BELGIUM: institutional framework for immigration and asylum policies*

FEDERAL LEVEL

Minister of the Interior
Minister for Asylum and Migration

Minister of Justice

Minister of Foreign 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.police.be

- Return (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 and 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

Council of State (RvS/CE) www.raadvanstate.be
Appeals in cassation against decisions of the Council for Alien Law Litigation

Labour Courts
Appeals against decisions of Fedasil

Court of Cassation
www.cass.be
Appeals in cassation against decisions of Labour Courts

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

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

FEDERATED ENTITIES LEVEL

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 Belgium. As such, it does not represent its complete structure.

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