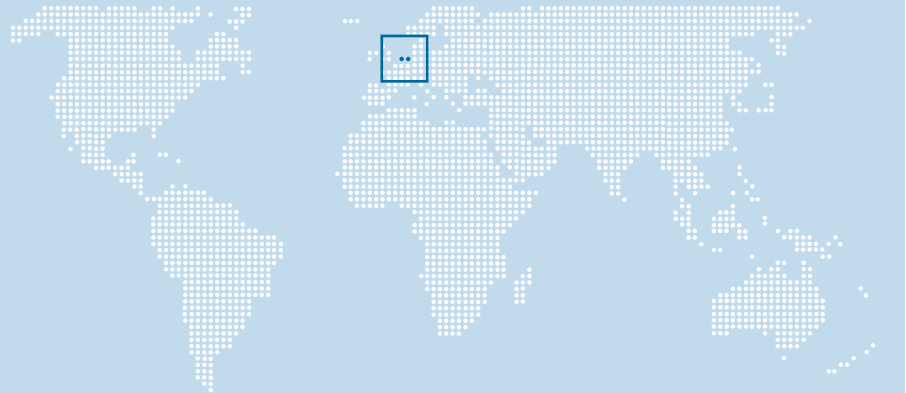


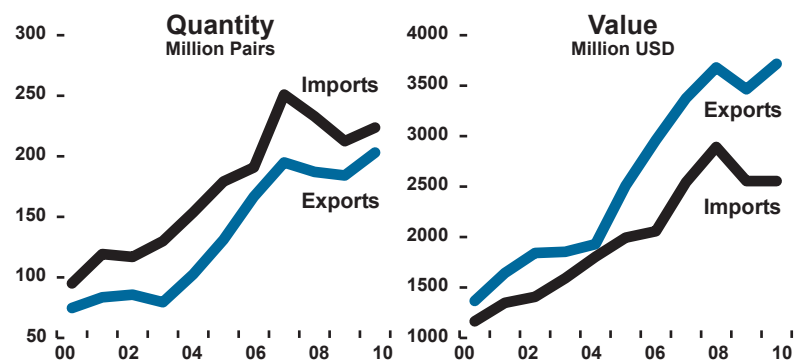
Location and main indicators

Capital	Brussels
Language	Dutch, French
Area	30 530 km ²
Population	11 million
GDP per capita	42 630 USD
GDP 2010	466 billion USD
ΔGDP 2010	+2.0%
ΔGDP last 5 years	+5.6%
Currency	Euro (EUR)



Footwear industry

2010	Value		Quantity		Prices
	Million USD	World Rank	Million Pairs	World Rank	USD
Exports	3 717	5	203	6	18.30
Imports	2 555	11	224	11	11.42
Production	28		1		27.84
Consumption			22		

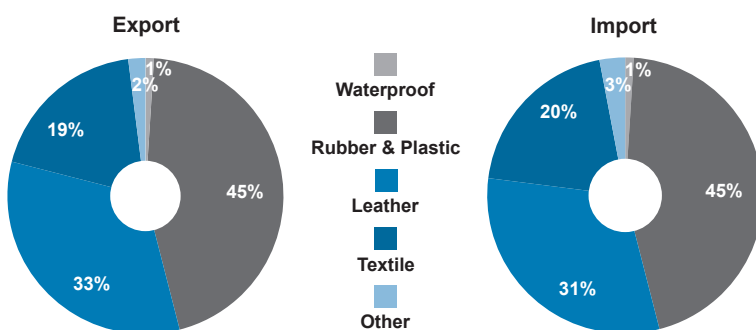


Main trading partners 2010

Export Markets	Million USD	% Value	Million Pairs	% Quantity	Variation (USD Million) Last 5 years	
France	900	24%	90	44%	↑ France	+277 +44%
Netherlands	542	15%	19	9%	↑ Germany	+224 +97%
Italy	482	13%	17	9%	↑ Turkey	+165
Germany	455	12%	22	11%	↑ Italy	+112 +30%
UK	333	9%	13	6%		

Import Origins	Million USD	% Value	Million Pairs	% Quantity	Variation (USD Million) Last 5 years	
China	737	29%	116	52%	↑ China	+266 +56%
Vietnam	386	15%	28	13%	↑ Indonesia	+111 +87%
Netherlands	295	12%	15	7%	↓ Thailand	-75 -90%
Italy	254	10%	6	3%	↑ Vietnam	+64 +20%
Indonesia	239	9%	22	10%		

Types of footwear traded 2010 (quantity)



Recent developments

Even if its footwear industry is one of the smallest among European Union countries, Belgium has, over the last decade, assumed a very relevant position in the international footwear trade, based on the intermediation of products between Asia and Europe. Belgium imports mainly from Asian countries such as China, Vietnam, and Indonesia and exports to its European neighbours. Both its imports and exports have more than doubled in terms of volume over the last ten years, making the country one of the world's largest importers and exporters of footwear. In 2010 Belgian exports increased to a new historical high.

Sectorial organizations

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