### MARITIME PROFILE: BELGIUM

#### GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2022

- **Population**
  - 11.656 Millions

- **Land area**
  - (j) 30 280 Km²

- **GDP**
  - 582 643 Millions current US$

- **GDP growth**
  - 3.01%

- **Merchandise trade**¹
  - 1 256 541 Millions current US$

- **Transport services trade**³
  - 282 992 Millions current US$

#### MARITIME KEY FIGURES FOR 2022

- **Coast/area ratio**²
  - 2.5 m/km²

- **Fleet - National flag**³
  - 9 777 Thousands DWT

- **Container port throughput**⁷
  - 12 697 162 TEU

- **Number of seafarers**⁸
  - ..

- **Number of port calls**⁹
  - ..

- **Ship building**⁴
  -..

- **Ship recycling**⁴
  - 4 962 GT

- **Fleet - Ownership**⁶
  - 29 212 Thousands DWT

- **Fleet - National flag**⁵
  - 201 ships

- **Fleet building**⁵
  -..

- **Fleet ownership (DWT)** (6)
  - 2.41%

- **Fleet ownership (US$)** (6)
  - 0.81%

- **Ship building (GT)** (4)
  - 0.07%

- **Ship recycling (GT)** (4)
  - Not available or not separately reported

- **Seafarer supply: Officers** (8)
  - Not available or not separately reported

- **Seafarer supply: Ratings** (8)
  - Not available or not separately reported

- **Container port throughput (TEU)** (7)
  - 1.60%

#### WORLD SHARES FOR 2022

- **Population**
  - 0.15%

- **Coastline (km)** (2)
  - Less than 0.01% of the World total

- **Gross Domestic Product (current US$)**
  - 0.58%

- **Merchandise exports (US$)**
  - 2.56%

- **Merchandise imports (US$)**
  - 2.41%

- **National flagged fleet (DWT)** (5)
  - 0.44%

- **National flagged fleet (US$)** (5)
  - 0.26%

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- **Port calls: Container ships** (9)
  - Not publishable

- **Port calls: Liquid bulk carriers** (9)
  - Not publishable

- **Port calls: Dry breakbulk carriers** (9)
  - Not publishable

- **Port calls: Dry bulk carriers** (9)
  - Not publishable

- **Port calls: LPG carriers** (9)
  - Not publishable

- **Port calls: LNG carriers** (9)
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### INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

#### Total merchandise trade

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<td>Merchandise exports</td>
<td>334 400</td>
<td>407 692</td>
<td>396 841</td>
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<td>Merchandise imports</td>
<td>318 700</td>
<td>391 177</td>
<td>375 530</td>
<td>618 868</td>
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<td>Merchandise trade balance</td>
<td>15 700</td>
<td>16 515</td>
<td>21 311</td>
<td>18 805</td>
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#### Export structure by product group in 2022

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<td>All food items</td>
<td>62 %</td>
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<td>Ores and metals</td>
<td>9 %</td>
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<td>Fuels</td>
<td>4 %</td>
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<td>Manufactured goods</td>
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#### Top 5 partners in 2022

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<th>Country</th>
<th>Exports (millions of US$)</th>
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<td>Germany</td>
<td>93 487</td>
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<td>Netherlands (Kingdom of the)</td>
<td>65 522</td>
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<td>France</td>
<td>57 451</td>
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<td>United States of America</td>
<td>31 468</td>
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<td>United Kingdom</td>
<td>23 793</td>
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### INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TRANSPORT SERVICES

#### Services exports by main category

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<td>Transport</td>
<td>(e) 25.6</td>
<td>27.1</td>
<td>20.8</td>
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<td>Travel</td>
<td>(e) 17.2</td>
<td>11.6</td>
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<td>Other services</td>
<td>(e) 52.1</td>
<td>55.6</td>
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#### Total trade in transport services

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<td>Transport services exports</td>
<td>(e) 15 152</td>
<td>26 700</td>
<td>22 701</td>
<td>31 739</td>
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<td>Transport services imports</td>
<td>(e) 13 018</td>
<td>21 314</td>
<td>23 281</td>
<td>33 349</td>
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<td>Transport services trade balance</td>
<td>(e) 2 135</td>
<td>5 386</td>
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<td>-1 610</td>
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### NATIONAL FLEET

#### Carrying capacity by type of ship

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<td>Total fleet</td>
<td>6 815.0</td>
<td>6 575.1</td>
<td>8 670.9</td>
<td>9 777.3</td>
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<td>Oil tankers</td>
<td>3 601.0</td>
<td>2 168.7</td>
<td>4 381.7</td>
<td>6 053.2</td>
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<td>Bulk carriers</td>
<td>2 242.0</td>
<td>2 730.8</td>
<td>2 745.4</td>
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<td>General cargo</td>
<td>3.0</td>
<td>150.3</td>
<td>101.8</td>
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<td>Container ships</td>
<td>311.0</td>
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<td>Other types of ships</td>
<td>658.0</td>
<td>1 394.2</td>
<td>1 442.0</td>
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#### Fleet by type of ship

![Diagram showing fleet by type of ship for years 2017 to 2022]
### Bilateral connectivity index - Top 10 partners in Q1 2022

*Can only take values between 0 (minimum) and 1 (maximum)*

No data available

### Liner shipping connectivity index

*Average Q1 2023=100*

#### Port calls, time spent in ports, vessel age and size in 2022

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Number of arrivals</th>
<th>Median time in port (days)</th>
<th>Avg age of vessels</th>
<th>Avg size (GT) of vessels</th>
<th>Avg cargo carrying capacity (DWT) per vessel</th>
<th>Avg container carrying capacity (TEU) per container ship</th>
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### Port liner shipping connectivity index - Top 5 ports in 2022

*Average Q1 2023=100*
Source: Detailed data sources are available in the documentation of the corresponding tables in the Data Center (https://unctadstat.unctad.org/datacentre/). A link to these tables is provided in each section of the profile.

Notes:

1. Sum of exports and imports.
2. 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.
3. Coastline length based on data calculated in 2000 from the World Vector Shoreline database at 1:250,000 scale.
5. Propelled seagoing merchant vessels of 100 GT and above. Source: Clarksons Research (https://www.clarksons.com/services/research/).
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7. UNCTAD Secretariat, derived from various sources including Dynamar B.V. Publications, terminal operators and port authorities. Refers to year 2020.
11. UNCTAD Secretariat, generated from data provided by MDS Transmodal (https://www.mdst.co.uk).
e. Estimated.

Symbols for missing values:

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# Non-relevant calculation
- Not publishable
*** Negative accumulation of flows; Value included in regional and global totals

Abbreviations & acronyms:

DWT: Dead weight tons
LNG: Liquefied natural gas
LPG: Liquefied petroleum gas
GDP: Gross domestic product
GT: Gross tons
TEU: Twenty foot equivalent unit

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