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BELGIUM

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Q3: Do you have an Aid-for-Trade Strategy?

Yes

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Q4: If no, please indicate if your development policy includes trade priorities.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q5: Below are listed the most common priority areas grouped according to broad Aid-for-Trade categories. If yes, please rank the top 5 priorities areas among the items listed.(1 being the most important)

Trade policy analysis, negotiations and implementation

4

Transport infrastructure (airport, roads, rail, port)

3

Connecting to value chains

2

Regional integration

5

Other (please specify)

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Additional information : please specify further the priorities that you selected above as well as the main problems/obstacles encountered in furthering them and provide a weblink to the relevant strategy.

Other: Private Sector Development and SME capacity building (access to markets and finance, management skills, technical trainings, fair-trade certifications,..)

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Q6: Has your Aid-for-Trade strategy changed since 2014? No

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Q7: If yes, what are the top 3 drivers of these changes? (Please choose no more than 3 options) *Respondent skipped this question*

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Q8: How has your Aid-for-Trade spending changed since 2014? No change

Q9: How do you expect your Aid-for-Trade spending to change in the next 5 years? Between 0-10% increase

Q10: Looking ahead, what changes do you expect to your Aid-for-Trade strategy in the next 5 years? Alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals ,
More focus on climate change and green growth ,
More focus on gender equality ,
More focus on LDCs ,
More focus on poverty reduction ,
More focus on private sector development ,
More focus on results

Q11: Are you engaging with the private sector in the design, delivery and monitoring of your Aid-for-Trade programmes? No

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Q12: If yes, how are you engaging with the private sector: *Respondent skipped this question*

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Q13: In your view, can Aid for Trade make a contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda ? Yes

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Q14: If yes, please specify which Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) you think that Aid for Trade may help to achieve? Sustainable Development Goals:

1. No poverty ,
8. Decent work and economic growth ,
9. Industry, innovation and infrastructure ,
12. Responsible consumption and production ,
17. Partnership for the goals

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Q15: Are you integrating women's economic empowerment into your Aid-for-Trade programmes?

Yes

Q16: Have you undertaken an evaluation of your Aid-for-Trade support?

No

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Q17: Is trade facilitation reflected as a priority in your Aid-for-Trade programming? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Yes, Overall Development Strategy with a broader conception of trade facilitation (e.g. trade and transport facilitation)

Q18: Are you providing Aid-for-Trade support to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement?

Yes, funding to regional/multilateral TFA implementation mechanism

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Additional information on Aid-for-Trade support to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement. Aid-for-Trade support to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement is provided through direct national programming/project support and funding regional/multilateral TFA implementation mechanism.
- Direct : Organization of internships for African trainees - Funding : Indirect Belgian contribution in the 400 million given by the EU. Belgium also provides staff for capacity building missions of the World Customs Organization and UNODC.

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Q19: If yes, how are you programming Trade Facilitation Agreement implementation support?(You may tick more than 1 box)

As part of on-going programmes offering national support for Trade Facilitation Agreement implementation

As part of on-going programmes offering regional support for Trade Facilitation Agreement implementation

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Q20: In which regions are you providing Aid-for-Trade support to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement? (You may tick more than one box)

Asia and the Pacific,
North Africa and the Middle East,
Sub-Saharan Africa

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Q21: For implementation of which disciplines of the Trade Facilitation Agreement are you providing Aid-for-Trade support?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Art 7: Release and Clearance of Goods ,
Art 12: Customs Cooperation

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Q22: What difficulties, if any, are you facing in programming and providing support to partner countries or regional economic communities to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Lack of information on funding opportunities,
Other (please specify),
Additional information on difficulties, if any, are you facing in programming and providing support to partner countries or regional economic communities to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement.
Other: Our biggest obstacle is "availability of human resources." We would not hesitate to give more training and capacity building missions, but sometimes we have to turn down requests because of staff shortage.

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Q23: Are you working with the private sector to support implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement?

No

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Q24: If yes, how are you engaging with the private sector:(You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q25: Does e-commerce (or other digital strategy) feature among the priorities in your national development policy? Yes

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Q26: If yes, please indicate which of the following is included: (You may tick more than 1 box)

E-government,

Other digital strategy (please specify e.g. business, e-learning, e-health, etc.)

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Additional information to elaborate on how e-commerce (or other digital strategy) features in your national development strategy.

The Belgian Development Cooperation does not focus on e-commerce as such, but adopted in September 2016 a strategic policy note on 'Digital for Development' (D4D). It focuses on three strategic priorities: 1) better use of big data and strive towards open data, 2) digital for inclusive societies (financial and democratic inclusion, access to quality basic services), 3) digital for sustainable and inclusive economic growth. E-commerce was deliberately not included in the strategic policy note as one of the strategic priorities; as several research reports showed, e-commerce in the 14 partner countries of the Belgian Development Cooperation, the majority of whom are in Sub Saharan Africa, represents still a very low share of total commerce due to infrastructural, regulatory and skills-related barriers. In the framework of D4D, Belgium therefore concentrates its efforts on the above-mentioned three strategic priorities. These priorities, especially the third one (digital for sustainable and inclusive economic growth), will contribute to creating the conditions in which e-commerce is more viable.

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Q27: Do you have any special policy initiatives that cover the area of e-commerce (or other digital strategy)? No

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Q28: Does e-commerce feature in your in-country dialogues with partner countries?

No

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Q29: If yes, please indicate which of the following is included: (You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

Q30: If yes, please indicate how demand from partner countries for e-commerce support has grown in the past 5 years:

Respondent skipped this question

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Q31: Does e-commerce feature in your dialogues with regional partners e.g. regional economic communities or transport corridors?

Respondent skipped this question

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Q32: If yes, please indicate which of the following : (You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

Q33: If yes, please indicate how demand from regional partners for e-commerce support has grown in the past 5 years:

Respondent skipped this question

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Q34: What types of support are you offering for e-commerce development?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Telecommunications infrastructure,
Telecommunications regulatory policy support,
Telecommunications skills and training

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Q35: Are you working with the private sector to support growth in e-commerce in partner countries and regions?

No

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Q36: Based on your experience of e-commerce support programmes, please indicate the main issues that firms and consumers in your partner countries face in accessing and using internet services?(You may tick more than 1 box)

No experience of e-commerce support programmes

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Q37: What are the most common trade issues that you encounter in your e-commerce support programmes? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Unsure

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Q38: Do you anticipate a growth in future demand from partner countries and regional partners in the area of e-commerce?

Yes

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Q39: If yes, please elaborate:

Some growth in demand for support

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Q40: In your view, can growth in e-commerce in partner countries and regions make a contribution to women's economic empowerment?

Yes

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Q41: Does your development policy or Aid-for-Trade strategy include trade-related infrastructure development priorities?

Yes

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Q42: Do you have any special policy initiatives that cover the area of infrastructure or trade-related infrastructure specifically?

Yes,

Additional information on any special policy initiatives that cover the area of infrastructure or trade-related infrastructure specifically.
Specific focus on basic infrastructure.

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Q43: Does trade-related infrastructure feature in your in-country dialogues with partner countries? Yes

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Q44: If yes, please indicate which of the following : (You may tick more than 1 box)

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE,
Road transport infrastructure ,
COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE,
Telecommunications infrastructure ,
ENERGY-RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE,
Energy distribution infrastructure

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Q45: Does trade-related infrastructure feature in your dialogues with regional partners (e.g. regional economic communities or transport corridors)? Unsure

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Q46: If yes, please indicate which of the following services trade sectors feature as priority sectors in your national development strategy :(You may tick more than 1 box) *Respondent skipped this question*

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Q47: Do your programmes link trade-related infrastructure to the development of related services sectors? Yes

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Q48: If yes, please specify which services sectors feature as priority sectors in your national development strategy. (You may tick more than 1 box)

OTHER BUSINESS SERVICES,

Services incidental to agriculture, hunting and forestry

,

Services incidental to manufacturing services ,

Services incidental to energy distribution ,

COMMUNICATION SERVICES,

TRANSPORT SERVICES (passenger and freight transportation)

,

Rail transport services, Road transport services

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Q49: Which service sectors do you expect will support implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement and will help realize associated economic benefits in partner countries? (You may tick more than 1 box)

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES,

FINANCIAL SERVICES,

TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES ,

TRANSPORT SERVICES (passenger and freight transportation)

,

DISTRIBUTION SERVICES (including wholesale and retail trade services)

,

CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED ENGINEERING SERVICES

,

COMMUNICATION SERVICES,

Services incidental to energy distribution ,

Services incidental to manufacturing services ,

Services incidental to agriculture, hunting and forestry

,

COMPUTER AND RELATED SERVICES (e.g., services related to installation of computer hardware, data processing and database services)

,

Accounting, auditing and book keeping services ,

Legal services, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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Q50: Do your development programmes link growth in services capacity and services trade to growth in industrial capacity and manufacturing exports? Yes

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Q51: If yes, please specify which services sectors are identified for growth in industrial capacity and manufacturing. (You may tick more than 1 box)

OTHER BUSINESS SERVICES,
 Market research and public opinion polling services
 ,
 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES,
 FINANCIAL SERVICES,
 Insurance and insurance-related services ,
 Banking and other financial services (excluding insurance)
 ,
 TRANSPORT SERVICES (passenger and freight transportation)
 ,
 COMMUNICATION SERVICES,
 Services incidental to energy distribution ,
 Services incidental to manufacturing services ,
 Services incidental to agriculture, hunting and forestry

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Q52: What are the main issues constraining growth in national services capacity and trade in your partner countries? Issues constraining growth : (You may tick more than 1 box)

Other (please specify),
 Poor transport infrastructure (maritime, inland waterway, air, rail, road)
 ,
 Poor information and communication technology network infrastructure
 ,
 Low levels of foreign direct investment ,
 Low levels of domestic investment ,
 Limited access to export markets,
 Education and vocational training ,
 Access to finance ,
 Additional information about the main issues constraining growth in national services capacity and trade in your partner countries.
 Other: governance

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Q53: Does your Aid-for-Trade programming include actions to improve the investment climate in partner countries?

Yes

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Q54: If yes, please specify how: (You may tick more than 1 box)

By providing assistance to update investment policy, regulations and/or strategy
 ,
 By reducing risk for investors ,
 By supporting establishment of an investment authority, investment promotion agency (IPA) and/or investment development agency
 ,
 By upgrading economic infrastructure to attract foreign direct investment (in the production sector)
 ,
 Other (please specify),
 Additional information on actions to improve investment climate in partner countries.
 Other: political dialogue

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Q55: What Aid-for-Trade actions have you taken to support national or regional initiatives to improve the investment climate in partner countries during the past 5 years? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Establishing an investment authority, investment promotion agency (IPA) and/or investment development agency

,

Facilitating entry and operations of foreign investors ,

Focusing on public governance and institutions ,

Signing a bilateral investment treaty(ies) or other investment agreements

,

Updating investment policy, regulations and/or strategy

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Q56: Are you providing specific assistance and capacity building to help LDCs utilize services waiver opportunities? No

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Q57: If yes, what kind of support are you providing? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q58: In your view, can the development of services trade contribute to women's economic empowerment? Yes

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Q59: If yes, please specify in which services sectors? Services sectors:(You may tick more than 1 box)

BUSINESS SERVICES AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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COMMUNICATION SERVICES,

Telecommunications, EDUCATION SERVICES,

TRANSPORT SERVICES, ENERGY SERVICES,

FINANCIAL SERVICES

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Q60: CONSULTATION Please list other ministries/agencies consulted in preparing this questionnaire reply.

FPS Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development
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