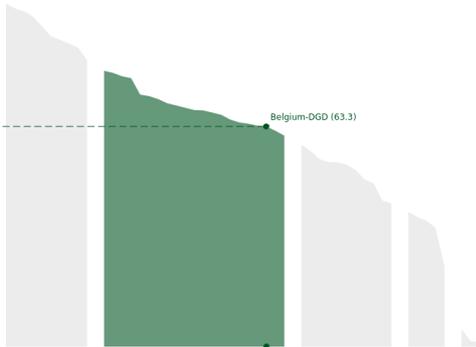English

Belgium, Directorate-general Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid (DGD)

SCORE: 63.3	POSITION: 29/50	2022 GOOD

OVERVIEW

The Directorate-general for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid (DGD) is responsible for setting Belgium's development policy and allocating its foreign aid. Belgium DGD became an IATI member in 2012 and first published to the IATI Registry in December 2014.

Belgium-DGD (63.3)

2020 GOOD	2018 GOOD	2016 FAIR	2015 POOR	2014 VERY POOR	2013 POOR

Organisational planning and commitments
7.9 / 15

Finance and budgets
16.2 / 25

Project attributes
13.5 / 20

Joining-up development data
16.3 / 20

Performance
9.4 / 20

ANALYSIS

Belgium DGD has remained in the 'good' category and publishes to the IATI Registry on a monthly basis. There were variations between components with some scoring well while others not so well.

Belgium DGD performed well in the joining-up development data component. It published all indicators to the IATI Registry apart from tenders and networked data. Belgium DGD provided tenders on a publicly available tenders site. However, it did not score for tenders since we had difficulty accessing tender documents.

Belgium DGD also scored well against the project attributes indicators, publishing data for most attributes to the IATI Registry. However, Belgium DGD failed our IATI sampling for the descriptions indicator because in many cases no description was found.

Belgium DGD published data for all the indicators in the finance and budgets component to the IATI Registry, except for its disaggregated budget. We found the quality of the IATI data to be good for most of the indicators, but it dropped points when compared to the 2020 Index. Belgium DGD provided project budgets and budget documents but not for all activities and it did not always disaggregate budgets.

Belgium DGD performed poorly for organisational planning and commitments indicators because it only published its allocation policy, organisation strategy, and country/sector strategies to the IATI Registry. The procurement policy was available in a different format. However, we could not find an up to date audit or annual report.

Belgium DGD also scored poorly for performance indicators because it only published its objectives and pre-project impact appraisals to the IATI Registry. Belgium DGD failed our IATI sampling for objectives because we were unable to access objectives documents and objectives did not detail the expected outcomes. However, objectives, and reviews and evaluations were found in other formats. Belgium DGD did publish some results but not consistently.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Belgium DGD should make sure to publish all organisational information to the IATI Registry by linking all relevant documents in its IATI organisation file.
- Belgium DGD can make it easier to search for ODA-related tenders in its portals and by adding these to its IATI activity data.
- It should provide implementer information within its projects, specifically implementing organisation name and unique reference.
- Belgium DGD can improve its budget score on an organisational level by providing a forward-looking breakdown for its disaggregated budget.

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Organisational planning and commitments

Score: 7.9 / 15

ABOUT COMPONENT

This component looks at the overall aims and strategy of an organisation. We check for any public commitments to aid transparency. We also make sure audits are published and if planning documents have been published, including by parent organisations (including national governments) where applicable. We make note of any Freedom of Information laws and critically, we make sure that organisations have tried to make their information easy to access and understand. You should not have to be an expert in open data to be able to find and use this information.

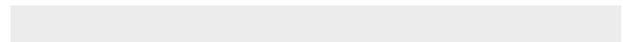**Quality of FOI legislation** Score: 0.62
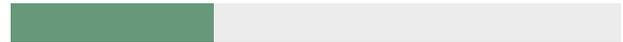
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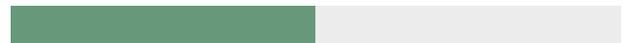
Organisation strategy Score: 1.87

Annual report Score: 0
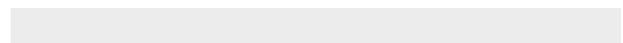
Allocation policy Score: 1.87

Procurement policy Score: 0.94

Strategy (country/sector) or Memorandum of Understanding Score: 1.34

Audit Score: 0

Finance and budgets

Score: 16.2 / 25

ABOUT COMPONENT

This component is critical to allow you and anyone else to follow the money. We expect to find the total budget of the organisation being assessed, right down to individual transactions for each development activity. In particular, forward-looking budgets from donors are important for partner country governments to be able to plan their own future finances.

Total organisation budget Score: 4.17

Disaggregated budget Score: 0
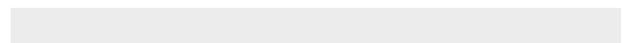
Project budget Score: 2.07

Project budget document Score: 2.1

future finances.

Commitments — Score: 3.29

Disbursements and expenditures — Score: 2.82

Budget Alignment — Score: 1.71

Project attributes

Score: 13.5 / 20

ABOUT COMPONENT

This component refers to descriptive, non-financial data, including basics like the title and description of a project. Information like this is important as it is often the entry point for data users to quickly understand what a project is about. We also look for other information that helps to put a project in context, such as its sub-national location or the sector that the project deals with, for example, education or agriculture.

Title — Score: 1

Description — Score: 0

Planned dates — Score: 0.89

Actual dates — Score: 0.86

Current status — Score: 1

Contact details — Score: 1

Sectors — Score: 2.46

Sub-national location — Score: 2.02

Conditions — Score: 1.84

Unique ID — Score: 2.41

Joining-up development data

Score: 16.3 / 20

ABOUT COMPONENT

This component looks at how well an organisation's data is able to be linked and connected with other bits of information. There is a diverse nature of flows, activities and actors within the development sector. Aid and development finance data needs to be effectively linked and connected with the rest to provide a full picture for the user. This can be particularly important for partner country governments, which need to integrate information on aid with their own budgets and systems.

Flow type Score: 3

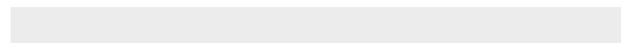**Aid type** Score: 2.98

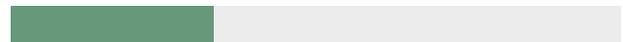**Finance type** Score: 3

Tied aid status Score: 3

Networked Data - implementers Score: 3.33

Networked Data - organisation references Score: 0

Project procurement Score: 1

Performance

Score: 9.4 / 20

ABOUT COMPONENT

This component refers to the essential data and documents that assess whether a project is on track or has been achieved. This includes things like baseline surveys, progress against targets, mid-term reviews and end of project evaluations. This information is important to hold aid organisations to account and also to share knowledge with others on what worked and what did not during a project.

Objectives Score: 2.5
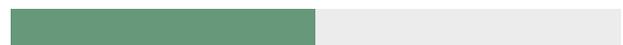
Pre-project impact appraisals Score: 4.42

Reviews and evaluations Score: 2.5

Results Score: 0