BELGIUM: Institutional framework for **immigration** and asylum policies*

EMN European Migration Network
National Contact Point Belgium

FEDERAL LEVEL

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Security and the Interior

State Secretary for Asylum Policy and Migration

Minister of Justice

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Affairs

Federal Public Service Interior
https://ibz.be/

- Identity & population (national register, issuing of ID/foreigner cards)
- Security & civil protection
- International relations regarding asylum and migration policies (JHA, European case law, …)

Federal Police
www.politie.be

- Removals (monitoring & escort)
- Border control
- Operational control of trafficking & smuggling in human beings
- Identity fraud

Federal Public Service Justice
https://justice.belgium.be

- Implementing the legislation on nationality
- Guardianship Service (Unaccompanied Minors)
- Policy & legislation - prosecution & conviction related to trafficking and smuggling in human beings

Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation
https://diplomatie.belgium.be

- Visas (embassies & consulates)
- Policy Coherence for Development
- Ambassador, Special Envoy Migration and Asylum

Immigration Office
(DVZ/OE)
https://dofi.ibz.be

- Entry and residence (visas, residence permits)
- International protection (registration, Dublin)
- Interior control and border management (return, management of the detention centres and other facilities)
- Residence procedures for victims of trafficking and aggravated forms of smuggling in human beings
- Exceptional residence procedures (humanitarian & medical grounds)

Office of the Commissioner General for Refugees and Stateless Persons
(CGRS/CGVS/CGRA)
-Independent Administration-
www.cgrs.be

- Examination of applications for international protection
- Granting or denying refugee status and subsidiary protection status
- Issuing certificates and documents of civil status to recognised refugees and stateless persons

Federal Agency for the reception of asylum seekers
(FEDASIL)
www.fedasil.be

- Management of the reception network
- Coordination of the voluntary return & reintegration programmes
- Monitoring and guidance of unaccompanied minors

Myria – Federal Migration Centre
-Independent Public Body-
www.myria.be

- Providing information on migration movements
- Ensuring that the basic rights of foreigners are respected
- Fight against trafficking and smuggling in human beings (Independent National Rapporteur on Human Trafficking)

Council for Alien Law Litigation (RvV/CCE) www.rvv-cce.be

Appeals against decisions taken by the Immigration Office and the Commissioner General for Refugees and Stateless Persons

Labour Courts

Appeals against decisions of Fedasil

Council of State (RvS/CE) www.raadvanstate.be

Appeals in cassation against decisions of the Council for Alien Law Litigation

Court of Cassation

Appeals in cassation against decisions of the Labor Courts

FEDERATED ENTITIES LEVEL

Flemish Region | **Brussels-Capital Region** | **Walloon Region**

Flemish Community | **French Community** | **German-speaking Community**

The Regions and Communities are competent for – inter alia:

- The legislation, implementation, control and issuing of work permits and professional cards
- Integration policies
- Foreign students
- Recognition of foreign diplomas

*Please note that this institutional chart provides an indicative overview of the asylum and migration system in the Member State concerned. As such, it does not represent its complete structure.

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