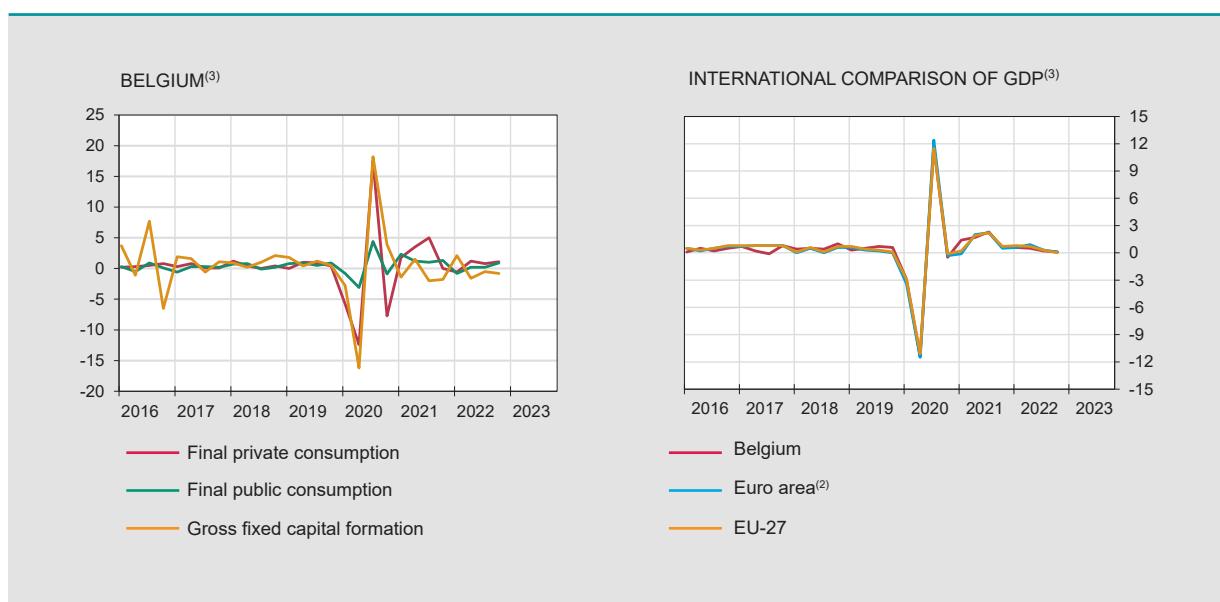
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	2020		2021				2022			
	IV	I	II	III	IV		I	II	III	IV
<b>GDP<sup>(1)</sup></b>										
Belgium										
GDP in chained 2015 euros	107729	109199	111085	113666	114314	114963	115588	115832	115958	
(percentage changes)										
vs the previous quarter	-0.5	1.4	1.7	2.3	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.1	
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	
International comparison										
(percentage changes)										
vs the previous quarter										
Euro area <sup>(2)</sup>	-0.3	-0.1	2.0	2.2	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.3	0.1 <sup>(4)</sup>	
EU-27	-0.1	0.2	1.9	2.2	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.3	0.0 <sup>(4)</sup>	
vs the corresponding quarter of the previous year										
Euro area <sup>(2)</sup>	-4.1	-0.8	14.2	3.9	4.8	5.5	4.3	2.3	1.9 <sup>(4)</sup>	
EU-27	-3.9	-0.8	13.8	4.2	5.1	5.6	4.4	2.5	1.8 <sup>(4)</sup>	
MAIN COMPONENTS OF EXPENDITURE <sup>(1)</sup>										
(percentage changes compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year)										
Final private consumption	-10.5	-3.3	14.2	2.1	10.6	8.1	5.6	1.4	2.5	
Final public consumption	-0.5	2.6	7.2	3.7	5.9	2.7	1.7	0.8	0.5	
Gross fixed capital formation	0.1	1.5	22.8	1.9	-3.7	-0.2	-3.3	-1.9	-0.9	
business	0.6	0.5	26.5	0.2	-7.0	-1.6	-4.8	-1.5	1.3	
housing	-2.9	3.1	21.8	4.7	4.1	6.2	2.8	-0.2	-2.2	
public	2.7	5.0	5.7	7.0	3.0	-6.7	-2.9	-7.1	-10.8	
Exports of goods and services	-2.2	0.9	21.4	13.2	10.9	9.2	4.2	4.3	1.1	
Imports of goods and services	-2.6	-0.1	21.5	12.0	10.7	9.4	3.5	3.8	0.7	
GDP	-4.4	-0.2	14.6	5.0	6.1	5.3	4.1	1.9	1.4	
MAIN COMPONENTS OF VALUE ADDED <sup>(1)</sup>										
Industry	-2.1	-1.4	10.3	-1.4	-1.8	-1.1	-0.1	1.3	-1.3	
Construction	-1.5	0.6	15.8	-3.7	-4.2	-2.9	-1.0	1.4	2.4	
Services	-4.3	-0.1	14.7	6.8	7.7	7.0	5.5	2.5	2.1	
GDP	-4.4	-0.2	14.6	5.0	6.1	5.3	4.1	1.9	1.4	



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

	2022												2023	
	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	J	F
(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>	11.5	7.5	2.5	1.5	-5.4	-6.3	-10.0	-4.5	-2.7	0.8	-1.3	n.	n.	
New car registrations including mixed cars	-17.1	-13.5	-17.8	-19.3	-18.5	-13.1	-6.1	6.1	15.0	20.5	21.9	20.1	20.6	
2020					2021					2022				
III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	
(percentage changes compared to the corresponding period of the previous year)														
Total turnover <sup>(2)</sup>	-6.9	-4.2	3.7	31.8	18.0	23.0	24.0	21.9	16.7	12.7				
Investments <sup>(2)</sup>	-8.9	-4.5	5.2	32.8	11.4	4.1	7.0	10.7	13.8	19.2				

## Labour market

### EMPLOYMENT NBB.Stat

	2020		2021				2022			
	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
<b>Belgium</b>										
Domestic employment <sup>(3)</sup>	4889.1	4920.2	4935.3	4973.0	5015.5	5032.7	5057.9	5087.5	5103.3	5105.5
(in thousands)										
(percentages of the population of working age)										
Employment rate <sup>(4)</sup> 15-64 years	65.1	64.5	63.6	65.0	66.4	66.2	66.4	66.0	66.9	n.
20-64 years	70.2	69.9	69.0	70.5	71.4	71.6	71.9	71.4	72.1	n.
<b>International comparison of the employment rate<sup>(4)</sup></b>										
Euro area <sup>(5)</sup> 15-64 years	66.9	67.1	66.2	67.6	68.8	69.0	68.8	69.6	69.8	n.
20-64 years	71.4	71.8	70.8	72.3	73.3	73.6	73.5	74.3	74.4	n.
EU-27 15-64 years	67.6	67.8	66.8	68.1	69.2	69.3	69.2	70.0	70.2	n.
20-64 years	72.3	72.5	71.5	72.9	73.9	74.1	74.0	74.9	74.9	n.

### UNEMPLOYMENT NBB.Stat

	2022												2023	
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	
<b>Belgium</b>														
Unemployment <sup>(6)</sup>	449	446	441	439	433	433	469	480	466	463	459	464	476	
(in thousands, end of period)														
< 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	
(percentages of the labour force)														
Harmonised unemployment rate <sup>(7)</sup>	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.7	5.9	5.8	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.8	
<b>International comparison of harmonised unemployment rate<sup>(7)</sup></b>														
Euro area <sup>(5)</sup>	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	
EU-27	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	

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.

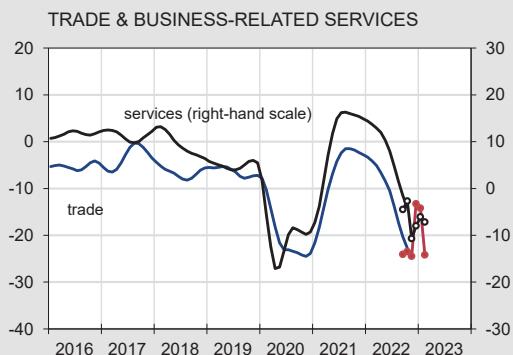
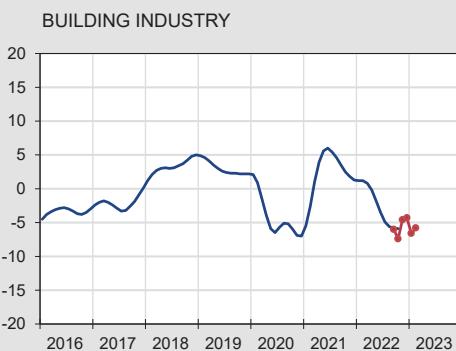
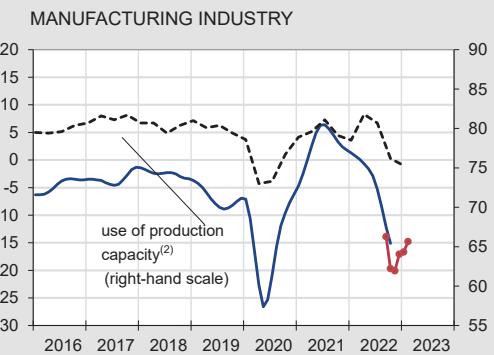
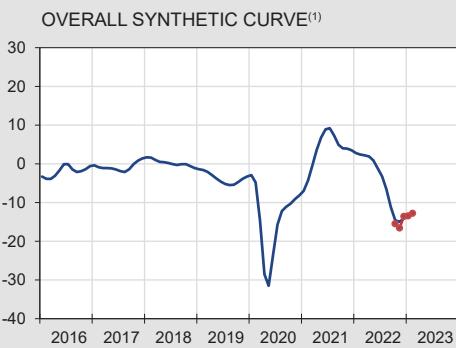
(4) Harmonised data from the quarterly labour force survey (LFS), unadjusted data. Break in series in 2017-I due to the reform and modernization of the LFS.

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

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

(7) 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.

## ■ Business survey NBB.Stat



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

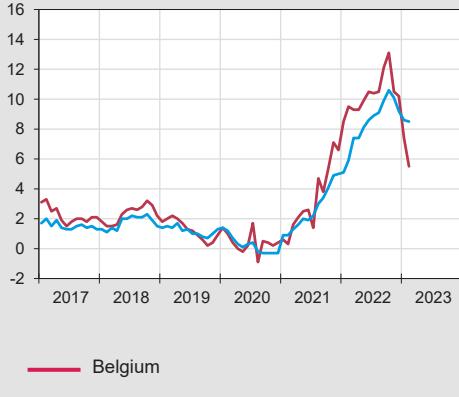
(4) Over the next 12 months.

# ■ Harmonised index of consumer prices

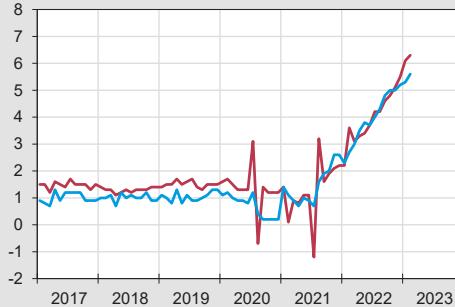
## Annual data

	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



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	
	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	J	F
(percentage changes compared to the corresponding month of the previous year)														
<b>BELGIUM</b>														
Total HICP	9.5	9.3	9.3	9.9	10.5	10.4	10.5	12.1	13.1	10.5	10.2	7.4	5.5 <sup>(5)</sup>	
Energy	65.9	64.8	62.9	65.5	64.6	55.1	55.3	67.2	69.2	37.9	33.0	0.9	-14.5 <sup>(5)</sup>	
Unprocessed food <sup>(1)</sup>	3.2	4.6	4.1	5.5	7.1	8.0	8.7	8.9	11.8	14.4	13.5	16.1	16.5 <sup>(5)</sup>	
Processed food	4.5	4.6	5.2	6.6	8.3	9.3	9.6	10.5	11.6	13.1	13.5	16.3	16.9 <sup>(5)</sup>	
Underlying trend in inflation <sup>(2)</sup>	3.6	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.7	4.2	4.2	4.6	4.8	5.1	5.5	6.1	6.3 <sup>(5)</sup>	
Non-energy industrial goods	4.8	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.6	4.0	4.2	5.1	5.6	6.0	6.4	6.7	6.8 <sup>(5)</sup>	
Services	2.8	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.8	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.5	4.8	5.5	5.9 <sup>(5)</sup>	
<i>p.m.</i> National index of consumer prices														
General index	8.0	8.3	8.3	9.0	9.7	9.6	9.9	11.3	12.3	10.6	10.4	8.1	6.6	
Health index <sup>(3)</sup>	7.6	7.7	7.8	8.3	8.7	9.1	9.7	11.3	12.3	10.6	10.6	8.3	6.8	
<b>EURO AREA<sup>(4)</sup></b>														
Total HICP	5.9	7.4	7.4	8.1	8.6	8.9	9.1	9.9	10.6	10.1	9.2	8.6	8.5 <sup>(5)</sup>	
Energy	32.0	44.3	37.5	39.1	42.0	39.6	38.6	40.7	41.5	34.9	25.5	18.9	13.7 <sup>(5)</sup>	
Unprocessed food <sup>(1)</sup>	6.2	7.8	9.2	9.0	11.2	11.1	11.0	12.7	15.5	13.8	12.0	11.3	13.6 <sup>(5)</sup>	
Processed food	3.5	4.1	5.4	7.0	8.2	9.4	10.5	11.5	12.4	13.6	14.3	15.0	15.5 <sup>(5)</sup>	
Underlying trend in inflation <sup>(2)</sup>	2.7	3.0	3.5	3.8	3.7	4.0	4.3	4.8	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.3	5.6 <sup>(5)</sup>	
Non-energy industrial goods	3.1	3.4	3.8	4.2	4.3	4.5	5.1	5.5	6.1	6.1	6.4	6.7	6.8 <sup>(5)</sup>	
Services	2.5	2.7	3.3	3.5	3.4	3.7	3.8	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.8 <sup>(5)</sup>	

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

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<i>(percentages of GDP)</i>					
<b>REVENUE</b>					
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 <sup>(2)</sup>	7.2	7.1	7.0	7.0	6.9
Total	51.3	51.4	49.9	49.9	49.9
<b>PRIMARY EXPENDITURE</b>					
Social benefits <sup>(3)</sup>	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
<b>PRIMARY BALANCE</b>	1.7	1.3	0.0	-7.0	-3.9
<b>INTEREST CHARGES</b>	2.4	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.7
<b>OVERALL BALANCE</b>	-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
<b>INTERNATIONAL COMPARISON</b>					
Primary balance					
Belgium	1.7	1.3	0.0	-7.0	-3.9
Euro area <sup>(4)</sup>	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 <sup>(4)</sup>	-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 <sup>(4)</sup>	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.

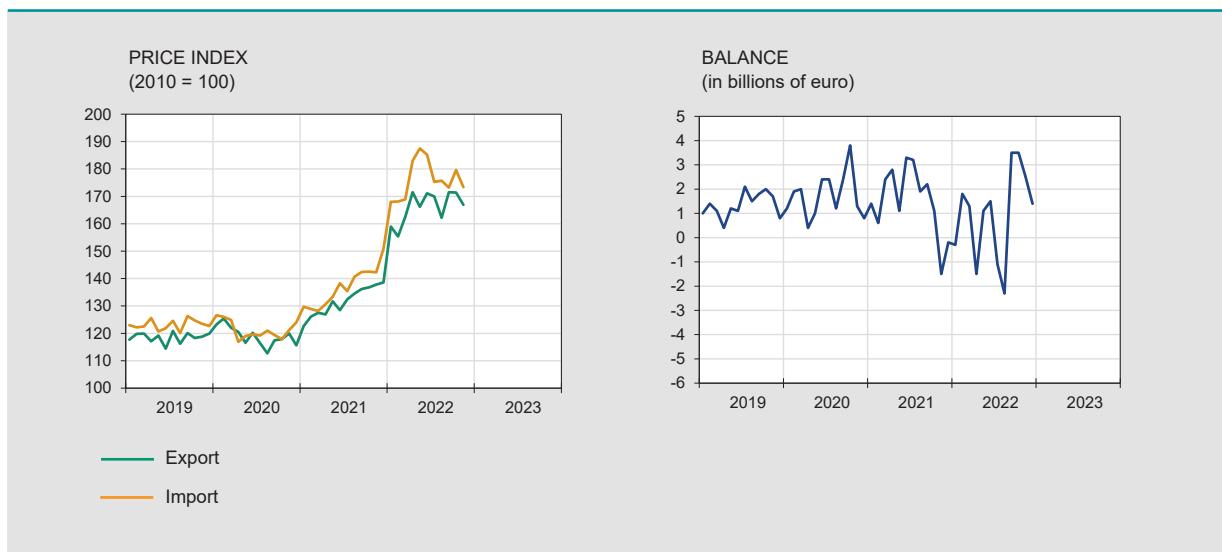
(2) Property income, imputed social security contributions, transfers from other sectors and sales of goods and services.

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

(4) Euro area = EA19.

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

	2021		2022											
	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	
<b>VALUE</b>														
<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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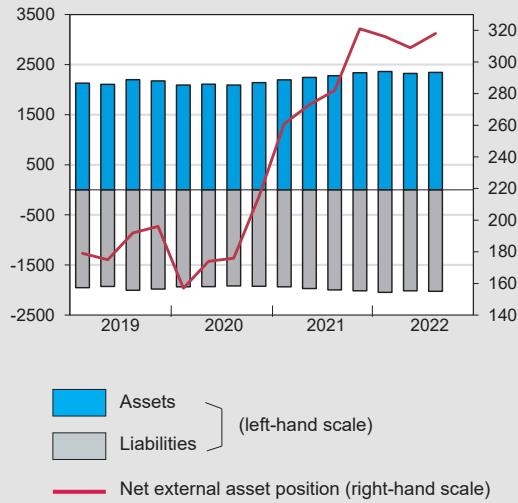
	2021				2022								
	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S
<i>(cumulative data over the last 12 months, in billions of euro)</i>													
CURRENT ACCOUNT	8.9	6.1	2.8	2.2	-0.3	-1.4	-3.1	-7.2	-7.8	-11.9	-17.7	-22.1	-22.3
Goods	10.1	7.4	4.9	4.0	1.3	0.9	-1.2	-4.9	-5.5	-9.2	-14.4	-18.5	-19.5
Services	2.0	1.9	1.5	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)



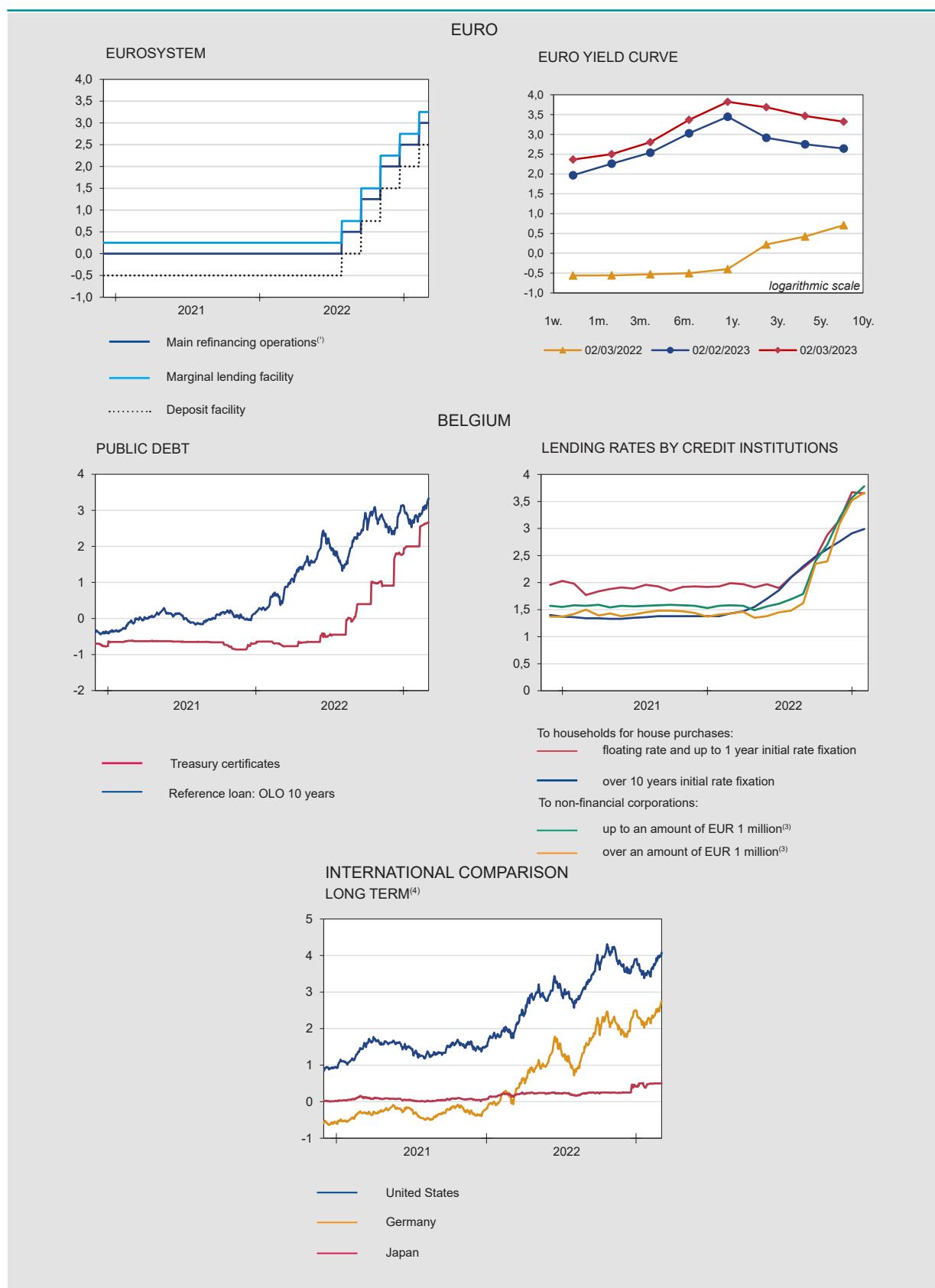
INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT POSITION  
(quarterly data in billions of euro)



Sources: NBB, NAI.

# ■ Financial markets

## Interest rates [NBB.Stat](#)



Sources: ECB, NBB.

(1) Minimum bid rate.

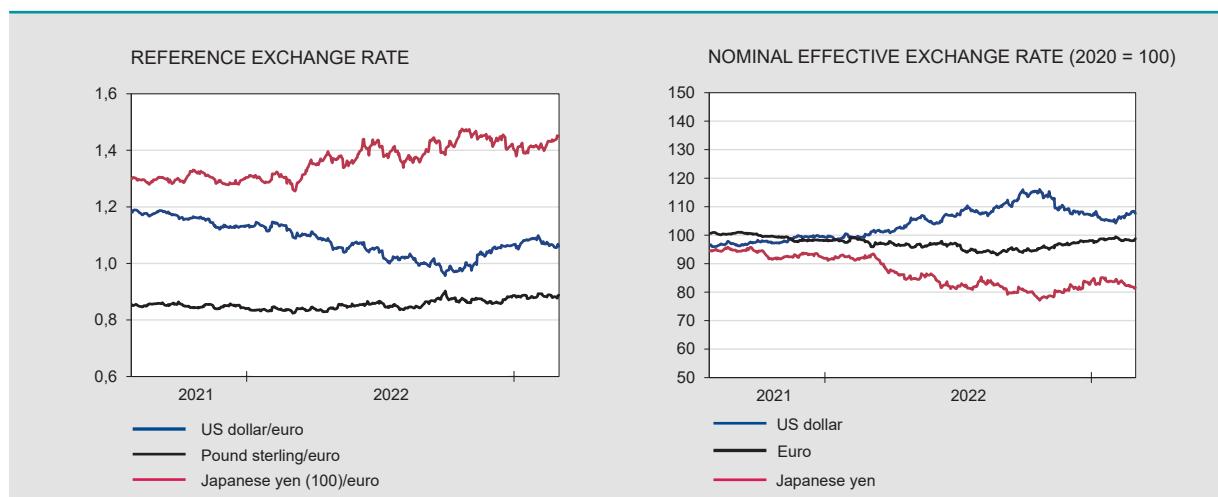
(2) Weighted average rate.

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

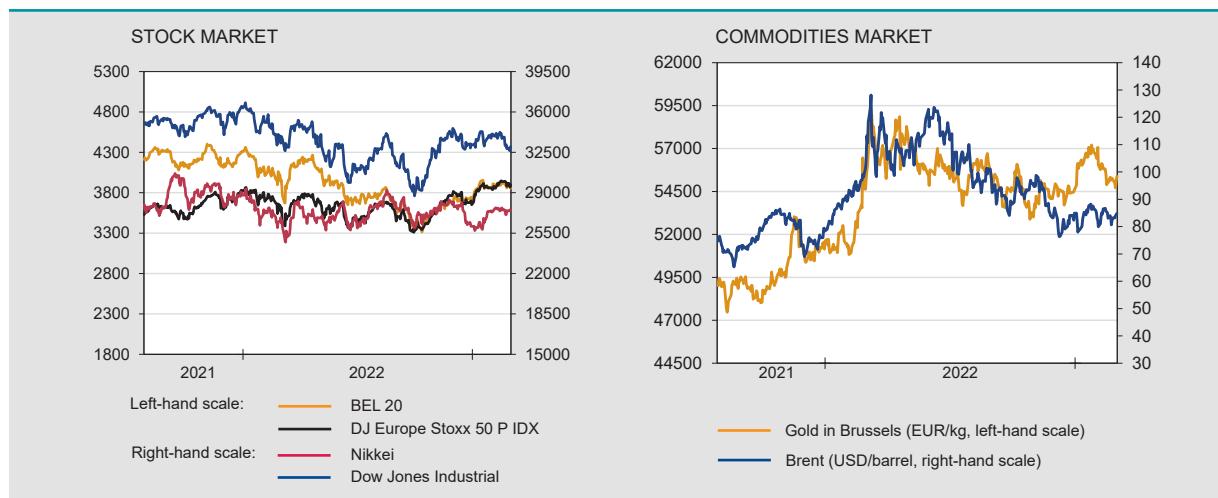
(4) Ten-year government bond.

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



Sources: ECB, BIS, Euronext.

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

	2022												2023	
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	
(end of period, in billions of euro)														
<b>EURO AREA</b>														
M3 excluding currency in circulation	14009	14042	14115	14228	14264	14340	14453	14537	14639	14574	14630	14608	14545	
M3	15487	15529	15625	15748	15793	15875	15997	16076	16177	16111	16164	16153	16078	
of which: by MFI <sup>(2)</sup> 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	294.4	282.1	
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	34.3	41.2	
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	326.0	326.4	
Others M3 <sup>(3)</sup> components	29.3	29.4	29.0	33.9	36.5	35.9	41.3	37.8	35.6	36.0	35.9	40.9	41.7	
M3 <sup>(3)</sup>	673.1	667.9	670.3	680.0	684.7	687.9	697.1	692.7	693.6	693.9	693.9	695.5	691.5	

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.

## ■ 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)									
<b>FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>										
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
<b>FINANCIAL LIABILITIES</b>										
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
<b>NET FINANCIAL WEALTH</b>										
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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