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Western Europe

▼ Overall Performance

Index score

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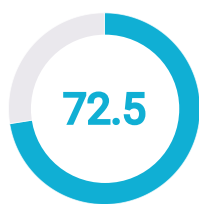
SDG Rank

Belgium

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▼ Performance by SDG

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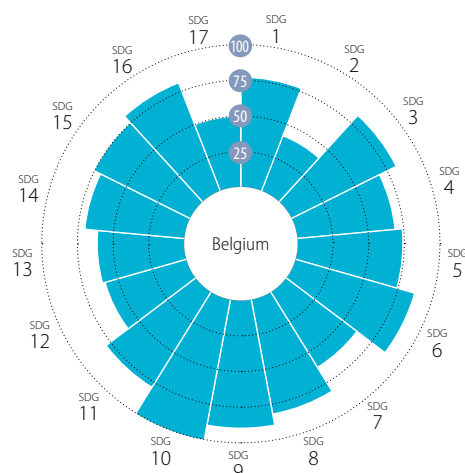
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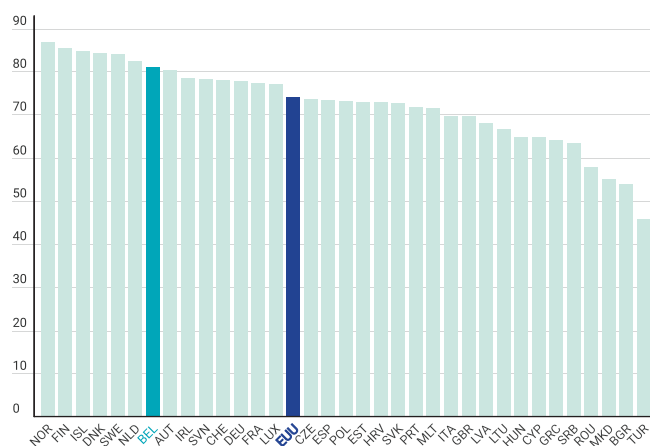|		
1 NO POVERTY ⬆	**2 ZERO HUNGER** ➡	**3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING** ↗
4 QUALITY EDUCATION ↗	**5 GENDER EQUALITY** ↗	**6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION** ⬆
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY ↗	**8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH** ⬆	**9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE** ⬆
10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES ⬆	**11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES** ⬆	**12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION** ➡
13 CLIMATE ACTION ➡	**14 LIFE BELOW WATER** ↗	**15 LIFE ON LAND** ➡
16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS ↗	**17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS** ➡	

■ Major challenges ■ Significant challenges ■ Challenges remain ■ SDG achieved ■ Information unavailable

↓ Decreasing → Stagnating ↗ Moderately improving ↑ On track or maintaining SDG achievement ● Information unavailable

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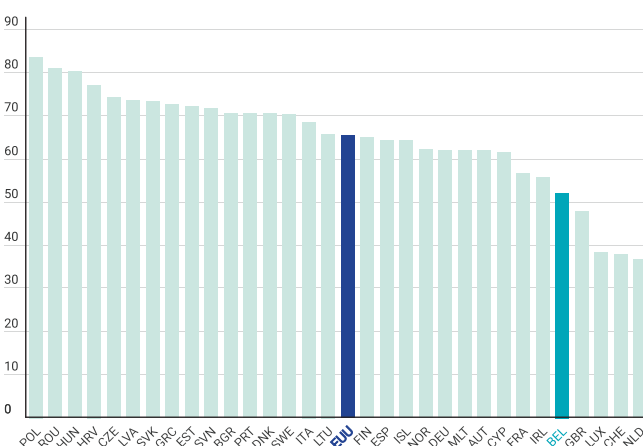The full title of each SDG is available here: https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/topics/sustainabledevelopmentgoals

▼ Leave No One Behind Index

100 (best) to 0 (worst)

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Performance by Indicator

SDG1 – No Poverty

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
People at risk of income poverty after social transfers (%)	14.1	2020	🟢	↑
Severely materially deprived people (%)	3.9	2020	🟢	↑
Poverty headcount ratio at $5.50/day (%)	0.5	2021	🟢	↑

SDG2 – Zero Hunger

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Prevalence of obesity, BMI ≥ 30 (% of adult population)	16.3	2019	🟠	↓
Human Trophic Level (best 2–3 worst)	2.38	2017	🟠	↗
Yield gap closure (%)	77.2	2015	🟠	⚫
Gross nitrogen balance on agricultural land (kg/hectare)	132.0	2015	🔴	⚫
Ammonia emissions from agriculture (kg/hectare)	46.8	2018	🔴	→
Exports of pesticides banned in the EU (kg per 1,000 population)	487.2	2019	🔴	⚫

SDG3 – Good Health and Well-Being

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Life expectancy at birth (years)	80.9	2020	🟢	↑
Gap in life expectancy at birth among regions (years)	3.8	2019	🟢	↑
Population with good or very good perceived health (% of population aged 16 or over)	75.4	2020	🟢	↑
Gap in self-reported health, by income (p.p.)	31.4	2020	🟡	↓
Gap in self-reported unmet need for medical examination and care, by income (p.p.)	4.5	2020	🟡	↑
New reported cases of tuberculosis (per 100,000 population)	8.9	2019	🟢	↑
Standardised preventable and treatable mortality (per 100,000 population aged less than 75)	216.8	2018	🟢	↑
Suicide rate (per 100,000 population)	15.9	2018	🟡	↗
Age-standardised death rate attributable to household air pollution and ambient air pollution (per 100,000 population)	16	2016	🟢	⚫
Mortality rate, under-5 (per 1,000 live births)	3.4	2019	🟢	↑
People killed in road accidents (per 100,000 population)	5.6	2019	🟢	↑
Surviving infants who received 2 WHO-recommended vaccines (%)	96	2019	🟢	↗
Population engaging in heavy, episodic drinking at least once a week (%)	7.6	2019	🟡	↗
Smoking prevalence (%)	21	2020	🟢	↑
People covered by health insurance for a core set of services (%)	98.6	2019	🟢	↑
Share of total health spending financed by out-of-pocket payments (%)	23.2	2019	🟢	↑
Subjective Wellbeing (average ladder score, worst 0–10 best)	6.8	2020	🟢	↑
Individuals that use the internet to make appointments with a practicioner (%)	36	2020	🟢	↑

SDG4 – Quality Education

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Participation in early childhood education (% of children between age of 3 and starting age of compulsory primary education)	98.3	2019	🟢	↑
Early leavers from education and training (% of population aged 18 to 24)	8.1	2020	🟢	↑
PISA score (worst 0–600 best)	500.0	2018	🟢	↑
Underachievers in science (% of population aged 15)	20.0	2018	🟢	↑
Variation in science performance explained by students' socio-economic status (%)	20.0	2018	🟠	↓
Tertiary educational attainment (% of population aged 25 to 34)	48.5	2020	🟢	↑
Adult participation in learning (%)	7.4	2020	🟡	→

SDG5 – Gender Equality

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Unadjusted gender pay gap (% of gross male earnings)	5.8	2019	🟢	↑
Gender employment gap (p.p.)	8.2	2020	🟢	↑
Population inactive due to caring responsibilities (% of population aged 20 to 64)	17.3	2020	🟢	↑
Seats held by women in national parliaments (%)	43.3	2020	🟢	↑
Positions held by women in senior management positions (%)	38.4	2020	🟡	↑
Proportion of ICT specialists that are women (%)	17.4	2020	🟠	→

SDG6 – Clean Water and Sanitation

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Population having neither a bath, nor a shower, nor indoor flushing toilet in their household (%)	0.1	2020	🟢	↑
Population connected to at least secondary wastewater treatment (%)	83.0	2017	🟢	↑
Freshwater abstraction (% of long-term average available water)	7.3	2017	🟢	↑
Scarce water consumption embodied in imports (m³/capita)	38.6	2013	🟠	↗
Population using safely managed water services (%)	99.9	2020	🟢	↑
Population using safely managed sanitation services (%)	88.8	2020	🟡	↑

SDG7 – Affordable and Clean Energy

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Population unable to keep home adequately warm (%)	4.1	2020	🟡	↑
Share of renewable energy in gross final energy consumption (%)	9.9	2019	🔴	→
CO2 emissions from fuel combustion per electricity output (MtCO2/TWh)	1.0	2019	🟡	↑

SDG8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Protection of fundamental labour rights (worst 0–1 best)	0.82	2020	🟢	↑
Gross disposable income (€/capita)	27,082	2019	🟢	↑
Youth not in employment, education or training (NEET) (% of population aged 15 to 29)	12.0	2020	🟢	↑
Unemployment Rate (% labour force)	5.6	2020	🟡	↑

SDG8 – (continued)

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
People killed in accidents at work (per 100,000 population)	1.9	2018	🟢	↑
In work at-risk-of-poverty rate (%)	4.2	2020	🟢	↑
Fatal work-related accidents embodied in imports (per 100,000 population)	1.6	2015	🟢	↑

SDG9 – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Gross domestic expenditure on R&D (% of GDP)	2.9	2019	🟢	↑
R&D personnel (% of active population)	1.9	2019	🟢	↑
Patent applications to the European Patent Office (per 1,000,000 population)	207.1	2020	🟢	↑
Households with broadband access (%)	91	2020	🟢	↑
Gap in internet access, urban vs rural areas (p.p.)	0	2020	🟢	↑
Individuals aged 55 to 74 years old who have basic or above basic digital skills (%)	40	2019	🟢	↑
Logistics performance index: Quality of trade and transport-related infrastructure (worst 1–5 best)	4.0	2018	🟢	↑
The Times Higher Education Universities Ranking: Average score of top 3 universities (worst 0–100 best)	63.9	2021	🟢	⚫
Scientific and technical journal articles (per 1,000 population)	1.4	2018	🟢	↑

SDG10 – Reduced Inequalities

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Gini Coefficient	25.4	2020	🟢	↑
Palma ratio	0.89	2018	🟢	⚫

SDG11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Urban population without access to green urban areas in their neighbourhood (%)	4.7	2018	🟢	↑
Overcrowding rate among people living with below 60% of median equivalized income (%)	15.5	2020	🟢	↑
Recycling rate of municipal waste (%)	54.7	2019	🟢	↑
Population living in a dwelling with a leaking roof, damp walls, floors or foundation or rot in window frames or floor (%)	15.7	2020	🟡	↑
Exposure to air pollution: PM2.5 in urban areas (µg/m³)	11.1	2019	🟢	↑

SDG12 – Responsible Consumption and Production

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Circular material use rate (%)	24.2	2019	🟢	↑
Gross value added in environmental goods and services sector	0.9	2018	🔴	→
Production-based SO2 emissions (kg/capita)	41.1	2015	🟡	→
Imported SO2 emissions (kg/capita)	29.8	2015	🔴	↓
Production-based emissions of reactive nitrogen (kg/capita)	12.5	2015	🔴	↓
Imported emissions of reactive nitrogen (kg/capita)	15.6	2015	🔴	↓

SDG13 – Climate Action

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
CO2 emissions from fossil fuel combustion and cement production (tCO2/capita)	8.6	2019	🔴	→
CO2 emissions embodied in imports (tCO2/capita)	2.4	2015	🟠	→
CO2 emissions embodied in fossil fuel exports (kg/capita)	203.8	2019	🟡	⚫

SDG14 – Life Below Water

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Bathing sites of excellent quality (%)	85.2	2019	🟢	↑
Fish caught from overexploited or collapsed stocks (% of total catch)	NA	NA	⚫	⚫
Fish caught by bottom trawling or dredging (%)	13.0	2018	🟡	↑
Fish caught that are then discarded (%)	34.6	2018	🔴	↓
Marine biodiversity threats embodied in imports (per million population)	0.2	2018	🟡	⚫
Mean area that is protected in marine sites important to biodiversity (%)	94.0	2020	🟢	↑

SDG15 – Life on Land

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Mean area that is protected in terrestrial sites important to biodiversity (%)	75.6	2020	🟠	→
Mean area that is protected in freshwater sites important to biodiversity (%)	85.6	2020	🟠	↗
Biochemical oxygen demand in rivers (mg O2/litre)	2.7	2018	🟢	↑
Nitrate in groundwater (mg NO3/litre)	30.6	2018	🟡	↓
Red List Index of species survival (worst 0–1 best)	0.98	2021	🟡	→
Terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity threats embodied in imports (per million population)	4.7	2018	🔴	⚫

SDG16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Death rate due to homicide (per 100,000 population)	1.0	2018	🟢	↑
Population reporting crime in their area (%)	10.8	2020	🟢	↑
Gap in population reporting crime in their area, by income (p.p.)	5.2	2020	🟢	↗
Access to justice (worst 0–1 best)	0.72	2020	🟢	↑
Timeliness of administrative proceedings (worst 0–1 best)	0.70	2020	🟢	↑
Constraints on government power (worst 0–1 best)	0.83	2020	🟢	↑
Corruption Perceptions Index (worst 0–100 best)	76	2020	🟢	↑
Unsentenced detainees (% of prison population)	35.6	2018	🟡	↓
Exports of major conventional weapons (TIV constant 1990 million USD per 100,000 population)	0.26	2020	🟢	⚫
Press Freedom Index (best 0–100 worst)	11.7	2021	🟢	↑

SDG17 – Partnerships for the Goals

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Official development assistance (% of GNI)	0.47	2020	🟠	↗
Shifted profits of multinationals (billion USD)	-45.7	2018	🔴	↓
Corporate Tax Haven Score (best 0–100 worst)	73	2021	🔴	⚫
Statistical Performance Index (worst 0–100 best)	82.4	2019	🟡	↑