



## BRUSSELS PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIONS

Belgium is a multi-layered federal state and the Brussels-Capital Region is one of its territories. It is composed of nineteen local municipalities ("communes") governed by several levels of government and their public administrations. The Office of the Brussels Commissioner for Europe and International Organisations acts as an interface between the international organisations and the Brussels Government and its Public Administrations.

The different administrative levels are the following:

- The administrations of the Federal Government
- The Federal Public Service of Foreign Affairs organizes Belgium's official host nation policy and concludes so-called seat agreements with all intergovernmental organisations on Belgian territory and interacts with all representations of foreign states on its territory, i.e. embassies, consulates or other representations. The Federal administrations.
- The administrations of the Brussels-Capital Region
- The Brussels-Capital Region is one of the three regional entities of the Belgian federal state, alongside Flanders and Wallonia, and counts numerous public administrations that deal with a wide range of competences on the Brussels territory, such as the environment, the economy, tourism, housing, mobility, employment and vocational education. The administrations of the Brussels Capital Region.
- The administrations of the Flemish Community
- The Flemish community in Brussels is active through the Vlaamse Gemeenschaps-commissie or VGC, in matters of education, welfare, leisure, sports and cultural matters. The administrations of the Flemish Community.
- The administrations of the Frenchspeaking Community
- The Frenchspeaking community in Brussels is active through the Commission communautaire française or COCOF, also active in education, welfare, leisure, sports and in cultural matters. The administrations of the Commission communautaire française.
- The 19 Brussels municipalities ("Communes")
- The Brussels-Capital Region is divided into nineteen municipal territories that all have their own mayor and aldermen ("bourgmestre et échevins"), a municipal council and an administration. Communes act in all matters which are of a communal interest, such as local police, public centre for social assistance, communal roads and parks, finances, sports infrastructure, town planning, etc. The nineteen municipalities of the Brussels Capital Region.