

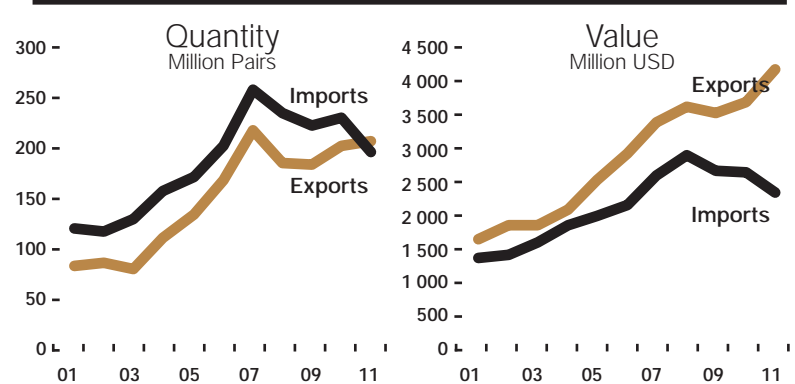
Location and main indicators

Capital	Brussels
Language	Dutch / French
Area	30 530 km ²
Population	11 million
GDP 2011	513 billion USD
GDP per capita	46 878 USD
Δ GDP 2011	+1.9%
Δ GDP last 5 years	+5.2%
Currency	Euro (EUR)



Footwear industry

2011	Value		Quantity		Prices
	Million USD	World Rank	Million Pairs	World Rank	USD
Exports	4 172	6	207	5	20.16
Imports	2 322	11	195	12	11.89
Production			1	113	
Consumption			22	77	

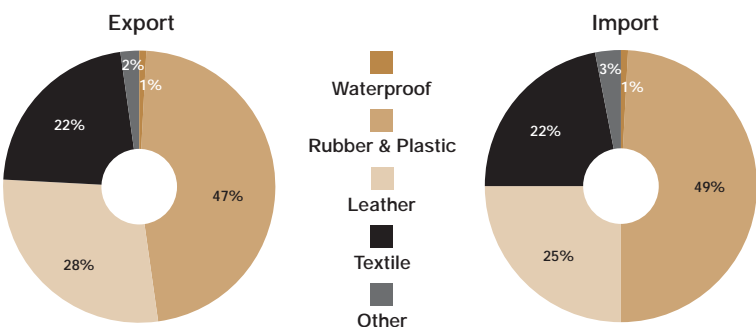


Main trading partners 2011

Export Markets	Million USD	Value Share	Million Pairs	Quantity Share	Last 5 years variation USD Million %
France	1 007	24%	97	47%	+52%
Italy	507	12%	15	7%	+89%
Germany	497	12%	22	11%	+343
Netherlands	496	12%	17	8%	+233
UK	489	12%	17	8%	+185
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Import Origins	Million USD	Value Share	Million Pairs	Quantity Share	Last 5 years variation USD Million %
China	629	27%	112	57%	+64%
Netherlands	325	14%	14	7%	+19%
Italy	287	12%	7	4%	-89%
Vietnam	209	9%	14	7%	-105
France	180	8%	9	5%	-128

Types of footwear traded 2011 (quantity)



Recent developments

Belgium is one of the most relevant platforms in international footwear trade, being simultaneously among the largest importers and exporters. However, trade statistics show a decline in Belgian imports in 2011, whereas exports continued to grow. Belgian exports are concentrated in European markets, but its imports come mainly from Asia.

Sectorial organizations

FEBIC - Federatie van de Belgische Schoeiselindustrie | www.febic.be

Fairs & Events

Shoe Preview & Shoes4kids, Brussels (Feb; Aug) | www.trademart.be
 Shoe Show, Brussels (Mar; Sep) | www.trademart.be