



Belgium – National Embedment

1. RI definition	
Categories	National Roadmap
Funding	
Categorization of RI	
Access to RI	
Organisation within national procedure	

2. RI players in the national R&I system
<p>Belgium is a federal country composed of autonomous entities: the Federal State, three Regions (Flemish, Wallonia, Brussels) and three Communities (Flemish, French, German-speaking). Each entity elects its own Government and Parliament and establishes all regulations and institutions necessary to ensure effective Government within its realm of responsibilities (the Flemish Region and Community merged to form a single entity).</p> <p>Science policy is a competence distributed among all Belgian entities according to the themes or to the actors it involves.</p> <p>In a few words, the Federal authority is competent for the scientific research necessary for it to perform its own general competences (space, climate, Antarctic, nuclear research, etc.), including research linked to international or supra-national agreements. It is also responsible for the Federal scientific institutes. It can launch programmes and actions requiring homogenous execution at national or international level.</p> <p>Communities have the main responsibility for fundamental research in universities and applied research in higher education establishments, including international activities of these institutions.</p> <p>Regions have the main responsibility for economically oriented research, technological development and innovation promotion.</p> <p>Co-ordination between the Belgian entities is organised in a permanent way. The Inter-Ministerial Conference on Science Policy, composed of the members of Governments responsible for science policy matters, is the co-ordination instrument used for concerted action at national level. Subcommittees of the Inter-Ministerial Conference on Science Policy were established at the ministry level to follow-up all relevant files requiring a co-ordinated national position.</p> <p>More information about the Belgian institutions and their competences can be found in the "Belgian report on science, technology and innovation". (Belspo, 2010)</p>

3. Major national strategies for international cooperation in R&I and strategic integration of RI
Not applicable or no information presently available.

References

- Belspo (2010) Belgian Report on Science, Technology and Innovation 2010 <http://www.belspo.be/belspo/organisation/publ/pub_ostc/BRISTI/Bristi_tome1_2010_en.pdf> [Last access: 01/2018].

