

OECD Economic Survey of Belgium launches Tuesday 7 May 2013 in Brussels

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The OECD's latest Economic Survey of Belgium, to be published on Tuesday 7 May 2013, looks at the country's resilience to the global economic crisis and actions that can help it boost growth and create jobs. The Survey outlines potential reforms to improve competitiveness and help secure long-term fiscal sustainability, notably in the health sector, which must adjust to a rapidly ageing population. A special chapter assesses whether the existing transportation infrastructure is sufficient for the anticipated economic and environmental challenges of the future.

OECD senior economist Jens Høj will present the Survey during the news conference. The Survey will be available to registered journalists on the OECD's password-protected website at **11:00 a.m. Paris time** for immediate release.

An Overview with the main conclusions will be freely accessible in pdf format on the OECD's web site at www.oecd.org/belgium/belgium-2013.htm. You are invited to include this Internet link in reports on the Survey.

For further information, contact the OECD Media Division (+33 1 4524 9700 or news.contact@oecd.org).

Journalists will be allowed advance access to the electronic version of the OECD Economic Survey of Belgium, by e-mail and under embargo, the day before release.

The study will be sent by e-mail on request only. In asking to receive the Survey under embargo, journalists undertake to respect the OECD's embargo procedures. Requests to receive the Survey by e-mail under embargo or to obtain a password to access the website should be sent by e-mail to embargo@oecd.org.

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