Belgium is one of the most decentralised OECD countries; in terms of public investment, state and local government investment accounts for over 90% of total government investment.

Belgium has the oldest Independent Fiscal Institution among OECD countries, it was established in 1936.

Trust in government in Belgium decreased from 60% to 44% over the 2007-12 period, one of the largest decreases within the OECD.

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**Trust in government**

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<th>Percentage of Citizens with Confidence</th>
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<td>2007</td>
<td>60% (Belgium) 45% (OECD)</td>
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Source: Gallup World Poll

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**Impact of the tax system and grants on reducing income inequality**

Differences in income inequality before and after tax and government transfers (2010)

- **Belgium**: Gini Coefficient Before = 0.48, After = 0.31
- **OECD**: Gini Coefficient Before = 0.47, After = 0.31

Source: OECD Income Distribution Database

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**Public sector efficiency**

- **Education: performance in PISA reading scores and expenditure per student (aged 6 to 15) in USD PPP (2009)**
  - **Belgium**: PISA Reading Score = 506, Expenditure = USD 93 100
  - **OECD**: PISA Reading Score = 495, Expenditure = USD 83 500

Source: OECD Education at a Glance 2012

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**Fiscal sustainability**

Total consolidation requirements between 2012 and 2030 in order to reduce government debt to 60% of GDP

- **Belgium**: 2.2% of potential GDP
- **OECD**: 3.0% of potential GDP

Source: OECD Economic Outlook No. 93 (May 2013)
Public Employment and Pay

Employment in general government (2011)

% of labour force

Belgium: 17.3%

OECD: 15.5%

Source: International Labour Organisation Database & OECD Labour Force Statistics

Annual compensation across central government positions (2011)

2011 USD PPP

Secretaries (general office clerks)

Belgium: 65,000
OECD: 50,000

Senior professionals

Belgium: 138,000
OECD: 89,000

Middle managers (D3 positions)

Belgium: 182,000
OECD: 126,000

Senior managers (D1 positions)

Belgium: 320,000
OECD: 232,000

Source: OECD 2012 Survey on Compensation of Employees in Central/Federal Governments

Women in Government

Share of women in general government (2010)

% of general government employment

Belgium: 56.7%
OECD: 56.8%

Source: International Labour Organisation

Share of ministers who are women (2012)

% of ministers

Belgium: 41.7%
OECD: 24.9%

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union Parlline Database

Public Procurement

Procurement expenditure (2011)

% of government expenditures

Belgium: 25.2%
OECD: 29.0%

Source: OECD National Accounts

Use of innovative procurement tools in central government (2012)

Functionality in e-procurement systems

Belgium:
- Procurement plans are published: 20
- Tenders are announced: 32
- Bids can be submitted electronically: 16
- Invoices can be submitted electronically: 8

OECD:
- Procurement plans are published: 8
- Tenders are announced: 7
- Bids can be submitted electronically: 13
- Invoices can be submitted electronically: 10

Yes, in national central e-procurement systems.
Yes, in e-procurement systems of specific procuring entities.
No.

Source: OECD 2012 Survey on Public Procurement
**Open and Inclusive Government**

**Asset disclosure: Level of disclosure of private interests and public availability of information (2012)**

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Source: OECD 2012 Survey on Conflict of Interest Disclosure

**Serving Citizens: quality of public services**

**Access to medical care (2011)**

- **Out of pocket expenditure as a % of final household consumption**
  - Belgium: 3.7%
  - OECD: 2.9%

**Citizen take-up of e-government services (2012)**

- **% of individuals using the internet to interact with public authorities**
  - Belgium: 50%
  - OECD: 50%

Source: OECD Health Statistics 2013

**Satisfaction and confidence across public services (2012)**

- **% of citizens expressing confidence/satisfaction**
  - National government: 44%
  - Judicial system: 46% 51%
  - Local police: 76% 72%
  - Health care: 87% 71%
  - Education system: 69% 66%

Source: World Gallup Poll

**Government at a Glance 2013**

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