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Political system:	Constitutional monarchy
Capital city:	Brussels
Total area	30 528 km ²
Population:	10.7 million
Currency	euro
Value in Euro	1.00000 €
Value in US \$	\$1.37050
Official EU language	German, French, Dutch

Year of EU entry	Founding member
Year of Schengen entry	1985
Eurozone (15)	Yes

GDP (2008)	348 886.8 Mio €
Household (2008)	185 645.6 Mio €
Economic Growth (2008)	2.20%
Budgetary deficit in % of GDP (2006)	0.20%
Foreign trade – balance of payments in % of GDP (2005)	2.60%
Inflation rate (2008)	4.50%
Interest rate (2007)	5.00%
Unemployment (2006)	8.2%