

# General notes: Belgium

Source for Table 1: Eurostat.

Source for all other tables: Nationale Bank van België/Banque Nationale de Belgique, unless otherwise indicated.

## Table 1: Basic statistical data

### Population

Annual average.

## Table 2: Settlement media used by non-MFIs

### Currency in circulation outside MFIs

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### Narrow money supply (M1)

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### Memo item: Outstanding value on e-money storages issued by MFIs, of which: software-based electronic money

Not applicable.

## Table 6: Payment card functions and accepting devices

### Cards with an e-money function

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Since 2016 certain ELMIs have started to offer back-office services to credit institutions for their prepaid cards. Therefore, a part of the number of e-money cards has shifted from the credit institutions to the ELMIs.

Since 2016 one reporting agent has migrated card programmes from two other countries to Belgium, creating a very large increase in the number of cards with an e-money function.

### **E-money card terminals**

Data for 2012 and 2013 not available. Data for 2015 show the deactivation by the end of 2014 of the Belgian e-money purse Proton and its effect on the related terminals.

### **Table 7a: Payments per type of payment service involving non-MFIs (number of transactions)**

#### **Card payments initiated at physical EFTPOS or initiated remotely**

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#### **Domestic e-money payments with e-money issued by resident PSPs**

Data for 2015 show the deactivation by the end of 2014 of the Belgian e-money purse Proton.

### **Table 7b: Payments per type of terminal involving non-MFIs (number of transactions)**

#### **At terminals provided by non-resident PSPs with cards issued by resident PSPs**

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## Table 8a: Payments per type of payment service involving non-MFIs (value of transactions)

### **Card payments initiated at physical EFTPOS or initiated remotely**

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## Table 8b: Payments per type of terminal involving non-MFIs (value of transactions)

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## Table 9: Participation in selected payment systems

### **Target/Target2 Component**

2017: Following closure of PHA (Proprietary Home Accounting), participants had to open an account in Target2.

## Tables 10 and 11: Payments processed by selected payment systems

### **Retail system CEC, credit transfers**

As from 2015, the distinction between “initiated in a paper-based form” and “initiated electronically” is no longer possible.