

External statistics

Balance of payments, services and investments with foreign countries

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1. Access to OneGate via CSAM

Resident companies are now advised to log in to the OneGate application through **CSAM**, the government's online services portal.



This system is already used by the applications Intervat, Finprof, Dimona, DMFA, etc.

The CSAM portal combined with the OneGate module for access management offers a double advantage:

1. it allows declarants to manage the access of employees from the same company, as well as to invite third parties (accounting firms, fiduciaries);
2. it guarantees a higher level of security than the combination of a username and a password. With CSAM, the identification is done with an eID card reader or via *itsme*.

From 2024, only CSAM or a commercial certificate will allow access to OneGate. From then on, the combination of username and password will no longer be valid.

For more information, visit [our website](#) or the [CSAM portal](#).

2. MCC – Payment transactions by merchant category code

The **exemption regime** provided by Regulation ECB/2020/59 on payment statistics has been extended to MCC declarations.

Therefore, if your institution is one of the institutions listed [here](#), it is exempted from the obligations to report card payments as from the reference period “January 2023” (not before!). Please note that this list will be revised every year ([Information on exemptions](#)).

3. Direct and other foreign investments

3.1 DIVIDENDS IN F*FDI REPORT

For the compilation of Belgium's balance of payments and international investment position, we would like to clarify that in items J1101, J1102, J1001, J1002, X1101, X1102, W1001 and W1002 of the F*FDI report, **dividends should only be included at the time of their effective payment** and therefore not when the company makes provisions at the close of the previous financial year.

3.2 COMPANIES WITHOUT CAPITAL

As part of the 2019 company law reform, several clarifications have been made in the F*FDI, S*FDI and R*FDI reports to reflect the replacement of the term “capital” by the term “**contributions**” in private and cooperative companies.

The capital-related items have been adjusted accordingly. However, this does not change the way you report.

Here is an overview of the changes:

- Items M*211 “10 - Capital” have been changed to “10 – Capital (For companies without capital 10/11 – contributions)”. This corresponds to the annual accounts section 10/11.
- Items M*212 “Issue premiums” are deleted in OneGate.
- Item J0018 “694 – Dividends allocated” has been changed to “694 – Reimbursement of capital/contributions”. The data from the annual accounts section 694 may be entered here.
- The other items relating to changes in capital or contributions will be redefined in the same way. The term “capital” may be interpreted as “contributions” for companies without capital.

4. FDI – GRPFDI report



To simplify the completing process of the GRPFDI report, we created a [quick guide](#). Feel free to consult it!