



Belgium – Directorate-General for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid (DGD)

OVERVIEW

The Directorate-General for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid (DGD) is responsible for setting Belgium's development policy and allocating its aid. Belgium-DGD became an IATI member in 2012 and first published to IATI in December 2014.

SCORE: 63.4

POSITION: 18 / 45

Good ^

2016: **Fair** 2015: **Poor** 2014: **Very Poor** 2013: **Poor**

Due to a [methodology change](#) after 2016, rankings are not directly comparable with 2018

Organisational planning and commitments
7.8 / 15

Finance and budgets
14.8 / 25

Project attributes
15.6 / 20

Joining-up development data
17.0 / 20

Performance
7.9 / 20

ANALYSIS

Belgium-DGD continues to make progress, moving from the 'very poor' category in 2014 to 'fair' in 2016, and the 'good' category in 2018.

It has improved the frequency of its data publication, going from less than quarterly in 2016 to monthly in 2018.

It also set up a new portal with information on its development projects.

Four of the organisational planning indicators, namely organisation strategy, annual report, allocation policy and country strategies, are published in the IATI Standard. There is, however, room for improvement in the quality of the information provided to the IATI Registry. For example, country strategies were out of date and current ones could only sometimes be found elsewhere. Belgium-DGD's procurement policy and audit are not available on the IATI Registry but can be found elsewhere.

Belgium-DGD has started publishing project budget documents to the IATI Registry, leaving capital spend and disaggregated budgets as the two indicators within the finance and budget component not published.

It provides information on all indicators in the project attributes component, except for sub-national locations. This is only sometimes published on its website.

Belgium-DGD performs well for all indicators within the joining-up development data component, apart from the procurement indicators, contracts and tenders. While tenders are consistently provided in other formats, contracts are not made available at all.

With regards to performance-related information, Belgium-DGD publishes objectives and pre-project impact appraisals in the IATI format. No information, however, is available on reviews and evaluations, as well as results.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Belgium-DGD should focus on improving the comprehensiveness of its publication.
- In particular, it should aim to cover all budgetary and financial indicators, share documents on project procurement and provide sub-national location information.
- It should also include performance-related information, namely reviews and evaluations, as well as results.

- Belgium-DGD should also ensure the data published in the IATI Registry is high quality so it is regularly updated.
- To demonstrate the impact of transparency on development work, Belgium-DGD should take responsibility to promote the use of the data they publish: internally, to promote coordination and effectiveness; and externally, to explore online and in-person feedback loops, including at country-level.