Recovery and Resilience in Belgium

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Structure

1 Belgium economic snapshot

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Belgium’s public investment follows a positive trend

Gross Fixed Capital Formation by the public sector in Belgium
(% of GDP, Belgian Federal Planning Bureau)

Establishment of the current Federal Government: October 2020
Economic activity and the labour market have recovered rapidly.

Real GDP
(2019 = 100, % of GDP, Eurostat)

Employment rate
(20-64 years, Eurostat)
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Recovery Plan(s) in Belgium

- National Recovery and Resilience Plan
  - 5.9 bn €*

- Recovery Plans of the Regions and Communities

- Federal Recovery and investment Plan
  - 1.6 bn €

- Private companies

- Transformation Fund (SFPI-FPIM)

Scope of NextGen Belgium

* Updated RRF maximal contribution = 4.5 bn €
The 5 strategic axes of Next Gen Belgium

**Sustainable**
Making a successful transition to a low-carbon Economy

**Digital**
Improving the connectivity of our economy while guarding against increasing risk

**Mobile**
Improve the accessibility of our cities and promote alternative means of mobility

**Inclusive**
Strengthen strong social cohesion and combat growing inequalities

**Productive**
Supporting the achievement of the 80% employment rate while advancing research and innovation

[Image of solar panel, keyboard, cityscape, nurse and elderly person, and camera]
Sustainability

- Reforms of the **energy renovation schemes** to encourage and accelerate the renovation of residential buildings (all Regions)
- Launch of engineering and design studies for the **offshore energy island**
- Awarding of contracts for the development of a **hydrogen value chain** (e.g. production of green hydrogen)
- Procurement for the development of a **low carbon industry** in Wallonia
Digital

- Creation of a Digital Transformation Office to guide the digitization of justice
- Introduction of the EU connectivity toolbox
- Introduction of a new platform facilitating interaction between the administration and citizens/businesses in the Brussels Region
- Selection of pilot projects for the AI Institute in Brussels
- Law establishing a Health Data Authority
- Launch of the first 5G auctions
| ✔️ Adoption of the **mobility budget** and the **company car reform** |
| ✔️ **Tax incentives** for the installation of private and semi-private charging stations |
| ✔️ Works to improve **railway station accessibility** and 6,000 new **bicycle parking** spaces |
| ✔️ Delivery plans for **charging stations** (all Regions) |
| ✔️ **Rail infrastructure renovations** (**34 rail infrastructure improvement** projects completed) |
Inclusion

✅ 2700 schools/establishments digitally equipped in Flanders, Brussels and the German-speaking community

✅ Deployment of additional resources in hundreds of schools and CPMS to support pupils who have difficulties in the context of covid

✅ Selection of 'Digibanks' projects to fight the digital divide in Flanders

✅ Operationalisation of the VirusBank laboratory in partnership with universities
Productivity and innovation

- Reform of **support to jobseekers** in Wallonia
- **Learning account**: federal reform developing individual entitlement to training for employees.
- **Learning and Career Offensive**: training of 300,000+ people as part in Flanders
- Award of public contracts for projects promoting **circular economy** in Flanders and Wallonia
- **A6KE6K** - Digital and technological innovation and training hub
- **R&D** on minimizing waste in **nuclear** dismantling
- **EU Biotech School** to support start-ups and scale-ups