GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2018

**Population**
11.482 Millions

**Exchange rate**
0.847 EUR/US$

**GDP**
532 491 Millions current US$

**Land area**
(°) 30 280 km²

**CPI growth**
2.05 %

**GDP growth**
1.40 %

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

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<th>Total merchandise trade (millions of US$)</th>
<th>2005</th>
<th>2010</th>
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<td>Merchandise exports</td>
<td>334 400</td>
<td>407 692</td>
<td>396 841</td>
<td>466 724</td>
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<td>Merchandise imports</td>
<td>318 700</td>
<td>391 177</td>
<td>375 530</td>
<td>450 075</td>
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<td>Merchandise trade balance</td>
<td>15 700</td>
<td>16 515</td>
<td>21 311</td>
<td>16 648</td>
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**Export structure by product group in 2018**

Top 5 partners in 2018

(exports, millions of US$)

- Germany: 82 906
- France: 67 372
- Netherlands: 56 995
- United Kingdom: 37 167
- United States of America: 24 281

INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

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<tr>
<th>Total trade in services (millions of US$)</th>
<th>2005</th>
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<td>Services exports</td>
<td>59 226</td>
<td>98 342</td>
<td>113 418</td>
<td>(e) 123 405</td>
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<td>Services imports</td>
<td>54 136</td>
<td>87 616</td>
<td>107 049</td>
<td>(e) 128 904</td>
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<td>Services trade balance</td>
<td>5 091</td>
<td>10 727</td>
<td>6 368</td>
<td>(e) -5 499</td>
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**Services exports by main category**

(as % of total services)

- Transport: -
- Travel: -
- Other services: -

TRADE INDICES

ECONOMIC TRENDS

**Economic indicators**

(millions of US$ unless otherwise specified)

- GDP, current: 387 356
- GDP per capita, current US$: 36 727
- Real GDP growth, y-on-y, %: 2.09
- Current account balance, % of GDP: 1.99
- Exchange rate (US$): 0.804

**GDP by expenditure in 2017**

(as % of total GDP)

- Household Consumption: 51.0
- General government final consumption expenditure: 23.3
- Gross Capital Formation: 24.6
- Exports: 85.8
- Imports: 84.6
**Belgium**

**FDI and External Financial Resources**

**Financial Flows**

(millions of US$ unless otherwise specified)

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>FDI Inflows</th>
<th>FDI Outflows</th>
<th>Personal Remittances, % of GDP</th>
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<td>2005</td>
<td>34,370.49</td>
<td>32,658.06</td>
<td>1.78</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>43,230.54</td>
<td>-8,312.09</td>
<td>2.14</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>23,533.26</td>
<td>39,888.65</td>
<td>2.19</td>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>4,872.58</td>
<td>6,909.90</td>
<td>2.15</td>
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**Financial Flows Trends**

(millions of US$)

- **FDI Outflows as % of GDP in 2018**: +1.3%

**Trade in Goods and Services**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Balance, % of GDP</th>
<th>Balance, % of Imports</th>
<th>Normalized Balance</th>
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<td>2005</td>
<td>2.44</td>
<td>3.40</td>
<td>0.017</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>1.28</td>
<td>1.70</td>
<td>0.008</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>1.17 (e) -0.91</td>
<td>1.47 (e) -1.03</td>
<td>0.007 (e) -0.005</td>
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**Trade Openness**

(sum of imports and exports as % of GDP)

- **2005**: 140
- **2010**: 150
- **2015**: 160
- **2016**: 170
- **2018**: 180

**Labour Force**

- **Male**: 54%
- **Female**: 46%

**Other Indicators**

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<th>Indicator</th>
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<td>Merchant fleet, national flag (thousands of DWT)</td>
<td>6,815</td>
<td>6,575</td>
<td>8,658</td>
<td>8,498</td>
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<td>Liner shipping connectivity index (maximum 2006 = 100 for China)</td>
<td>.. 83.87</td>
<td>85.81</td>
<td>87.51</td>
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<td>Container port throughput (TEU)</td>
<td>.. 11,055,745</td>
<td>11,237,600</td>
<td>12,682,100</td>
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**Information Economy Indicators**

(as % of)

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Share of ICT goods, % of total exports</th>
<th>Share of ICT goods, % of total imports</th>
<th>Share of workforce involved in the ICT sector</th>
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<td>2005</td>
<td>3.86</td>
<td>4.64</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>2.33</td>
<td>3.53</td>
<td>(o) 5.71</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>2.08</td>
<td>2.96</td>
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**0.442 %**

Share of the total world merchant fleet in 2018
Source: UNCTADstat (http://unctadstat.unctad.org)

Notes:
1 Land area refers to the total area of a country excluding area under inland water bodies. It differs from the country area, that includes area under inland water bodies, but excludes offshore territorial waters.
e Estimated.
n Estimated. Data refers to 2016.
o Number of persons employed in full time equivalent units. Total business economy includes repair of computers, personal and household goods; except financial and insurance activities.

Symbols for missing values:
0 Zero means that the amount is nil or negligible
.. Not available or not separately reported
_ Not applicable
... Not available, including no quotation
# Non-relevant calculation
- Not publishable
*** Negative accumulation of flows; Value included in regional and global totals

Abbreviations & acronyms:
DWT: Deadweight tons
FDI: Foreign direct investment
GDP: Gross domestic product
ICT: Information and communication technology
TEU: Twenty foot equivalent unit
US$: United States dollar

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