

A Fact Sheet

Belgium

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The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is a multilateral development finance institution owned by 63 members, 45 from Asia and the Pacific and 18 from other parts of the globe. ADB's vision is an Asia and Pacific region free of poverty. Its mission is to help its developing member countries reduce poverty and improve their living conditions and quality of life. ADB pursues a strategic agenda—sustainable economic growth, inclusive social development, and governance for effective policies and institutions—with three crosscutting themes: private sector development, regional cooperation, and environmental sustainability.

ADB's main instruments in providing help to its developing member countries are policy dialogues, loans, technical assistance, grants, guarantees, and equity investments. In 2003, ADB's total lending volume was US\$6.1 billion. Technical assistance, which is used for preparing and implementing projects, supporting advisory activities, and undertaking regional activities, amounted to US\$176.5 million. Grants totaling US\$483.5 million were also provided.

ADB was established in 1966. Belgium was one of its 31 founding members.

ADB's headquarters is in Manila. It has 23 offices around the world.

ADB's staff numbers more than 2,000 employees from over 50 countries.

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Shareholding and Voting Power

Belgium is the ninth largest shareholder in ADB among its nonregional members, a position it shares with Austria, Denmark, Finland, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, and Turkey. Overall, Belgium is the 28th largest shareholder, a position it shares with Austria, Denmark, Finland, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, and Turkey.

Number of shares held:	12,040 (0.34% of total shares)
Votes:	25,925 (0.59% of total membership, 1.69% of total nonregional membership)
Overall capital subscription:	US\$178.91 million
Paid-in capital subscription:	US\$12.53 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):	US\$186.40 million
Contributions to the TASF (committed):	US\$2.99 million

Channel Financing Agreement

A channel financing agreement between Belgium and ADB was signed on 24 January 1997. As of 31 December 2003, the cumulative amount contributed was BF90 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 official, commercial, and export credit sources as additional resources for project financing. Cofinancing arrangements in 2003 amounted to US\$2.42 billion for 28 loan projects and US\$471.93 million in untied grant financing for 89 technical assistance projects and grant components of loan projects. At the end of 2003, cumulative cofinancing arrangements (beginning in 1970) amounted to US\$40.65 billion for 637 loan projects and US\$1.055 billion in grants for 590 technical assistance projects and grant components of loan projects.

Cofinancing with Belgium from 1 January 1999 to 31 December 2003 comprised the following.

Loans:	1 loan project, cofinancing of US\$3.30 million
Commercial:	1 loan project, cofinancing of US\$3.30 million
Technical Assistance:	2 technical assistance projects, cofinancing of US\$0.93 million

Loan projects cofinanced with Belgium, 1 January 1999–31 December 2003.

Country	Project	ADB Loan Amount (US\$ million)	Cofinancing Amount (US\$ million)	Type of Cofinancing ^a
China, People's Rep. of	Chengdu Generale Des Eaux-Marubeni Waterworks Company Ltd.	26.50	3.30	C

^aC = 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 1999 to 31 December 2003, ADB approved US\$27.66 billion in loans for 318 projects and US\$839.3 million in technical assistance for 1,503 projects. As of 31 December 2003, the cumulative totals were US\$105.07 billion in loans for 1,818 projects in 39 countries and US\$2.20 billion for 5,053 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 US\$4.46 billion in 2002 and US\$3.50 billion in 2003. Cumulative procurement as of 31 December 2003 was US\$70.94 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, 2002–2003.

Item	2002		2003		Cumulative (as of 31 Dec. 2003)	
	Amount (US\$ million)	% of Total	Amount (US\$ million)	% of Total	Amount (US\$ million)	% of Total
Goods and Related Services, and Civil Works	13.95	0.33	11.61	0.37	240.17	0.37
Consulting Services	0.78	0.31	1.10	0.32	7.24	0.14

Contractors/Suppliers Involved in ADB Projects

Contractors/suppliers from Belgium involved in ADB loan projects, 1 January 1999–31 December 2003.

Contractor/Supplier	Sector	Contract Amount (US\$ million)
Instromet International N.V.	Energy	12.06
GEFS International	Multisector	0.15
APEC-ANTWERP/FLANDERS Port Training Center	Transport and Communications	0.12

Consultants Involved in ADB Projects

From 1 January 1985 to 31 December 2003, consultants were involved in 4,429 contracts for ADB loan projects worth US\$2.37 billion. During the same period, consultants from Belgium were involved in 31 contracts for ADB loan projects worth US\$4.01 million.

Top consultants (individual consultants and consulting firms) from Belgium involved in ADB loan projects, 1 January 1999–31 December 2003.

Consultant	Contract (number)	Contract Amount (US\$ million)
Belgian Individual Consultants	2	0.20

From 1 January 1985 to 31 December 2003, consultants were involved in 10,523 contracts for ADB technical assistance projects worth US\$1.60 billion. During the same period, consultants from Austria were involved in 46 contracts for ADB technical assistance projects worth US\$5.38 million.

Top consultants (individual consultants and consulting firms) from Belgium involved in ADB technical assistance projects, 1 January 1999–31 December 2003.

Consultant	Contract (number)	Contract Amount (US\$ million)
Belgian Individual Consultants	23	1.41
Sema Group Belgium NV	1	0.73
IBF International Consultants	1	0.40
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 more than 160 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

(Vacant)

ADB Executive Director

Mr. Michele Miari Fulcis is the ADB Executive Director for Belgium, France, Italy, Portugal, Spain, and Switzerland. Mr. Miari Fulcis, who is from Italy, was Advisor to the Executive Director in the World Bank for Albania, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, and Timor-Leste.

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ADB Alternate Executive Director

Mr. Pascal Grégoire is the ADB Alternate Executive Director for Belgium, France, Italy, Portugal, Spain, and Switzerland. Mr. Grégoire, who is from Belgium, served the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and International Cooperation, while being Advisor to the “Eurogroup Unit,” Cabinet of the Minister of Finance. From 1997 to 1999, he was Executive Director’s Advisor, ADB.

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ADB Executive Director’s Advisors

Mr. Alejandro Nieto (who is from Spain) and **Mr. Patrick Pillon** (who is from France), 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.

Commercial Liaison to ADB

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 Embassy is located on the 9th Floor, Multinational Bancorporation Centre, 6805 Ayala Avenue, Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines.

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ADB Staff Members

As of 31 December 2003, there were nine professional staff members from Belgium in ADB (1.08% of the total professional staff), including two senior staff members.

European Representative Office

ADB's European Representative Office—which covers Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, and United Kingdom—is located at Rahmhofstrasse 2-4, 60313 Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

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