



belgian
foreign trade agency



BELGIUM & ITALY

2017 - first 3 months

Italy = 5 th client	EUR 4,966.1 million: +2.1%
Italy = 8 th supplier	EUR 3,248.9 million: -5.6%
Trade balance: EUR 1,717.2 million	

Major sections

Export	Share	Import	Share
Chemicals	36.7%	Chemicals	41.0%
Plastics	11.7%	Machinery & equipment	16.0%
Machinery & equipment	9.1%	Transport equipment	9.5%

2016

Italy = 6 th client	EUR 18,791.8 million: +5.4%
Italy = 8 th supplier	EUR 13,223.5 million: +1.7%
Trade balance: EUR 5,568.3 million	

Major sections

Export	Share	Import	Share
Chemicals	39.4%	Chemicals	42.1%
Plastics	11.3%	Machinery & equipment	14.9%
Machinery & equipment	9.7%	Transport equipment	8.7%

Importance of Italy and its neighbouring countries in Belgium's foreign trade (2016)

Italy
6th client
EUR 18,791.8 million
8th supplier
EUR 13,223.5 million

France
2nd client
EUR 55,394.3 million
3rd supplier
EUR 31,880.1 million

Slovenia
48th client
EUR 575.0 million
63rd supplier
EUR 292.7 million

Switzerland
12th client
EUR 5,300.2 million
14th supplier
EUR 4,472.4 million

2012 - 2016

In million EUR	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Exports	14,907.6	15,525.5	15,491.4	17,827.8	18,791.8
Imports	10,236.0	10,595.7	11,774.3	12,999.5	13,223.5
Trade balance	4,671.6	4,929.8	3,717.1	4,828.3	5,568.3
Exports: variation in %	-1.6	4.1	-0.2	15.1	5.4
Imports: variation in %	6.1	3.5	11.1	10.4	1.7