

HOUSING

Unlike other European capital cities, Brussels has a plentiful supply of relatively inexpensive accommodation, making it fairly easy to find a place that suits your needs. As in most other European countries this is either rent or bought. It is important to know the basic rules concerning lease contracts before signing. Remember that you will need to pay a guarantee, make an inventory and also be aware that rents are very often index-linked and are normally increased every year in line with a fixed index. Finally, if you would like to buy an accommodation, you will need to consult a notary, who will guide you through the procedure. Buying or renting a property will necessitate a contract with a provider of utilities like water or electricity. Also do not forget that sorting your waste as a tenant or owner is mandatory in Brussels.