

27. Belgium – Belgian Development Agency

TOTAL

47.7%

SECTION A

COMMITMENT TO
AID TRANSPARENCY:

4.17/10

SECTION B

PUBLICATION
ORGANISATION LEVEL:

13.20/25

SECTION C

PUBLICATION
ACTIVITY LEVEL:

30.35/65

Overview

BTC is the Belgian Development Agency and executes the direct bilateral cooperation of Belgium with its partner countries. It supports about 200 development projects over 20 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Achievements and progress

- Belgium has made significant progress since the 2014 Index, moving up two performance categories and achieving its best overall score. It is one of the most improving organisations since 2014.
- Belgium made its first publication to the IATI Registry ahead of the 2015 EU Aid Transparency Review and is now providing data both at the organisation and activity levels.
- Belgium has improved its IATI publication adding its organisation strategy and total budget for the next three years as well as three activity level indicators (contact details, objectives and conditions data).

Challenges and room for improvement

- Despite most documents being available on the organisation's website, Belgium does not publish a complete organisation file in the IATI Standard.
- At the activity-level, contracts, budget documents, impact appraisals and the budget identifier are not published at all. Sub-national locations, Memoranda of Understanding, evaluations and results are not published consistently.
- Belgium does not have a data portal that provides information on its current development projects.

Recommendations

- Belgium should continue its efforts in publishing in the IATI Standard and complete its organisation file, including disaggregated budget in partner countries for the next three years. It should aim for quarterly publication, if not monthly.
- Belgium should improve its publication on development activities, in particular activity-related documents and performance indicators.
- Belgium should update its portal to make current data on its development activities available and more accessible to all stakeholders.

Have they met the Busan commitment on aid transparency?

☐ yes ☐ partly ☒ no

National, regional or international commitments to aid transparency?

- 2011 EU Transparency Guarantee

Donor Profile

2016 Index:

FAIR 47.7%

2014 Index:

VERY POOR 18.8%

2013 Index:

POOR 23.4%

First published to IATI:

DECEMBER 2014

Frequency of publication	Quarterly
Indicators published to IATI	21/36
Activity budgets	IATI
Total budget	3 years – IATI
Disaggregated budgets	1 year – CSV/Excel

This table highlights the organisation's performance in providing timely, comprehensive and forward-looking aid data in a comparable and open format.

- Frequency of publication is measured by the IATI Dashboard.
- Comprehensiveness is measured against the indicators used in the Index at the organisation and activity levels and their publication in the open and comparable IATI Standard.
- Forward-looking budgets for the organisation and its development activities are measured by indicators 9, 10 and 33.