# Belgium



| Name of Resource | Guide - Fighting Social Dumping in Public Procurement and Concessions |
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| Type | Guidance on policy / legislation implementation |
| Country / jurisdiction | Belgium |
| Enacting authority | Chancellery of the Prime Minister of Belgium |
| Entry into force / date of approval | 2016 |
| Description | The Belgian Federal Government has strengthened its measures to combat social dumping in the context of public procurement and concessions.<br><br>The guide covers these measures and is addressed to all contracting authorities in Belgium. Most of them concern the procurement procedure. The guide also proposes recommendations on measures to fight against social dumping during the execution of contracts.<br><br>The prevention of human trafficking through public procurement is discussed in section 4 of the guide. |
| Availability | FRA: http://www.publicprocurement.be/fr/documents/guide-de-lutte-contre-le-dumping-social-dans-les-marches-publics-et-les-concessions<br>NLD: https://www.publicprocurement.be/sites/default/files/documents/social_dumping_nl_003_2.pdf |

| Name of Resource | National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights |
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| Type | Policy |
| Country / jurisdiction | Belgium |
| Enacting authority | Government of Belgium |
| Entry into force / date of approval | 23 June 2017 |

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| Description | The National Action Plan is set to contribute to Belgium's efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Agenda for 2030 and particularly, SDG 8 and SDG 12. The "Business and Human Rights" National Action Plan was established in conjunction with the updating of the 2006 Federal Action Plan on "Corporate Social Responsibility".<br><br>Supply chains aspects are being discussed, inter alia, in Action point 1 (Develop a toolkit for companies and organizations on human rights), Action point 13 (Strengthen and monitor the respect for human rights in public procurement), Action point 14 (Evaluate the Belgian label to promote socially responsible production), Action point 15 (Incorporate the principle of "due diligence" into the management of the company, also in the terms of human rights) and Action point 19 (Promote best practice of SMEs that adopt responsible supply chain management, especially through the «CSR Compass» tool). |
| Availability | FRA: https://www.sdgs.be/sites/default/files/publication/attachments/plan_daction_national_entrepises_et_droits_de_lhomme_2017.compressed.pdf<br>NLD: https://www.sdgs.be/sites/default/files/publication/attachments/nationaal_actieplan_ondernemingen_en_mensenrechten_2017.compressed.pdf |

| Name of Resource | Public Procurement Act of 2017 |
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| Type | Policy |
| Country / jurisdiction | Belgium |
| Enacting authority | Government of Belgium |
| Entry into force / date of approval | 20 May 2019 |
| Description | The Belgium Public Procurement Act of 2017 requires that suppliers and sub-contractors comply with environmental, social and labour laws, and allows for failure to do so to be used as a ground for exclusion. The public buyer can require a specific label as evidence of human rights compliance for goods and services. |
| Availability | FRA: https://www.publicprocurement.be/fr<br>NLD: https://www.publicprocurement.be/nl<br>ENG: http://www.publicprocurement.be/nl/publicprocurementbe-english-0 |

| Name of Resource | Toolbox Socially Responsible Workwear: A Guide for Public Purchasers |
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| Type | Guide |
| Country / jurisdiction | Belgium/Flanders |
| Enacting authority | Association of Flemish Cities and Municipalities and the City of Ghent |
| Entry into force / date of approval | June 2018 |
| Description | The toolbox is a guide for a sustainable procurement policy for local authorities in Flanders. The aim is to reach local governments to raise the bar on general purchasing policies and to strive for fairer production processes with suppliers, purchasers and consumers. It highlights the importance of responsible production in regards to SDG12. |
| Availability | ENG: https://stad.gent/sites/default/files/article/documents/ToolboxSocResWorkwear_1406.pdf |