BELGIUM
Belgium officially the Kingdom of Belgium is a member of the European Union since 1 January 1958. It is in Western Europe bordered by France, Germany, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

CAPITAL
Brussels

POPULATION
10.7 million

AREA
30,528 km²

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES
Customs and Excise Administration
In 2005 the European Commission determined the mission of the Customs in a common mission Statement. The Administration is responsible for protecting society and facilitating international trade through the management of external borders and by ensuring overall supply chain security.

The Customs and Excises Administration is committed to:

- ensuring the safety and security of citizens;
- protecting the financial interests of the EU and its Member States;
- protecting the community from unfair and illegal trade while supporting legitimate business activity;

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increasing the competitiveness of European business through modern working methods supported by an early accessible electronic customs environment.

To perform these duties, the Administration cooperates with other national and international authorities and law enforcement agencies to combat fraud, organised crime and terrorism in collaboration.

The Administration protects national financial interests by:

- collecting and controlling excise duties on imports;
- collecting and controlling VAT on imports;
- controlling the restitution of the excise and VAT on exports.

The Administration also has non-fiscal tasks that fall under the responsibility of other ministries, such as Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Public Health.

**Integrated Police Service**

The Belgian police is structured on two levels: the Federal Police and the Local Police. Although both levels are autonomous, they cooperate to perform an integrated police function. The Federal Police comprises three general directorates: the General Directorate of Administrative Police, the General Directorate of Judicial Police and the General Directorate of Support and Management. The Federal Police carries out missions within its sphere of activity throughout the whole territory of Belgium as well judicial and administrative tasks in special fields.
or in fields falling outside the competence of the Local Police forces. It is also in charge of providing a wide range of operational and other support for the Local Police forces. Finally, the Federal Police represents all the Belgian police services within the framework of international police cooperation.

**Target Groups**
- General Public
- Law Enforcement
- Academia
- Professor
- Students
- Researcher
- Press/Journalists
- Other

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