

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK & BELGIUM

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The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is dedicated to reducing poverty in the Asia and Pacific region through pro-poor sustainable economic growth, social development, and good governance. Established in 1966, it is owned by 66 member nations—47 from the region—who have committed \$116 billion to the vision of a region free of poverty.

Belgium is the 29th largest shareholder. It has contributed \$172.08 million in capital subscription and \$178.73 million to special funds since joining in 1966. Despite many successes, the region is still home to two thirds of the world's poor: nearly 1.9 billion people who live on \$2 a day or less, with 620 million struggling on less than \$1 a day.

Belgian companies and consultants have been awarded \$301.82 million in procurement contracts on ADB-financed projects since 1967.

In 2005, ADB approved \$6.95 billion in loans and grants for projects and technical assistance of \$198.7 million. This also generated \$7.4 billion in cofinancing from commercial financial organizations, official funding institutions, and export credit agencies.

In addition to project loans, grants, and technical assistance, ADB uses guarantees and equity investments to help its developing member countries.

With headquarters in Manila, it has 26 offices around the world and more than 2,000 staff from over 50 countries.

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Shareholding and Voting Power

Belgium is the ninth largest shareholder in ADB among 19 nonregional members, a position it shares with Austria, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, and Turkey. Overall, Belgium is the 29th largest shareholder, a position it shares with Austria, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, and Turkey.

Number of shares held:	12,040 (0.34% of total shares)
Votes:	25,427 (0.58% of total membership, 1.64% of total nonregional membership)
Overall capital subscription:	\$172.08 million*
Paid-in capital subscription:	\$12.05 million*

Contributions to Special Funds Resources

Belgium has contributed to the Asian Development Fund (ADF), which is ADB's window for concessional lending to its borrowing members, and to the Technical Assistance Special Fund (TASF), which provides grants to borrowing members to help prepare projects and undertake technical or policy studies.

Contributions to the ADF (committed):	\$175.74 million
Contributions to the TASF (committed):	\$2.99 million

Channel Financing Agreement

A channel financing agreement between Belgium and ADB was signed on 24 January 1997 for a contribution of Belgian francs (Bfr) 90 million (approximately \$2.2 million). Current priorities are education, public health, and water supply sectors in Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, and Viet Nam.

Cofinancing

ADB arranges cofinancing from commercial and official sources as additional resources for project financing. Cofinancing arrangements in 2005 amounted to \$7.4 billion for 31 public and 3 private sector projects and \$77.9 million in untied grant financing for 95 technical assistance projects. At the end of 2005, cumulative cofinancing arrangements (beginning 1970) amounted to about \$49.5 billion for 692 loan projects and \$531.7 million for 727 technical assistance projects.

* As of 31 December 2005.

In this brochure, "\$" refers to US dollars.

Cofinancing with Belgium from 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2005 comprised the following.

Loans:

Commercial:	2 loan projects, cofinancing of \$30.79 million
Technical Assistance:	1 technical assistance project, cofinancing of \$0.25 million

Loan projects cofinanced with Belgium, 1 January 2001–31 December 2005.

Country	Project	ADB Loan Amount (\$ million)	Cofinancing Amount (\$ million)	Type of Cofinancing ^a
Thailand	BLCP Power	40.0	16.28	C
Viet Nam	Phu My 3 Power	40.0	14.51	C

^a C = commercial cofinancing.

Share of ADB's Procurement Contracts

Each year, ADB provides loans to fund projects and activities in its Asian and Pacific developing members and several billion US dollars' worth of contracts to procure goods and consulting services.

From 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2005, ADB approved about \$28.12 billion in loans for 323 projects and \$892.1 million in technical assistance for 1,509 projects. As of 31 December 2005, the cumulative totals were \$116.0 billion in loans for 1,940 projects in 39 countries and \$2.78 billion for 5,923 technical assistance projects, including regional technical assistance projects.

Procurement contracts for goods and related services, civil works, and consulting services under loan and technical assistance operations totaled \$3.5 billion in 2004 and \$5.7 billion in 2005. Cumulative procurement as of 31 December 2005 was \$80.6 billion. Most contracts were awarded on the basis of international competition, which is open to firms and individuals from any ADB member country, regional or nonregional.

Belgium's share of procurement contracts, 2004–2005.

Item	2004		2005		Cumulative (as of 31 Dec 2005)	
	Amount (\$ million)	% of Total	Amount (\$ million)	% of Total	Amount (\$ million)	% of Total
Goods and Related Services, and Civil Works	5.73	0.18	32.11	0.61	294.07	0.39
Consulting Services	0.30	0.10	0.09	0.02	7.75	0.13

Contractors/Suppliers Involved in ADB Projects

Contractors/suppliers from Belgium involved in ADB loan projects,
1 January 2001–31 December 2005.

Contractor/Supplier	Sector	Contract Amount (\$ million)
Instromet International N.V.	Energy	12.61
Tyco Adhesives BVBA	Energy	0.13
APEC-Antwerp/Flanders Port Training Center	Transport and Communications	0.12

Consultants Involved in ADB Projects

From 1 January 1985 to 31 December 2005, consultants were involved in 5,169 contracts for ADB loan projects worth \$2.7 billion. During the same period, consultants from Belgium were involved in 31 contracts for ADB loan projects worth \$4 million.

Top consultants from Belgium involved in ADB loan projects,
1 January 2001–31 December 2005.

Consultant	Contract (No.)	Contract Amount (\$ million)
Belgian Individual Consultants	2	0.20

From 1 January 1985 to 31 December 2005, consultants were involved in 13,129 contracts for ADB technical assistance projects worth \$1.9 billion. During the same period, consultants from Belgium were involved in 51 contracts for ADB technical assistance projects worth \$5.5 million.

Top consultants (individual consultants and consulting firms) from Belgium involved in ADB technical assistance projects, 1 January 2001–31 December 2005.

Consultant	Contract (No.)	Contract Amount (\$ million)
Belgian Individual Consultants	23	1.40
Sema Group Belgium NV	1	0.73
Schlumberger Sema	1	0.36

Depository Libraries

ADB's Depository Library Program was established in response to increasing public interest in the activities of multilateral development institutions. Many ADB documents available to the public are stored in 170 depository libraries worldwide.

ADB depository libraries in Belgium.

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ADB Governor

The Honorable Didier Reynders, Minister of Finance, is the Governor for Belgium in ADB.

ADB Alternate Governor

Mr. Gino Alzetta, Director of Treasury, Ministry of Finance, is the Alternate Governor for Belgium in ADB.

ADB Executive Director

Mr. Patrick Pillon is the ADB Executive Director for Belgium, France, Italy, Portugal, Spain, and Switzerland. Mr. Pillon, who is from France, was ADB Executive Director's Advisor prior to his appointment as Executive Director. He served as Financial Counsellor of French Treasury for Central American and Caribbean Countries in Mexico City prior to joining ADB.

ADB Alternate Executive Director

Mr. Joao Simoes de Almeida is the ADB Alternate Executive Director for Belgium, France, Italy, Portugal, Spain, and Switzerland. Mr. Almeida is a Portuguese national who served in the Ministry of Finance as General Secretary.

ADB Executive Director's Advisors

Mr. Johan Dubois (who is from Belgium) and **Ms. Paola Pettinari** (who is from Italy), together with the Executive Director and the Alternate Executive Director, also provide technical advice and assist interested parties of the constituency member countries in their contacts with ADB.

Constituency Represented

The constituency that Executive Director Pillon and Alternate Executive Director Almeida represent on ADB's Board of Directors also includes France, Italy, Portugal, Spain, and Switzerland.

Member of Senior Advisory Council

Mr. Claude Wantiez, a practicing lawyer from Belgium, is a member of the ADB Administrative Tribunal.

ADB Staff Members

As of 31 December 2005, there were 11 professional staff members from Belgium in ADB (1.25% of the total professional staff), including two senior staff members.

Commercial Liaison to ADB

The Belgian Trade and Investment Office at the Embassy of Belgium can also contribute to providing technical advice and assisting Belgian firms in pursuing business opportunities resulting from ADB activities. The Belgian Trade and Investment Office is located on the 9th Floor, Multinational Bancorporation Centre, 6805 Ayala Avenue, Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines.

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