

## STATISTICAL REVIEW OF THE POLITICAL YEAR 1990

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# Statistical review of the political year 1990

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## I. Politics and government

### A. Legislative assemblies

#### 1. Chamber and Senate<sup>1</sup>

| Political parties <sup>2</sup> | Dutch-language members | Chamber French-language members | Total | Dutch-language members | Senate French-language members | Total |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|
| CVP                            | 43                     |                                 | 61    | 39                     |                                | 55    |
| PSC                            |                        | 18                              |       |                        | 16                             |       |
| SP                             | 31                     |                                 | 72    | 29                     |                                | 65    |
| PS                             |                        | 40                              |       |                        | 36                             |       |
| PVV                            | 25                     |                                 | 48    | 18                     |                                | 39    |
| PRL                            |                        | 23                              |       |                        | 21                             |       |
| VU                             | 16                     |                                 | 16    | 13                     |                                | 13    |
| Agalev                         | 6                      |                                 | 9     | 5                      |                                | 8     |
| Ecolo                          |                        | 3                               |       |                        | 3                              |       |
| FDF                            |                        | 3                               | 3     |                        | 2                              | 2     |
| Vl. Blok                       | 2                      |                                 | 2     | 1                      |                                | 1     |
| Independent                    | 1                      | 1                               | 2     |                        |                                |       |
| Total                          | 124                    | 88                              | 212   | 105                    | 78                             | 183   |

#### a. Resignation and succession of the members of the Chamber<sup>3</sup>

- Félix Dielens succeeded Edgard Coppens, SP (October 10, 1989).
- Victor Vanderheyden left the SP parliamentary party and now sits as an independent (October 10, 1989).

(1) These data concern the Session from October 10, 1989, to October 9, 1990.

(2) CVP (Christelijke Volkspartij), PSC (Parti Social Chrétien), SP (Socialistische Partij), PS (Parti Socialiste), PVV (Partij voor Vrijheid en Vooruitgang), PRL (Parti Réformateur Libéral), VU (Volksunie), Agalev (Anders Gaan Leven), Ecolo (Ecologistes Confédérés pour l'Organisation de Luttes Originales), FDF (Front Démocratique des Bruxellois Francophones), Vl. Blok (Vlaams Blok).

(3) The date between brackets is the date of publication in 'Het Belgisch Staatsblad'.

- Viviane Jacobs succeeded Charles Picqué, PS (February 1, 1990).
- Etienne Van Vaerenbergh succeeded Daan Vervaet, VU (April 19, 1990).
- Jean-Marie Léonard succeeded André Cools, PS (May 3, 1990).
- Alfons Laridon left the SP parliamentary party and now sits as an independent (September 26, 1990).

#### b. Resignation and succession of the Senators<sup>3</sup>

- Maria Van Den Bogaert-Ceulemans succeeded Joseph Vanroy, CVP (October 10, 1989).
- Isidore Egelmeers succeeded Joseph Wyninckx, SP (resignation January 1, 1990 ; succession January 9, 1990)<sup>4</sup>.
- Philippe Mahoux succeeded Jean Leclercq, PS (resignation January 1, 1990 ; succession January 30, 1990).
- Lambert Cools succeeded Isidore Egelmeers, SP (resignation January 9, 1990 ; succession February 15, 1990)<sup>4</sup>.

### 2. Flemish Community Council

| Political parties | Members |
|-------------------|---------|
| CVP               | 65      |
| SP                | 48      |
| PVV               | 36      |
| VU                | 24      |
| Agalev            | 9       |
| VI. Blok          | 3       |
| Independent       | 1       |
| Total             | 186     |

### 3. Walloon Regional Council

| Political parties | Members |
|-------------------|---------|
| PSC               | 25      |
| PS                | 51      |
| PRL               | 25      |
| Ecolo             | 2       |
| FDF               | 1       |
| Total             | 104     |

### 4. French Community Council

| Political parties | Members |
|-------------------|---------|
| PSC               | 27      |
| PS                | 60      |
| PRL               | 35      |
| FDF               | 4       |
| Ecolo             | 5       |
| Independent       | 1       |
| Total             | 132     |

### 5. German-language Community Council

| Political parties <sup>5</sup> | Members          |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
|                                | Before elections | After <sup>6</sup> elections |
| CSP                            | 10               | 8                            |
| PDB                            | 5                | 4                            |
| PFF                            | 5                | 5                            |
| SP                             | 3                | 4                            |
| Ecolo                          | 1                | 4                            |
| SEP                            | 1                |                              |
| Total                          | 25               | 25                           |

(4) I. Egelmeers resigned his seat as Antwerp Provincial Senator to become the elected Senator for Antwerp.

(5) CSP (Christlich Soziale Partei), PDB (Partei der Deutschsprachigen Belgier), PFF (Partei für Freiheit und Fortschritt), SP (Sozialistische Partei), Ecolo (Ecolo), Sep (Solidarität und Partizipation).

(6) Cfr. I.E.5.

6. Brussels Regional Council<sup>7</sup>

| Political parties                                     | Members | Political parties                                    | Members |
|---|---------|--|---------|
| Language group of the<br>Flemish Community Commission |         | Language group of the<br>French Community Commission |         |
| CVP   | 4 (1)   | PS   | 18 (2)  |
| PVV   | 2       | PRL  | 15      |
| SP  | 2 (1)   | FDf-ERE  | 12 (2)  |
| VU  | 1 (1)   | PSC  | 9 (1)   |
| Vl. Blok  | 1       | Ecolo  | 8       |
| Agalev  | 1       | FN-NF  | 2       |
| Total   | 11 (3)  | Total  | 64 (5)  |

7. Index of fractionalization<sup>1</sup>

| Legislative assembly              | Index  |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Chamber                           | 0.8619 |
| Senate                            | 0.8542 |
| Flemish Community Council         | 0.7546 |
| Walloon Regional Council          | 0.6434 |
| French Community Council          | 0.6789 |
| German-language Community Council | 0.7424 |
| Brussels Regional Council         | 0.8455 |

(1) Index of fractionalization =  $1 - \frac{\sum_1^n S_i^2}{n}$ ,  $S_i$  is expressed as a percent of the strength of the parties in the legislative assembly.

(7) The Flemish Community Commission has 14 members (11 active members and 3 successors); the French Commission has 69 members (64 active members and 5 successors). The successors of the ministers and secretaries of state of the Brussels Regional Government are authorized to participate the Brussels Regional Council and the Community Commissions. The successors are mentioned between parentheses.

## B. Executives/cabinets

### 1. National Government (Martens VIII)

| Political parties        | Ministers      |                 | Secretaries of State |                 | Total          |                 |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
|                          | Dutch-language | French-language | Dutch-language       | French-language | Dutch-language | French-language |
| CVP                      | 4              |                 | 4                    |                 | 8              |                 |
| PSC                      |                | 3               |                      | 1               |                | 4               |
| SP                       | 3              |                 | 2                    |                 | 5              |                 |
| PS                       |                | 5               |                      | 3               |                | 8               |
| VU                       | 2              |                 | —                    |                 | 2              |                 |
| Total per language group | 9              | 8               | 6                    | 4               | 15             | 12              |
| Total                    | 17             |                 | 10                   |                 | 27             |                 |

#### a. The government reshuffle

- On January 18, 1990, Erik Derycke (SP) was named State Secretary for Scientific Affairs, replacing of Pierre Chevalier (SP).
- On May 3, 1990, Alain Van der Biest (PS) resigned as Minister of Pensions. He became Minister of Local Governments, Subsidized Works and Water of the Walloon Region, replacing André Cools (PS), who retired. Gilbert Mottard (PS) was named Minister of Pension.

b. Continuous and cumulative cabinet experience of the national government ministers from 1981 to 1990<sup>1</sup>

| Cabinets                 | Duration of the Cabinet                       | Continuous Experience |                    |       | Cumulative experience |                    |       | Interim adaptation |
|--------------------------|---|-----------------------|--------------------|-------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------|--------------------|
|                          |   | Beginning             | Interim adaptation |       | Beginning             | Interim adaptation |       |                    |
|                          |   |                       | Before             | After |                       | Before             | After |                    |
| Martens V<br>1981-1985   | 47 months<br>12 days                          | 223                   | 622                | 606   | 769                   | 1168               | 1150  |                    |
|                          |   |                       | 746                | 703   |                       | 1290               | 1247  |                    |
|                          |   |                       | 1257               | 1235  |                       | 1824               | 1674  |                    |
|                          |   |                       |                    |       |                       |                    |       | 2000               |
| Martens VI<br>1985-1987  | 22 months<br>24 days                          | 1082                  | 1406               | 1322  | 1470                  | 1794               | 1773  |                    |
|                          |   |                       | 1464               | 1448  |                       | 1915               | 1898  |                    |
|                          |   |                       |                    |       |                       |                    |       | 2124               |
| Martens VII<br>1987-1988 | 6 months<br>20 days                           | 1674                  | 1779               | 1815  | 2124                  | 2229               | 2282  |                    |
|                          |   |                       |                    |       |                       |                    |       | 2378               |
| Martens VIII<br>1988-    | 31 months<br>23 days<br>(until Dec. 31, 1990) | 702                   | 834                | 830   | 1051                  | 1183               | 1206  | Sept. 18, 1988     |
|                          |   |                       | 860                | 849   |                       | 1236               | 1226  | Oct. 18, 1988      |
|                          |   |                       | 939                | 930   |                       | 1316               | 1326  | Jan. 16, 1989      |
|                          |   |                       | 975                | 850   |                       | 1371               | 1246  | March 2, 1989      |
|                          |   |                       | 959                | 865   |                       | 1355               | 1276  | June 19, 1989      |
|                          |   |                       | 887                | 888   |                       | 1298               | 1329  | July 11, 1989      |
|                          |   |                       | 1079               | 1062  |                       | 1520               | 1503  | Jan. 18, 1990      |
|                          |   |                       | 1166               | 1139  |                       | 1607               | 1581  | May 3, 1990        |

(1) Continuous experience : average of uninterrupted service of all ministers and statesecretaries (in days).

Cumulative experience : average of total service of all ministers and statesecretaries.

Previous figures of the continuous and cumulative cabinet experience in : M. HODGES, *The Belgian Political Elite : A Study of the Composition and Transformations of the Political Elite in Belgium since the End of World War Two*. Ann Arbor, 1971 ; W. DEWACHTER, *In-stabilité gouvernementale et stabilité ministérielle en Belgique*. In : *Pouvoirs. Revue Française d'études constitutionnelles et politiques*. 1990, no 54, p. 37-49.



## 6. Brussels Regional Executive

| Political parties | Ministers      |                 | Secretaries of State |                 |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|
|                   | Dutch-language | French-language | Dutch-language       | French-language |
| PS                |                | 1               |                      | 1               |
| SP                | 1              |                 |                      |                 |
| CVP               | 1              |                 |                      |                 |
| PSC               |                | 1               |                      |                 |
| FDF               |                | 1               |                      | 1               |
| VU                |                |                 | 1                    |                 |
| <b>Total</b>      |                | <b>5</b>        |                      | <b>3</b>        |

### C. Legislation

#### 1. Proceedings of the Chamber and the Senate during the 1989-1990 session

|                                  | Chamber | Senate |
|----------------------------------|---------|--------|
| <b>1. Public sessions</b>        |         |        |
| Number of meeting days           | 49      | 54     |
| Number of plenary meetings       | 75      | 97     |
| - morning                        | 27      | 21     |
| - afternoon + evening            | 48      | 76     |
| <b>2. Legislative activities</b> |         |        |
| <b>a) Government bills</b>       |         |        |
| Introduced                       | 61      | 40     |
| Passed by Senate/Chamber         | 56      | 74     |
| Amended by Senate/Chamber        | 3       | -      |
| Total received                   | 120     | 114    |
| Accepted                         | 113     | 123    |
| Rejected                         | -       | -      |
| Revoked                          | -       | -      |
| Total examined                   | 113     | 123    |
| Under consideration              | 7       |        |
| <b>b) Parliamentary bills</b>    |         |        |
| Introduced                       | 193     | 110    |
| Accepted                         | 27      | 17     |
| Rejected                         | 6       | 3      |
| Revoked or lapsed                | 12      | 16     |
| Total examined                   | 45      | 20     |
| Under consideration              | 148     |        |
| <b>3. Control activities</b>     |         |        |
| <b>a) Interpellations</b>        |         |        |
| Introduced                       | 226     | 96     |
| Discussed                        | 202     | 89     |



|                           |      |      |
|---------------------------|------|------|
| Revoked                   | 6    | 2    |
| Introduced motions        | 109  | 22   |
| b) Questions              |      |      |
| In writing                | 2546 | 2100 |
| Verbally                  | 206  | 145  |
| Urgent questions          | —    | —    |
| Clarification             | —    | —    |
| 4. Commission activities  |      |      |
| a) Permanent commissions  |      |      |
| Number of meetings        | 243  |      |
| b) Particular commissions |      | 375  |
| Number of meetings        | 106  |      |

Source: Chamber, *Parliamentary proceedings*.

Senate, Documentation Service, *Internal document*.

## 2. Passed, ratified and promulgated laws during the parliamentary sessions 1982-1983 to 1989-1990, by initiator <sup>9</sup>

| Session   | Government initiative |      | Parliamentary initiative |        |       |      | Total |
|-----------|-----------------------|------|--------------------------|--------|-------|------|-------|
|           |                       |      | Chamber                  | Senate | Total |      |       |
|           | N                     | %    | N                        | N      | N     | %    | N     |
| 1982-1983 | 145                   | 89.5 | 12                       | 5      | 17    | 10.5 | 162   |
| 1983-1984 | 163                   | 95.3 | 5                        | 3      | 8     | 4.7  | 171   |
| 1984-1985 | 115                   | 74.7 | 22                       | 17     | 39    | 25.3 | 154   |
| 1985-1986 | 53                    | 81.5 | 8                        | 4      | 12    | 18.5 | 65    |
| 1986-1987 | 113                   | 86.3 | 12                       | 6      | 18    | 13.7 | 131   |
| 1987-1988 | 25                    | 92.6 | 1                        | 1      | 2     | 7.4  | 27    |
| BZ 1988   | 47                    | 95.9 | 2                        | —      | 2     | 4.1  | 49    |
| 1988-1989 | 110                   | 86.6 | 12                       | 5      | 17    | 13.4 | 127   |
| 1989-1990 | 104                   | 81.9 | 15                       | 8      | 23    | 18.1 | 127   |
| 1968-1990 | 2800                  | 87.5 |                          |        | 401   | 12.5 | 3201  |

(9) For the period from 1968 to 1981-1982, see: M. Verminck, *Statistisch overzicht van het politieke jaar 1987*. In: *Res Publica*, 1988, nos 2-3, p. 240.

### 3. Passed, ratified and promulgated substantive laws<sup>10</sup> during the parliamentary sessions of 1982-1983 to 1989-1990, by initiator<sup>11</sup>.

| Session   | Government initiative |      | Parliamentary initiative |      | Total<br>N |
|-----------|-----------------------|------|--------------------------|------|------------|
|           | N                     | %    | N                        | %    |            |
| 1982-1983 | 44                    | 72.1 | 17                       | 27.9 | 61         |
| 1983-1984 | 59                    | 88.1 | 8                        | 11.9 | 67         |
| 1984-1985 | 45                    | 53.6 | 39                       | 46.4 | 84         |
| 1985-1986 | 14                    | 53.8 | 12                       | 46.2 | 26         |
| 1986-1987 | 57                    | 76.0 | 18                       | 24.0 | 75         |
| 1987-1988 | 4                     | 66.7 | 2                        | 33.3 | 6          |
| BZ. 1988  | 10                    | 83.3 | 2                        | 16.7 | 12         |
| 1988-1989 | 38                    | 69.1 | 17                       | 30.9 | 55         |
| 1989-1990 | 43                    | 65.2 | 23                       | 34.8 | 66         |
| 1968-1990 | 1177                  | 74.7 | 399                      | 25.3 | 1576       |

Source : *Parliamentary proceedings*.

#### D. Elections

##### 1. Parliamentary elections of December 13, 1987

See : W. FRAEYS, Les élections législatives du 13 décembre 1987. Analyse des résultats. In : *Res Publica*, 1988, no 1, p. 3-24.

Basic results : Ministerie van Binnenlandse Zaken en Openbaar Ambt/Ministère de l'Intérieur et de la Fonction Publique, *Parlementsverkiezingen. Uitslagen der verkiezingen van 13 december 1987. Elections législatives. Résultats des élections du 13 décembre 1987*. Brussels, 1988.

##### 2. Municipal elections of October 9, 1988

See : J. ACKAERT, De gemeenteraadsverkiezingen van 9 oktober 1988. In : *Res Publica*, 1989, no 3, p. 359-384.

Basic results : Ministerie van Binnenlandse Zaken en Openbaar Ambt/Ministère de l'Intérieur et de la Fonction Publique, *Gemeenteraadsverkiezingen. Uitslagen der verkiezingen van 9 oktober 1988. Elections communales. Résultats des élections du 9 octobre 1988*. Brussels, 1989, 176 p.

(10) Material laws are formal laws without budgets, ratifications of international acts, declarations constitutional amendments and assessments of armed forces.

(11) For the period 1968 to 1981-1982, see : M. Verminck, Statistisch overzicht van het politieke jaar 1987. In : *Res Publica*, 1988, nos 2-3, p. 241.



Source : Ministerie van Binnenlandse Zaken en Openbaar Ambt / Ministère de l'Intérieur et de la Fonction Publique, *Verkiezing van de Brusselse Hoofdstedelijke Raad. Officiële uitslagen van 18 juni 1989. Election du Conseil de la Région de Bruxelles-Capitale. Résultats officiels du 18 juin 1989.* Brussels, 1989.

| St.Gillis-St.Gilles |       | St.Joost-St.Josse |       | Schaarbeek |       | Ukkel-Uccle |       | Totals  |       | Seats |
|---------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|------------|-------|-------------|-------|---------|-------|-------|
| Number              | %     | Number            | %     | Number     | %     | Number      | %     | Number  | %     |       |
| 19,390              |       | 90,989            |       | 76,630     |       | 78,123      |       | 582,947 |       |       |
| 15,515              | 80.02 | 75,162            | 82.61 | 62,748     | 81.88 | 64,108      | 82.06 | 477,689 | 81.94 | 75    |
| 14,434              | 93.03 | 70,301            | 93.53 | 56,403     | 89.89 | 59,735      | 93.18 | 438,192 | 91.73 |       |
| 1,081               | 6.97  | 4,861             | 6.47  | 6,345      | 10.11 | 4,373       | 6.82  | 39,497  | 8.27  |       |
| 960                 | 6.65  | 6,552             | 9.32  | 6,798      | 12.05 | 5,811       | 9.73  | 44,874  | 10.24 | 8     |
| 1,528               | 10.59 | 15,258            | 21.70 | 9,497      | 16.84 | 16,382      | 27.42 | 83,011  | 18.94 | 15    |
| 682                 | 4.72  | 8,563             | 12.18 | 5,143      | 9.12  | 6,140       | 10.28 | 51,904  | 11.85 | 9     |
| 8,651               | 59.93 | 9,662             | 13.74 | 13,918     | 24.68 | 14,708      | 24.62 | 96,189  | 21.95 | 18    |
| 67                  | 0.46  | 135               | 0.19  | 186        | 0.33  | 139         | 0.23  | 1,283   | 0.29  |       |
| 35                  | 0.24  | 161               | 0.23  | 220        | 0.39  | 139         | 0.23  | 1,229   | 0.28  |       |
| 693                 | 4.80  | 18,525            | 26.35 | 7,402      | 13.12 | 7,838       | 13.12 | 64,489  | 14.72 | 12    |
| 139                 | 0.96  | 275               | 0.39  | 362        | 0.64  | 656         | 1.10  | 2,558   | 0.58  |       |
| 150                 | 1.04  | 413               | 0.59  | 444        | 0.79  | 666         | 1.11  | 4,190   | 0.96  |       |
| 78                  | 0.54  | 838               | 1.19  | 614        | 1.09  | 632         | 1.06  | 3,976   | 0.91  |       |
| 150                 | 1.04  | 351               | 0.50  | 253        | 0.45  | 352         | 0.59  | 2,290   | 0.52  |       |
| 234                 | 1.62  | 1,679             | 2.39  | 2,212      | 3.92  | 1,378       | 2.31  | 14,392  | 3.28  | 2     |
| 9                   | 0.06  | 48                | 0.07  | 63         | 0.11  | 49          | 0.08  | 402     | 0.09  |       |
| 7                   | 0.05  | 55                | 0.08  | 65         | 0.12  | 41          | 0.07  | 405     | 0.09  |       |
|                     |       |                   |       |            |       |             |       | 371,192 | 84.70 | 64    |
| 150                 | 1.04  | 746               | 1.06  | 1,406      | 2.49  | 526         | 0.88  | 9,006   | 2.06  | 1     |
| 79                  | 0.55  | 578               | 0.82  | 723        | 1.28  | 272         | 0.46  | 4,821   | 1.10  | 1     |
| 112                 | 0.78  | 995               | 1.42  | 1,083      | 1.92  | 785         | 1.31  | 9,053   | 2.07  | 1     |
| 140                 | 0.97  | 1,041             | 1.48  | 1,709      | 3.03  | 573         | 0.96  | 11,710  | 2.67  | 2     |
| 267                 | 1.85  | 1,491             | 2.12  | 1,578      | 2.80  | 1,018       | 1.70  | 12,143  | 2.77  | 2     |
| 268                 | 1.86  | 2,749             | 3.91  | 2,450      | 4.34  | 1,508       | 2.52  | 18,523  | 4.23  | 4     |
| 17                  | 0.12  | 54                | 0.08  | 82         | 0.15  | 36          | 0.06  | 519     | 0.12  |       |
| 8                   | 0.06  | 76                | 0.11  | 125        | 0.22  | 58          | 0.10  | 832     | 0.19  |       |
| 10                  | 0.07  | 56                | 0.08  | 70         | 0.12  | 28          | 0.05  | 393     | 0.09  |       |
|                     |       |                   |       |            |       |             |       | 67,000  | 15.29 | 11    |

### 5. Elections of the German-language Community Council of October 28, 1990 (per electoral canton)

|                           | Eupen  |                | St. Vith |                | Total  |       |       |
|---------------------------|--------|----------------|----------|----------------|--------|-------|-------|
|                           | Number | % <sup>1</sup> | Number   | % <sup>1</sup> | Number | %     | Seats |
| Cast ballots              | 22,630 |                | 19,251   |                | 41,881 |       | 25    |
| Valid ballots             | 21,115 | 93.31          | 18,105   | 94.05          | 39,220 | 93.65 |       |
| Blank and invalid ballots | 1,515  | 6.69           | 1,146    | 5.95           | 2,661  | 6.35  |       |
| PFF                       | 4,151  | 19.66          | 3,605    | 19.91          | 7,756  | 19.78 | 5     |
| PDB                       | 2,260  | 10.70          | 3,722    | 20.56          | 5,982  | 15.25 | 4     |
| ECOLO                     | 3,938  | 18.65          | 1,959    | 10.82          | 5,897  | 15.04 | 4     |
| SP                        | 3,673  | 17.40          | 2,734    | 15.10          | 6,407  | 16.34 | 4     |
| CSP                       | 7,093  | 33.59          | 6,085    | 33.61          | 13,178 | 33.60 | 8     |

(1) Personal calculations

Source: *Wahlen der Deutschsprachigen Gemeinschaft vom 28. Oktober 1990. Offizielle Ergebnisse* (Rat der Deutschsprachigen Gemeinschaft).

### E. Civil service

| Sector/Department  | Number of persons employed on June 30, 1989 |
|--|---|
| 1. Ministries and scientific organization of the state     |   |
| Prime Minister   | 503   |
| Internal affairs and civil service                         | 2.511                                       |
| Foreign affairs, foreign trade and development cooperation | 3.427                                       |
| Finance  | 34.058                                      |
| Justice  | 6.938                                       |
| Economic affairs   | 2.993                                       |
| Agriculture  | 1.872                                       |
| Middle class   | 345   |
| Traffic  | 2.369                                       |
| Education Dutch-language system                            | 2.103                                       |
| Education French-language system                           | 1.539                                       |
| Labor  | 1.544                                       |
| Social welfare   | 774   |
| Health care and environment                                | 1.488                                       |
| Public works   | 7.490                                       |
| Defense  | 7.075                                       |
| Brussels Region  | 203   |
| Total  | 77.232                                      |

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| 2. Particular bodies                               |         |
| Judicial order                                     | 9.273   |
| Council of State                                   | 244     |
| Provincial governors, district commissioners, etc. | 315     |
| Military personnel                                 | 58.246  |
| Gendarmerie  | 15.940  |
| Total  | 84.018  |
| 3. Communities and Regions                         |         |
| Ministries   | 7.848   |
| Institutions for the public utilities              | 13.634  |
| Teaching personnel                                 | 268.947 |
| Total  | 290.429 |
| 4. Local powers                                    |         |
| Municipalities                                     | 93.124  |
| Agglomerations                                     | 2.268   |
| Societies for public welfare                       | 60.307  |
| Intercommunales                                    | 17.469  |
| Provinces  | 15.388  |
| Total  | 188.556 |
| 5. Institutions for the public utilities           | 166.098 |
| 6. Legislative branch                              | 1.773   |
| Total  | 808.106 |

Source : Ministerie van Binnenlandse Zaken en Openbaar Ambt, *Overzicht van de personeelssterkte in de overheidssector. Toestand op 30 juni 1989. Figures for 1990 not yet available.*

## II. Policy

### A. Public finances

#### 1. National budget of revenues and expenses of 1990 (in billion BF)

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| - Revenues         |         |
| - Current revenues | 1,103.2 |
| - Capital revenues | 7.4     |
| Total              | 1,110.6 |
| - Expenses         |         |
| - Current expenses | 1,377.2 |
| - Capital expenses | 80.0    |
| Total              | 1,457.2 |

|                                    |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| - Balance                          |         |
| - Balance of current transactions  | - 274.0 |
| - Balance of capital transactions  | - 72.6  |
| Net balance                        | - 346.6 |
| - Balance of treasury transactions | - 1.8   |
| - Net financing balance            | - 348.4 |
| - Repayments of public debt        | 192.0   |
| - Cross-financing balance          | - 540.4 |

## 2. National budget of revenues and expenses of 1990 and 1991 by ministry (in million BF)

### a. Revenues

|  | 1990             |                  | 1991             |                  |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|  | Current revenues | Capital revenues | Current revenues | Capital revenues |
| Finance  | 1,092,719.2      | 7,332.7          | 1,177,333.8      | 5,884.7          |
| Prime Minister   | 41.4             | 2.0              | 294.2            | 102.2            |
| Justice  | 731.1            |                  | 744.8            | 1.5              |
| Internal affairs<br>and civil service                            | 273.0            |                  | 460.4            | 51.2             |
| Foreign affairs,<br>Foreign trade and<br>development cooperation | 305.3            |                  | 430.6            | 184.9            |
| Defense  | 145.1            |                  | 1,784.1          | 700.0            |
| Gendarmerie  |                  |                  | 1.0              |                  |
| Agriculture  | 36.0             |                  | 1,133.7          | 0.8              |
| Economic affairs   | 443.6            | 12.0             | 663.5            | 91.0             |
| Traffic  | 2,837.1          | 40.0             | 990.7            | -                |
| Post office,<br>telegraphy and<br>telephony                      | 8,265.4          |                  | 6,971.3          | 1,892.0          |
| Public works   | 143.0            |                  | 21.4             | -                |
| Labor  | 86.4             |                  | 2,557.9          | 0.1              |
| Social welfare   | 32.5             |                  | 69.1             | -                |
| Middle class   |                  |                  | 1.7              | 0.5              |
| Health care and environment                                      | 105.7            | 50.0             | 704.4            | 50.0             |
| Pensions   |                  |                  | 36,161.9         | -                |
| Cultural and scientific<br>affairs - education                   |                  |                  | 0.5              | -                |
| Total  | 1,556,728.6      | 6,843.3          | 1,230,465.9      | 9,034.9          |

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## b. Expenses

|   | 1990      |           | 1991                 |                     |
|---|-----------|-----------|----------------------|---------------------|
|   | Initial   | Adapted   | Before restructuring | After restructuring |
| <b>I. Current/Capital expenses</b>            |           |           |                      |                     |
| <b>A. Public debt</b>                         | 516,363.3 | 549,531.4 | 584,183.2            | 639,238.4           |
| <b>B. Major departments</b>                   | 248,591.2 | 246,033.5 | 268,227.6            | 285,388.1           |
| Grants  | 5,493.3   | 5,493.3   | 5,887.5              | 9,676.5             |
| Prime Minister                                | 8,257.5   | 8,181.9   | 9,071.3              | 21,720.7            |
| Justice                                       | 24,935.1  | 24,925.3  | 27,246.1             | 27,287.6            |
| Internal affairs                              | 14,433.7  | 14,217.9  | 14,393.0             | 14,239.3            |
| Foreign affairs                               | 10,634.1  | 10,165.9  | 10,869.2             | 11,066.5            |
| Development cooperation                       | 16,820.1  | 16,614.6  | 17,875.7             | 16,006.0            |
| Defense                                       | 98,748.0  | 98,046.9  | 100,443.5            | 102,931.9           |
| Gendarmerie                                   | 20,287.7  | 20,306.8  | 22,732.6             | 22,734.7            |
| Finance                                       | 48,981.7  | 48,080.9  | 59,708.7             | 59,724.9            |
| <b>C. Social area</b>                         | 472,484.9 | 465,074.7 | 451,217.4            | 507,635.5           |
| Pensions                                      | 210,762.1 | 209,800.5 | 202,417.1            | 238,795.1           |
| Middle class                                  | 6,927.7   | 6,889.2   | 6,922.9              | 6,925.1             |
| Labor   | 38,783.5  | 35,184.3  | 34,727.8             | 37,280.6            |
| Social welfare                                | 169,268.8 | 166,012.1 | 181,310.7            | 198,465.9           |
| Particular allowance/<br>no payment           |           |           | -21,000.0            | -21,000.0           |
| Health care                                   | 46,742.8  | 47,188.6  | 46,838.9             | 47,168.8            |
| <b>D. Economic area</b>                       | 205,806.5 | 208,667.7 | 205,571.9            | 153,066.0           |
| Agriculture                                   | 10,690.5  | 10,725.0  | 10,645.5             | 12,013.2            |
| Economic affairs                              | 37,549.8  | 40,110.6  | 39,055.4             | 39,839.3            |
| Traffic                                       | 75,148.4  | 75,541.3  | 72,171.5             | 87,674.8            |
| PTT   | 12,582.9  | 13,195.5  | 13,538.7             | 13,538.7            |
| Public works<br>(Road fund included)          | 69,834.9  | 69,095.3  | 70,160.8             | (b)                 |
| <b>E. Culture, science,<br/>  communities</b> | 20,053.8  | 20,254.9  | 15,757.8             |                     |
| Culture, science,<br>education                | 14,527.5  | 14,758.4  | 11,968.8             | (c)                 |
| Regions and<br>Communities                    | 5,526.3   | 5,496.5   | 3,789.0              | (d)                 |
| <b>F. Incidental expenses</b>                 | -6,009.0  | 5,692.1   | 3,137.1              | 1,387.6             |
| Provisions - Restructuring funds              |           |           | 1,755.4              |                     |
| Provisions                                    | 2,395.0   | 1,940.3   | 1,200.0              | 1,200.0             |
| Incidental expenses                           | -8,404.0  | 3,751.8   | 181.7                | 187.6               |
|   |           | (f)       |                      |                     |



|  |             |             |             |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| G. Balance of current and capital expenses | 1,457,290.7 | 1,495,254.3 | 1,528,095.0 | 1,586,715.6 |
| II. Repayments of debt                     |             |             |             |             |
| Public debt                                | 191,865.2   | 191,865.2   | 193,161.9   | 771,593.2   |
| Economic affairs                           | 100.0       | 100.0       | 1,100.0     | 1,100.0     |
| Total repayments                           | 191,965.2   | 191,965.2   | 194,261.9   | 772,693.2   |
| III. Total                                 | 1,649,255.9 | 1,687,219.5 | 1,722,356.9 | 2,359,408.8 |

(a) Movements between departments and adjustments of funds.

(b) Admitted by Traffic and Public debt.

(c) Admitted by Prime Minister.

(d) Admitted by Donations.

(e) Of which : 190,7 billions repayments of public debt

30,2 billions other repayments (o.a. Road fund)

446,4 billions repayments at last maturity.

105,4 billions repayments before last maturity (debt policy).

(f) Including credits previous years.

### 3. Public debt (in billion BF)

|              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| 1985         | 4,914.6 |
| 1986         | 5,418.3 |
| 1987         | 5,872.5 |
| 1988         | 6,362.3 |
| 1989         | 6,788.2 |
| 1990 January | 6,868.4 |
| February     | 6,982.4 |
| March        | 7,102.2 |
| April        | 7,071.6 |
| May          | 7,120.4 |
| June         | 7,164.5 |
| July         | 7,179.2 |
| August       | 7,192.8 |
| September    | 7,244.5 |
| October      | 7,231.2 |
| November     | 7,259.0 |
| December     | 7,224.6 |

### 4. Budget of the Flemish Community (in million BF)

#### a. Revenues

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| - Current revenues | 341,363.2 |
| - Capital revenues | 7,761.2   |
|                    | <hr/>     |
| Total              | 349,124.4 |

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## b. Expenses

|   | Non-divided credits | Divided credits       |              |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
|   |                     | Budgetary commitments | Cash credits |
| Flemish Community Council   | 350.0               | —                     | —            |
| Flemish Community Executive   | 4.0                 | 450.0                 | —            |
| Cabinet expenses  | 1,002.3             | —                     | —            |
| Central services  | 12,409.4            | 456.7                 | 344.5        |
| General administrative logistics (p.m.)   | —                   | —                     | —            |
| General financial logistics   | 6.0                 | —                     | —            |
| General technical logistics (p.m.)  | —                   | —                     | —            |
| General external relations  | 336.7               | —                     | —            |
| Relations with local and regional governments                                   | 42,686.9            | 82.3                  | 92.4         |
| General science policy  | 14.9                | —                     | —            |
| Scholarships and study financing  | 2,650.1             | —                     | —            |
| Primary education   | 42,457.1            | —                     | —            |
| Secondary education (non-vocational, technical, professional and art education) | 76,039.2            | 22.5                  | —            |
| Special education   | 9,132.9             | —                     | —            |
| Higher education outside university   | 12,748.6            | —                     | —            |
| Higher education  | 17,695.2            | 1002.0                | 809.7        |
| Social promotion education  | 5,236.6             | —                     | —            |
| Psycho-medical-social centres   | 2,451.0             | —                     | —            |
| Student transport   | 1,259.7             | —                     | —            |
| Correspondence, television and radio courses                                    | 81.9                | —                     | —            |
| Professional education  | 2,416.6             | —                     | —            |
| SMB education   | 1,253.5             | 60.0                  | 60.0         |
| Agricultural education  | 99.1                | —                     | —            |
| General education   | 1,425.5             | —                     | —            |
| Art   | 1,281.9             | 903.9                 | 710.5        |
| Youth   | 761.9               | 63.9                  | 66.9         |
| Adult education   | 1,126.4             | 218.6                 | 308.5        |
| Public libraries  | 1,029.2             | 99.0                  | 89.5         |
| Sports and recreation   | 386.1               | 317.3                 | 321.2        |
| Tourism   | 588.2               | 32.0                  | 37.0         |
| Media   | 6,339.4             | —                     | —            |
| International cultural relations  | 209.2               | —                     | —            |
| General cultural policy   | 25.0                | 13.2                  | 22.2         |
| Youth welfare work  | 3,855.0             | —                     | —            |
| Care of the elderly   | 1,336.3             | —                     | —            |
| Family affairs  | 7,095.9             | 99.0                  | 33.5         |

|  | Non-divided credits | Divided credits       |                 |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
|  |                     | Budgetary commitments | Cash credits    |
| Care of handicapped persons  | 15,067.2            | 31.5                  | 20.5            |
| Community structure  | 113.9               | —                     | —               |
| Social welfare   | 769.8               | 547.0                 | 23.0            |
| Public health  | 3,347.6             | —                     | —               |
| Socio medical policy   | 1,627.8             | —                     | —               |
| General economic policy  | 6,961.0             | —                     | —               |
| Economic expansion and regional development (big enterprises)                          | 7,442.4             | —                     | —               |
| Economic expansion and regional development (small and medium sized enterprises)       | 4,204.8             | —                     | —               |
| Foreign trade and promotion of export  | 185.5               | —                     | —               |
| Energy   | 191.3               | —                     | —               |
| Exploitation of natural resources  | 57.7                | 68.2                  | 34.1            |
| Industrial modernisation   | 4,829.1             | —                     | 10.0            |
| Employment   | 18,076.7            | —                     | —               |
| Environment  | 1,981.0             | 1,792.1               | 1,555.9         |
| Conservation of nature and town planning   | 155.3               | 406.0                 | 100.7           |
| Rural planning   | 927.2               | 1,005.8               | 906.0           |
| Water supply   | 641.5               | 511.5                 | 340.5           |
| Environmental and town planning  | 387.1               | 898.0                 | 530.0           |
| Conservation of monuments and historic buildings                                       | 41.9                | 717.4                 | 385.3           |
| Housing  | 12,424.8            | 1,210.0               | 766.5           |
| Waterways and inland navigation  | 1,159.5             | 1,824.3               | 1,292.9         |
| Harbours, pilotage and maritime services   | 3,523.7             | 5,973.6               | 4,111.3         |
| Sea- and river dams  | 308.7               | 965.5                 | 611.5           |
| Roads  | 3,306.3             | 6,318.6               | 3,626.7         |
| Public transport   | 6,901.7             | 1,395.8               | 1,042.8         |
| Regional airports and airfields  | 63.1                | —                     | —               |
| Buildings  | —                   | 216.3                 | 536.6           |
| General infrastructure and traffic policy  | 235.2               | 40.0                  | 30.0            |
| Provisional credits  | 6,091.7             | —                     | —               |
| Expenses as a result of the attribution of the guarantee through the Flemish Community | 3.5                 | 400.0                 | 373.0           |
| Expenses as a result of the direct debt of the Flemish Community                       | 1,275.0             | —                     | —               |
| Monuments and landscape  | —                   | —                     | 266.5           |
| Brussels initiatives   | 324.2               | 60.0                  | 40.0            |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>358,417.9</b>    | <b>28,202.0</b>       | <b>19,499.7</b> |

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## 5. Budget of the Walloon Region (in million BF)

## a. Revenues

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| - Current revenues | 79,962.1        |
| - Capital revenues | 5,257.7         |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>85,219.8</b> |

## b. Expenses

|   | Non-<br>divided<br>credits | Divided credits          |                 |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
|   |                            | Budgetary<br>commitments | Cash<br>credits |
| Grant to the Walloon Regional Council                                       | 182.0                      | -                        | -               |
| Cabinet expenses  | 856.3                      | -                        | -               |
| Executive services and organisms<br>not allied with organic sections        | 135.3<br>10,272.9          | -<br>100.0               | -<br>260.0      |
| General secretariat of the Ministry<br>of the Walloon Region                |                            |                          |                 |
| Economy and labor   | 13,594.1                   | 10,985.3                 | 8,570.7         |
| Technologies and research   | 583.6                      | 2,454.4                  | 2,201.3         |
| Natural resources and environment   | 1,415.9                    | 2,920.9                  | 2,702.8         |
| Local governments   | 29,261.4                   | 1,398.8                  | 1,127.0         |
| Environmental planning and housing  | 3,583.8                    | 2,348.5                  | 2,334.3         |
| Foreign relations   | 375.6                      | -                        | -               |
| General secretariat of the Walloon<br>ministry for facilities and transport | 4,521.3                    | 862.2                    | 183.1           |
| Roads   | 3.2                        | 7,149.8                  | 6,100.7         |
| Waterways   | 448.2                      | 2,684.0                  | 1,717.8         |
| Technical services  | 99.0                       | 1,527.9                  | 1,517.0         |
| Transport   | 6,147.3                    | 791.7                    | 525.0           |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>71,479.9</b>            | <b>33,223.5</b>          | <b>27,239.7</b> |

## 6. Budget of the French Community (in million BF)

## a. Revenues

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| - Current revenues | 173,445.0        |
| - Capital revenues | 0.3              |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>173,445.3</b> |

## b. Expenses

|   | Non-<br>divided<br>credits | Divided credits          |                 |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
|   |                            | Budgetary<br>commitments | Cash<br>credits |
| <b>I. Expenses concerning cultural and personal matters</b>   |                            |                          |                 |
| Cabinet expenses  | 365.9                      | —                        | —               |
| General secretariat   | 2,953.6                    | —                        | —               |
| Infrastructure and patrimony  | 2,368.4                    | 1,588.1                  | 1,534.9         |
| Social affairs  | 14,486.3                   | —                        | —               |
| Health  | 4,419.8                    | —                        | —               |
| Culture   | 9,396.0                    | —                        | —               |
| Sports and tourism  | 862.4                      | —                        | —               |
| Education   | —                          | —                        | —               |
|   | <b>34,852.4</b>            | <b>1,588.1</b>           | <b>1,534.9</b>  |
| <b>II. Expenses concerning education, formation and scientific research</b>   |                            |                          |                 |
| <b>a. Expenses for education and scientific research (the powers of Ministre Ylieff)</b>                              |                            |                          |                 |
| Cabinet expenses  | 145.3                      | —                        | —               |
| General secretariat and common services   | 2,388.1                    | —                        | —               |
| Pre-school and primary education  | 31,655.4                   | —                        | —               |
| Secondary education   | 60,092.5                   | —                        | —               |
| Special education   | 7,643.3                    | —                        | —               |
| Higher education and scientific<br>research   | 15,940.0                   | 225.0(I)                 | 437.0(I)        |
| Higher education outside university<br>and scientific research  | 7,744.3                    | —                        | —               |
| Social promotion education  | 2,742.9                    | —                        | —               |
| Student transport   | 774.0                      | —                        | —               |
| Organisation of education<br>(including management of<br>Psycho-medical-social centres)                               | 2,152.3                    | —                        | —               |
| Schoolbuildings   | 2,125.0(I)                 | —                        | —               |
|   | <b>133,403.1</b>           | <b>225.0</b>             | <b>437.0</b>    |
| <b>b. Expenses for education and formation and cultural expenses for education<br/>(the powers of Ministre Grafé)</b> |                            |                          |                 |
| General affairs   | 15.6                       | —                        | —               |
| Formation   | 2,946.2                    | —                        | —               |
| Art education and artistic formation  | 3,079.9                    | —                        | —               |
| Higher education  | 1,895.6                    | —                        | —               |

|   | Non-divided credits | Divided credits       |              |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
|   |                     | Budgetary commitments | Cash credits |
| Académie Royale des Sciences, des Lettres et des Beaux-Arts de Belgique | 37.8                | —                     | —            |
| Scientific research, education and formation                            | 54.8                | —                     | —            |
| Correspondence, television and radio course                             | 100.7               | —                     | —            |
| Scholarships and -renting, education and formation                      | 1,328.0             | —                     | —            |
| Organisation of education, education and formation                      | 9,271.5             | 21.5                  | 21.5         |
|   | 9,546.5             | 21.5                  | 21.5         |

(D) Credits for the realisation of investment-programs.

## B. Economics

### 1. Gross National Product<sup>1</sup>

|      | GNP (market price ;<br>in real prices)       |                   | GNP (market price ;<br>in prices of 1985)    |                   |
|------|--|-------------------|--|-------------------|
|      | Absolute numbers<br>(in thousand million BF) | Growth percentage | Absolute numbers<br>(in thousand million BF) | Growth percentage |
| 1985 | 4,792.8                                      | 6.7               | 4,792.8                                      | 0.6               |
| 1986 | 5,068.2                                      | 5.7               | 4,888.7                                      | 2.0               |
| 1987 | 5,311.0                                      | 4.8               | 5,014.8                                      | 2.6               |
| 1988 | 5,637.4                                      | 6.1               | 5,240.0                                      | 4.5               |
| 1989 | 6,122.3                                      | 8.6               | 5,447.6                                      | 4.0               |

(1) Numbers from 1990 are not yet available.

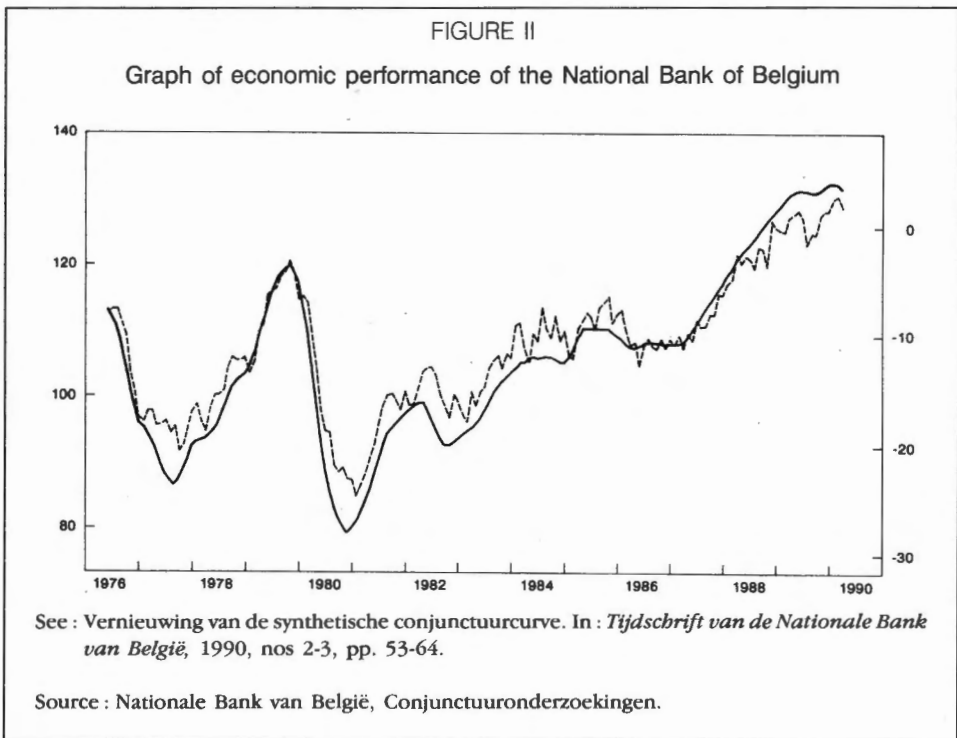
Source : NIS, *Statistical Journal*.

### 2. Graph of economic performance of the National Bank of Belgium

|      | January | February | March | April | May   | June  |
|------|---------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1985 | -11.9   | -11.1    | -10.3 | -9.6  | -9.4  | -9.4  |
| 1986 | -10.3   | -10.8    | -11.0 | -11.0 | -10.9 | -10.6 |
| 1987 | -10.8   | -10.8    | -10.5 | -10.1 | -9.6  | -8.9  |
| 1988 | -4.5    | -3.9     | -3.1  | -2.5  | -1.9  | -1.4  |
| 1989 | 2.0     | 2.6      | 3.0   | 3.3   | 3.4   | 3.4   |
| 1990 | 4.2     | 4.0      | 3.6   | 2.9   | 1.9   | 0.9   |

|      | July  | August | September | October | November | December |
|------|-------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|
| 1985 | -9.4  | -9.4   | -9.4      | -9.4    | -9.7     | -9.9     |
| 1986 | -10.4 | -10.5  | -10.5     | -10.6   | -10.8    | -10.8    |
| 1987 | -8.2  | -7.6   | -7.0      | -6.3    | -5.7     | -5.0     |
| 1988 | -1.0  | -0.3   | 0.3       | 0.7     | 1.2      | 1.6      |
| 1989 | 3.3   | 3.3    | 3.5       | 3.8     | 4.1      | 4.2      |
| 1990 | -0.1  | -1.0   | -2.1      | (1)     | (1)      | (1)      |

(1) Numbers are not yet available



### 3. Gross index of industrial production (1980 = 100)

|          | Belgium | Flanders | Wallonië | Brussels |
|----------|---------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1985     | 90.2    | 98.0     | 82.8     | 71.4     |
| 1986     | 91.1    | 99.5     | 79.5     | 79.6     |
| 1987     | 92.8    | 101.8    | 82.5     | 75.2     |
| 1988     | 99.2    | 108.1    | 86.8     | 85.7     |
| 1989     | 103.5   | 114.2    | 91.2     | 82.5     |
| 1990     |         |          |          |          |
| January  | 113.5   | 117.3    | 91.4     | 93.1     |
| February | 109.4   | 124.6    | 97.6     | 105.2    |
| March    | 123.9   | 133.3    | 105.8    | 110.7    |

|           |       |       |       |       |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| April     | 111.3 | 124.7 | 104.2 | 103.7 |
| May       | 115.5 | 125.5 | 102.4 | 103.7 |
| June      | 116.3 | 130.6 | 106.1 | 111.9 |
| July      | 80.0  | 87.4  | 68.0  | 61.0  |
| Augustus  | 108.6 | 113.4 | 92.5  | 92.7  |
| September | 116.7 | 131.8 | 104.3 | 111.4 |
| October   | 127.7 | 124.7 | 102.4 | 107.7 |
| November  | 117.8 | 130.6 | 108.7 | 120.2 |
| December  | 95.9  |       |       |       |

Source : NIS, *Industrial Statistics, Weekly Report*.

#### 4. Consumer price index numbers (1981 = 100)

|           | General index |            | Food products | Non-food products | Services | Rent   |
|-----------|---------------|------------|---------------|-------------------|----------|--------|
|           | 1988 = 100    | 1981 = 100 |               |                   |          |        |
| 1985      | 96.00         | 129.87     | 131.88        | 131.52            | 125.82   | 130.09 |
| 1986      | 97.25         | 131.56     | 134.44        | 129.00            | 132.38   | 134.96 |
| 1987      | 98.76         | 133.60     | 133.90        | 130.43            | 136.52   | 140.72 |
| 1988      | 100.00        | 135.15     | 133.88        | 131.91            | 138.59   | 145.85 |
| 1989      | 103.01        | 139.35     | 138.07        | 136.37            | 142.14   | 151.24 |
| 1990      |               |            |               |                   |          |        |
| January   | 104.82        | 141.80     | 141.25        | 139.24            | 143.31   | 154.03 |
| February  | 105.07        | 142.14     | 141.94        | 139.00            | 144.09   | 155.10 |
| March     | 105.33        | 142.49     | 142.47        | 139.24            | 144.50   | 155.39 |
| April     | 105.81        | 143.14     | 142.89        | 139.66            | 145.76   | 155.53 |
| May       | 105.84        | 143.18     | 142.72        | 139.53            | 146.09   | 156.08 |
| June      | 105.91        | 143.27     | 142.47        | 139.53            | 146.60   | 156.06 |
| July      | 106.28        | 143.78     | 142.31        | 139.52            | 148.49   | 156.19 |
| August    | 106.90        | 144.61     | 142.99        | 141.03            | 148.57   | 156.37 |
| September | 107.87        | 145.93     | 144.04        | 143.64            | 148.43   | 156.52 |
| October   | 108.60        | 146.92     | 145.41        | 145.51            | 148.02   | 156.70 |
| November  | 108.21        | 146.39     | 145.01        | 144.52            | 147.73   | 157.62 |
| December  | 108.08        | 146.21     | 144.63        | 143.67            | 148.72   | 157.41 |

Source : NIS, *Statistical Journal*.

### C. Employment and unemployment

#### 1. Average gross hourly earnings in industry<sup>1</sup>

|      | October<br>1980 = 100 | 1990 January | October<br>1980 = 100 | January<br>1990 = 100 |
|------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1985 | 129.1                 |              | 146.8                 | 100.0                 |
| 1986 | 131.2                 |              | 149.1                 | 101.6                 |
| 1987 | 133.1                 |              | 149.6                 | 101.9                 |
| 1988 | 135.7                 |              | 151.2                 | 103.0                 |
| 1989 | 141.6                 |              |                       |                       |

(1) Results of the limited quarterly survey on the evolution of the gross hourly earnings of the adult employees in industry.



2. Employed persons in the primary, secondary and tertiary sector<sup>1 2</sup>

|      | Primary sector | Secondary sector | Tertiary sector | Total domestic employment | Re-employment programmes (3) |
|------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1985 | 109,006        | 1,061,391        | 2,390,370       | 3,560,767                 | 114,517                      |
| 1986 | 107,177        | 1,047,758        | 2,428,865       | 3,583,800                 | 129,134                      |
| 1987 | 104,484        | 1,026,971        | 2,468,679       | 3,600,134                 | 117,299                      |
| 1988 | 102,337        | 1,021,496        | 2,529,511       | 3,653,334                 | 121,119                      |
| 1989 | 100,962        | 1,046,333        | 2,564,532       | 3,711,827                 | 120,486                      |

- (1) These data are different from early published data (cfr. Statistisch Overzicht in het Political Year-books 1985 to 1988) because the Labor Ministry changed the method of calculating the series. This new method assures a higher degree of reliability.
- (2) Each time the situation on June 30. Data for 1990 are not yet available.
- (3) Including special employment programs as: Bijzonder Tijdelijk Kader, Derde Arbeidscircuit, Tewerkgestelde Werklozen, Jongerenstages and Gesubsidieerde Contractuelen. This category is added only as a reminder because the data have already been included into the other three categories.

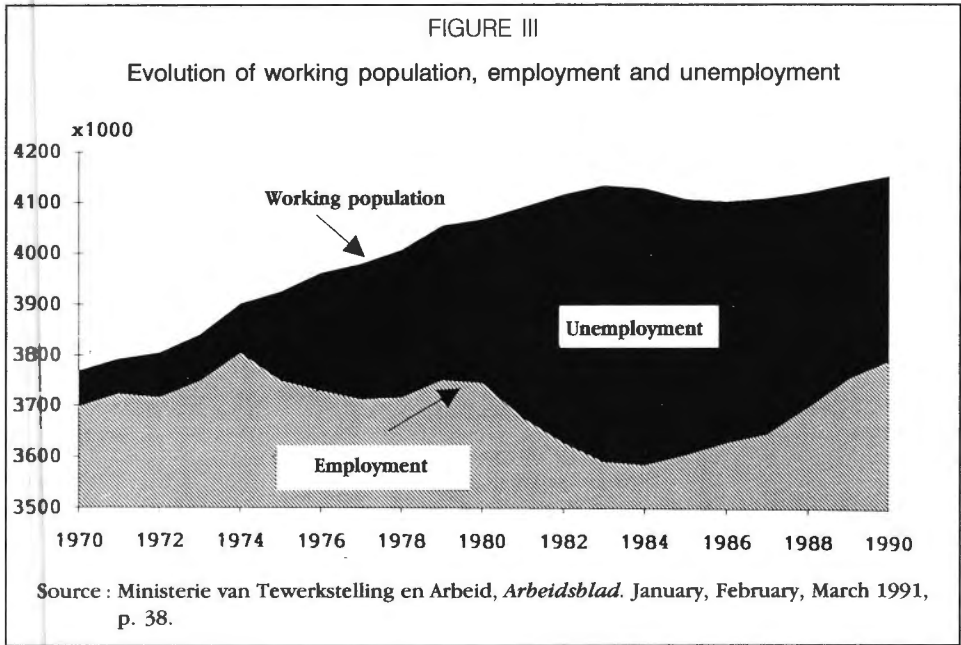
Source: Ministerie van Tewerkstelling en Arbeid. *De beroepsbevolking in België. Deel 1. Toestand op 30 juni 1988. Deel 2. Overzichtstabellen sinds 1970*, Brussels, 1989, 45 p. 84 p. *De beroepsbevolking in België. Deel 1. Toestand op 30 juni 1989*, 56 p.

3. Number of unemployed persons entitled to benefits<sup>1</sup>

|           | Belgium | Flemish Region | Walloon Region | Brussels Region |
|-----------|---------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1985      | 477,464 | 252,438        | 170,938        | 53,878          |
| 1986      | 442,348 | 225,124        | 167,004        | 50,220          |
| 1987      | 434,714 | 219,133        | 170,268        | 45,313          |
| 1988      | 397,864 | 193,771        | 160,654        | 43,439          |
| 1989      | 363,937 | 166,054        | 155,679        | 42,204          |
| 1990      |         |                |                |                 |
| January   | 361,669 | 163,148        | 156,706        | 41,815          |
| February  | 357,059 | 160,402        | 155,768        | 40,889          |
| March     | 351,559 | 155,987        | 154,398        | 41,174          |
| April     | 342,514 | 149,669        | 151,455        | 41,390          |
| May       | 335,369 | 145,385        | 149,248        | 40,736          |
| June      | 331,767 | 143,037        | 147,866        | 40,864          |
| July      | 352,255 | 156,106        | 154,463        | 41,686          |
| August    | 353,350 | 154,812        | 155,654        | 42,884          |
| September | 343,480 | 147,338        | 153,344        | 42,798          |
| October   | 344,502 | 151,193        | 152,723        | 40,586          |
| November  | 345,823 | 148,880        | 155,146        | 40,797          |
| December  | 355,825 | 154,505        | 158,784        | 42,536          |

- (1) Number of unemployed persons "entitled to benefits", excluding the elder unemployed persons who receive benefits but who, at their request, are not registered as job-seekers.

Source: NIS, *Statistical Journal*.



### III. Indices of legitimacy

#### A. Public opinion

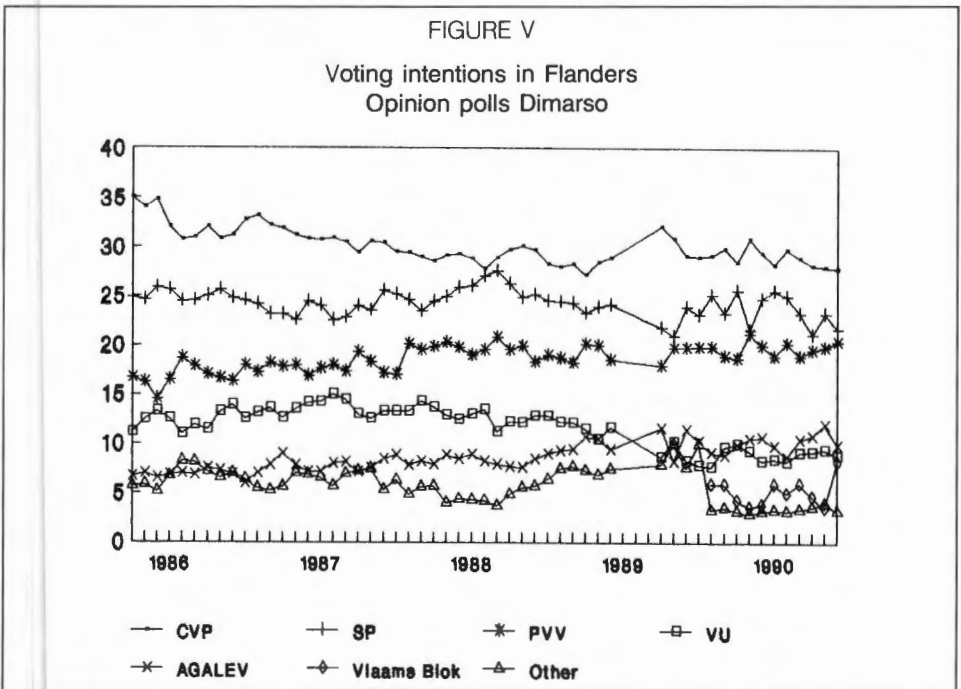
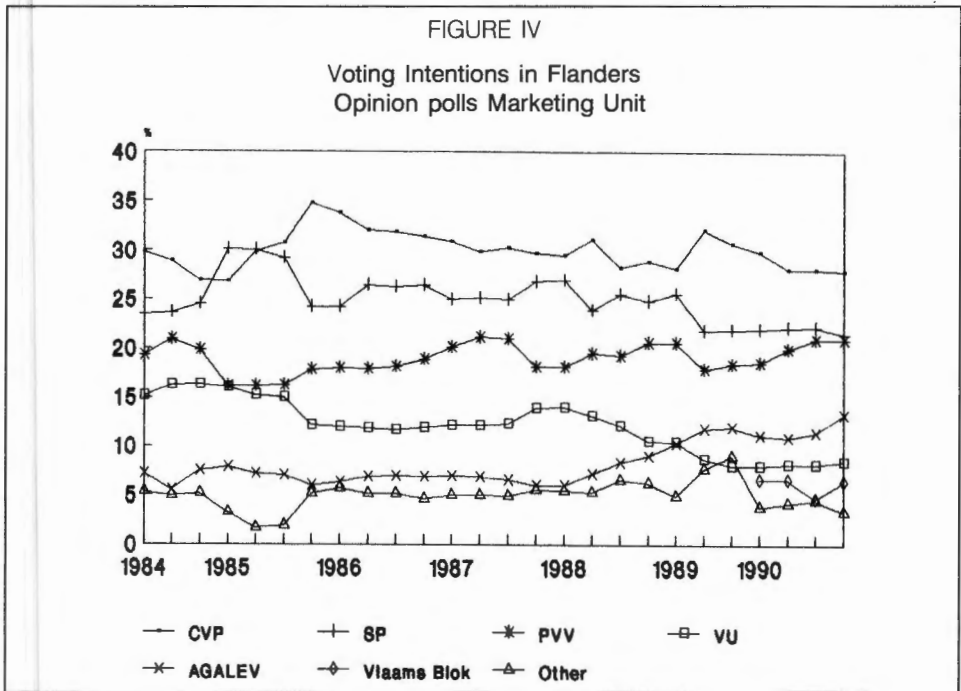
##### 1. Voting intentions according to the opinion polls<sup>1</sup>

###### a) Flanders

| Elections/<br>Opinion polls                  | CVP  | SP   | PVV  | VU   | Agalev | Vlaams<br>Blok | Other |
|--|------|------|------|------|--------|----------------|-------|
| Parliamentary <sup>2</sup><br>elections 1987 | 31.4 | 24.2 | 18.5 | 12.9 | 7.3    | 3.0            | 2.7   |
| European <sup>2</sup><br>elections 1989      | 34.0 | 20.2 | 16.8 | 8.6  | 12.2   | 6.3            | 1.9   |
| MARKETING UNIT                               |      |      |      |      |        |                |       |
| March 1988                                   | 28.2 | 25.6 | 20.6 | 10.4 | 10.3   |                | 4.9   |
| September 1989                               | 31.1 | 21.8 | 17.9 | 8.7  | 11.8   |                | 7.7   |
| December 1989                                | 30.7 | 21.9 | 18.4 | 8.0  | 12.0   |                | 9.0   |
| March 1990                                   | 29.9 | 22.0 | 18.6 | 8.0  | 11.1   | 6.6            | 3.8   |
| June 1990                                    | 28.1 | 22.1 | 20.0 | 8.1  | 10.9   | 6.6            | 4.2   |
| September 1990                               | 28.1 | 22.2 | 21.0 | 8.1  | 11.4   | 4.7            | 4.5   |
| December 1990                                | 28.0 | 21.5 | 21.0 | 8.4  | 13.3   | 6.4            | 3.4   |
| DIMARSO                                      |      |      |      |      |        |                |       |
| September 1989                               | 32.1 | 21.8 | 17.9 | 8.7  | 11.6   |                | 7.9   |
| October 1989                                 | 30.9 | 21.0 | 19.7 | 10.2 | 8.2    |                | 10.0  |
| November 1989                                | 29.1 | 23.9 | 19.7 | 8.3  | 11.4   |                | 7.6   |
| December 1989                                | 29.0 | 23.1 | 13.8 | 7.8  | 10.3   |                | 10.0  |
| January 1990                                 | 29.1 | 25.1 | 19.8 | 7.7  | 9.1    | 5.9            | 3.3   |
| February 1990                                | 29.9 | 23.3 | 18.9 | 9.7  | 8.8    | 5.9            | 3.5   |
| March 1990                                   | 28.4 | 25.6 | 18.7 | 10.0 | 9.9    | 4.3            | 3.1   |
| April 1990                                   | 30.9 | 21.6 | 21.2 | 9.3  | 10.5   | 3.6            | 2.9   |
| May 1990                                     | 29.4 | 24.7 | 20.0 | 8.3  | 10.7   | 3.8            | 3.1   |
| June 1990                                    | 28.2 | 25.5 | 18.9 | 8.4  | 9.8    | 5.9            | 3.3   |
| July 1990                                    | 29.8 | 25.0 | 20.2 | 8.2  | 8.7    | 5.0            | 3.1   |
| August 1990                                  | 28.9 | 23.3 | 18.9 | 9.1  | 10.4   | 6.0            | 3.4   |
| September 1990                               | 28.1 | 24.1 | 19.5 | 9.2  | 10.8   | 4.7            | 3.6   |
| October 1990                                 | 28.0 | 23.3 | 19.8 | 9.4  | 12.0   | 3.5            | 4.0   |
| November 1990                                | 27.8 | 21.7 | 20.4 | 8.8  | 9.9    | 8.2            | 3.2   |

(1) Because of the European elections of June 18, 1989, the seasonal barometer of June 1989 (Marketing Unit) is not registered.

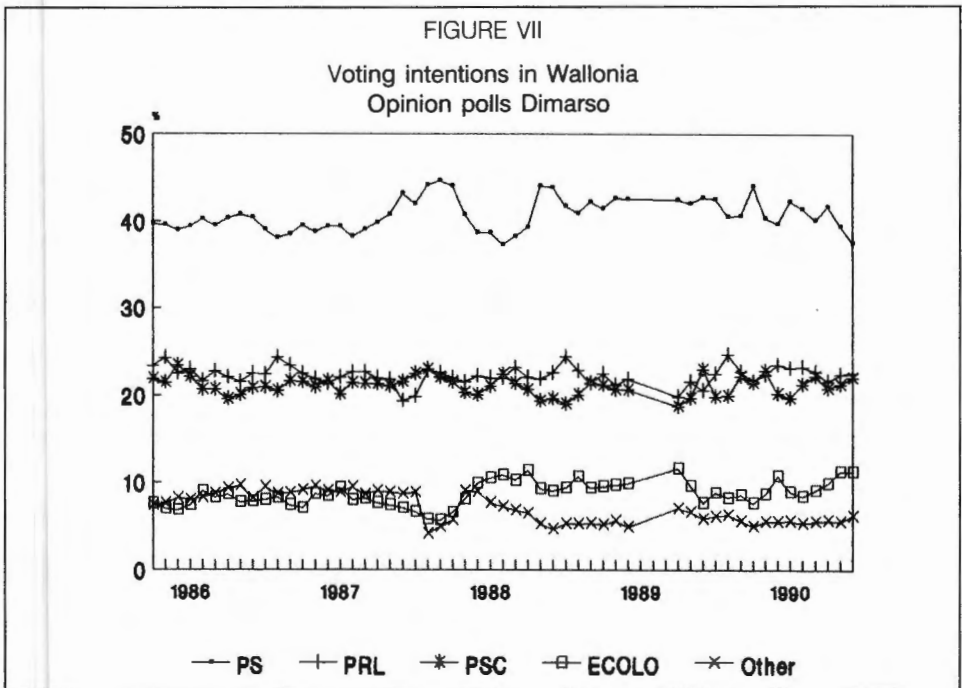
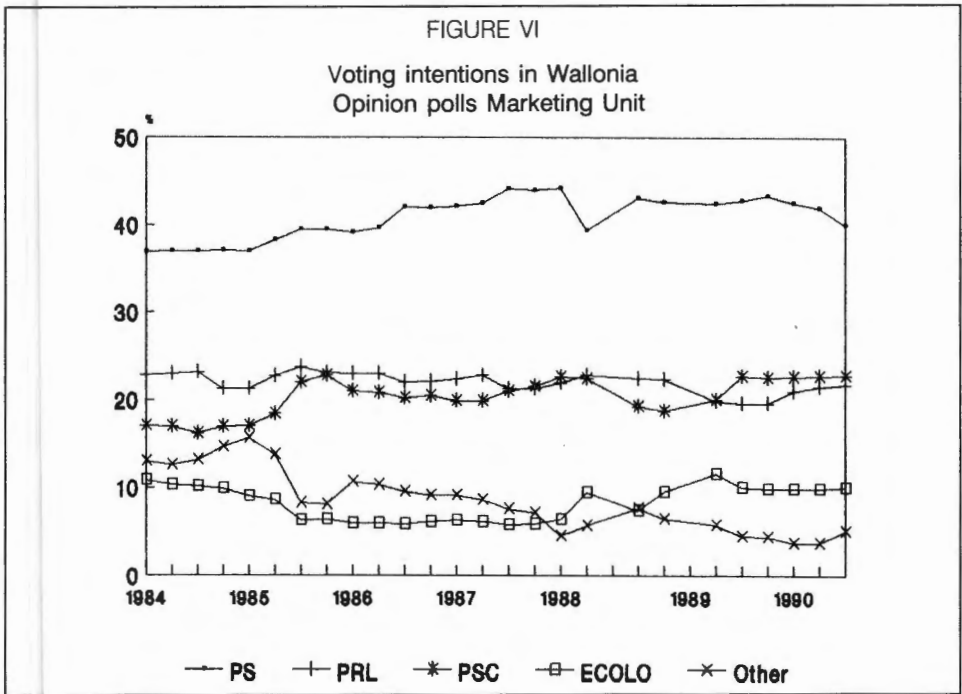
(2) Flemish electoral cantons.



## b) Wallonia

| Elections/<br>Opinion polls    | PS   | PRL  | PSC  | Ecolo | Other |
|--------------------------------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| <b>Parliamentary elections</b> |      |      |      |       |       |
| 1987 <sup>1</sup>              | 43.9 | 22.2 | 23.2 | 6.5   | 4.2   |
| <b>European elections</b>      |      |      |      |       |       |
| 1989 <sup>1</sup>              | 41.5 | 17.0 | 23.2 | 16.0  | 2.3   |
| <b>MARKETING UNIT</b>          |      |      |      |       |       |
| March 1989                     | 42.7 | 22.4 | 18.8 | 9.6   | 6.5   |
| September 1989                 | 42.5 | 19.9 | 20.1 | 11.7  | 5.8   |
| December 1989                  | 42.9 | 19.7 | 22.8 | 10.1  | 4.5   |
| March 1990                     | 43.4 | 19.7 | 22.6 | 9.9   | 4.4   |
| June 1990                      | 42.6 | 21.1 | 22.7 | 9.9   | 3.7   |
| September 1990                 | 42.0 | 21.6 | 22.8 | 9.9   | 3.7   |
| December 1990                  | 40.1 | 21.8 | 22.9 | 10.1  | 5.1   |
| <b>DIMARSO</b>                 |      |      |      |       |       |
| September 1989                 | 42.5 | 19.9 | 18.8 | 11.7  | 7.1   |
| October 1989                   | 42.1 | 21.7 | 19.8 | 9.7   | 6.7   |
| November 1989                  | 42.8 | 20.6 | 23.0 | 7.7   | 5.9   |
| December 1989                  | 42.6 | 22.5 | 19.9 | 8.9   | 6.1   |
| January 1990                   | 40.6 | 24.8 | 20.0 | 8.3   | 6.3   |
| February 1990                  | 40.7 | 22.8 | 22.3 | 8.6   | 5.6   |
| March 1990                     | 44.1 | 21.7 | 21.5 | 7.7   | 5.0   |
| April 1990                     | 40.5 | 22.4 | 22.9 | 8.7   | 5.5   |
| May 1990                       | 39.8 | 23.6 | 20.3 | 10.8  | 5.5   |
| June 1990                      | 42.4 | 23.2 | 19.8 | 9.0   | 5.6   |
| July 1990                      | 41.5 | 23.3 | 21.3 | 8.5   | 5.4   |
| August 1990                    | 40.2 | 22.8 | 22.3 | 9.2   | 5.5   |
| September 1990                 | 41.8 | 21.7 | 20.9 | 9.9   | 5.7   |
| October 1990                   | 39.5 | 22.4 | 21.3 | 11.3  | 5.5   |
| November 1990                  | 37.6 | 22.6 | 22.1 | 11.3  | 6.2   |

(1) Walloon electoral cantons.



## c) Brussels

| Opinion polls  | CVP  | PSC | SP   | PS   | PVV | PRL  | VU  | FDV | Agalev | Ecolo | Vl. Blok | Other |
|----------------|------|-----|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|--------|-------|----------|-------|
| MARKETING UNIT |      |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |        |       |          |       |
| March          |      |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |        |       |          |       |
| 1989           | 12.5 | 6.8 | 10.0 | 15.7 | 9.0 | 18.2 | 6.4 | 8.6 |        | 7.0   | -        | 5.8   |
| September      |      |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |        |       |          |       |
| 1989           | 12.1 | 7.7 | 9.8  | 18.2 | 9.6 | 17.3 | 5.2 | 5.7 |        | 9.6   | -        | 4.8   |
| December       |      |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |        |       |          |       |
| 1989           | 12.1 | 7.9 | 9.7  | 18.0 | 9.7 | 17.8 | 5.3 | 6.4 |        | 9.2   | -        | 3.9   |
| March          |      |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |        |       |          |       |
| 1990           | 11.9 | 7.9 | 9.8  | 18.3 | 9.9 | 17.7 | 5.1 | 5.9 | 3.0    | 6.1   | 2.9      | 1.5   |
| June           |      |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |        |       |          |       |
| 1990           | 10.4 | 8.2 | 9.7  | 18.5 | 9.8 | 18.1 | 5.1 | 6.0 | 3.1    | 6.7   | 3.0      | 1.4   |
| September      |      |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |        |       |          |       |
| 1990           | 10.4 | 8.7 | 9.4  | 18.5 | 9.5 | 18.1 | 5.1 | 6.0 | 3.0    | 7.0   | 3.8      | 0.5   |
| December       |      |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |        |       |          |       |
| 1990           | 10.3 | 8.9 | 9.2  | 18.2 | 9.7 | 17.9 | 5.2 | 6.1 | 3.3    | 7.1   | 3.1      | 1.0   |

Source : - Marketing Unit, The seasonal barometer of the public opinion.

Publication : *La Libre Belgique*.

- Dimarso, Monthly opinion poll of voting intentions.

Publication : *De Morgen*.

2. Popularity of the Prime Minister<sup>1</sup>

|          | March<br>1989 | Sept.<br>1989 | Dec.<br>1989 | March<br>1990 | June<br>1990 | Sept.<br>1990 | Dec.<br>1990 |
|----------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Flanders | 45            | 46            | 44           | 41            | 39           | 41            | 37           |
| Wallonia | 20            | 18            | 19           | 18            | 18           | 24            | 24           |
| Brussels | 28            | 28            | 30           | 27            | 20           | 27            | 26           |

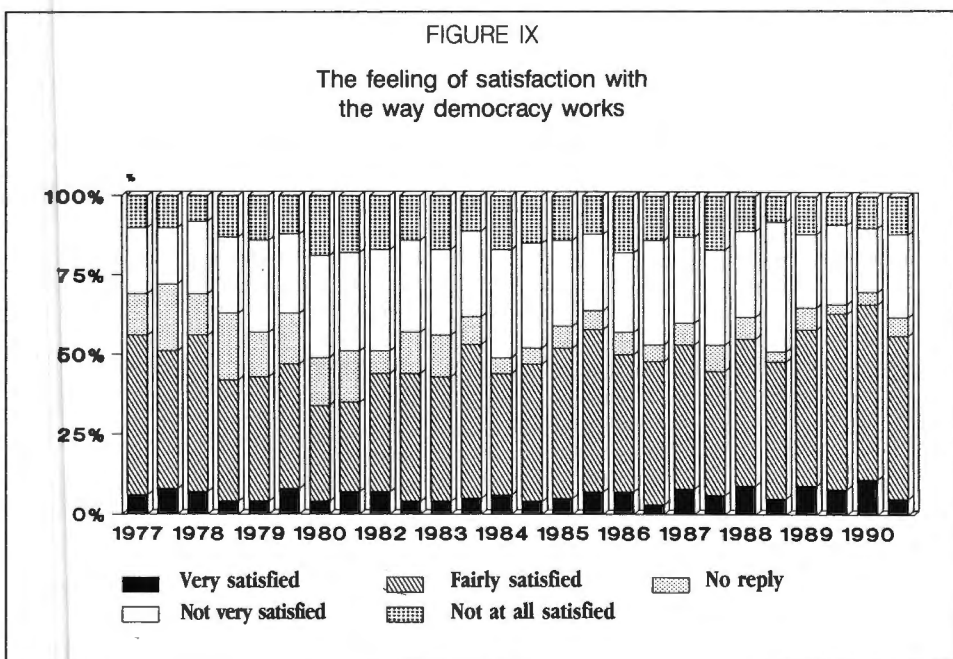
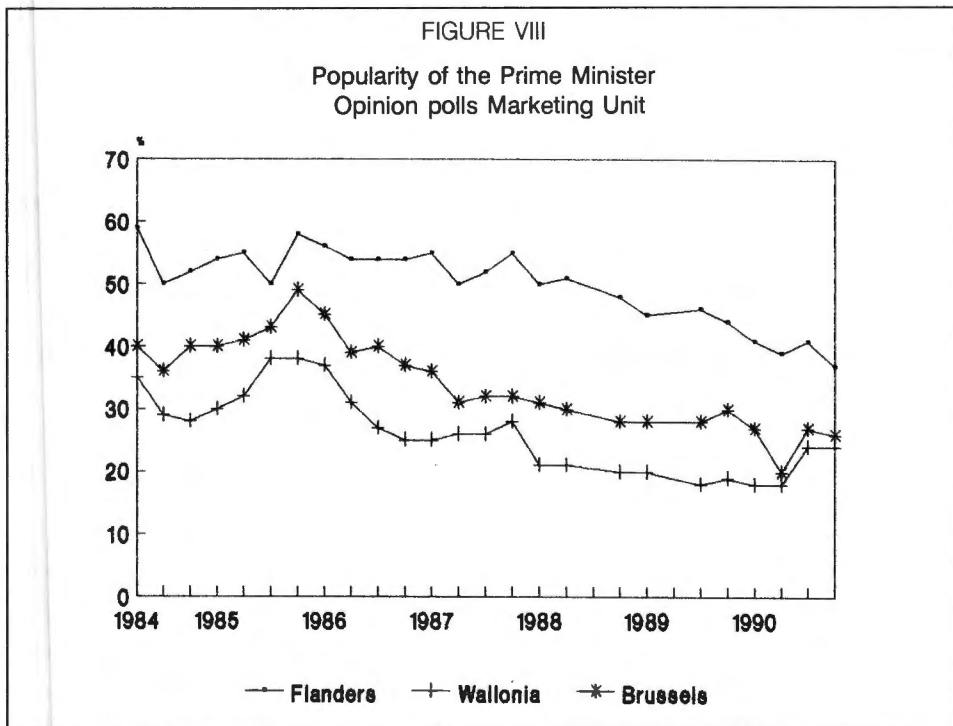
(1) Percentage of respondents who want Wilfried Martens to have an important influence during the coming months.

Source : Marketing Unit. The seasonal barometer of the public opinion.

Publication : *La Libre Belgique*.

## 3. The feeling of satisfaction with the way democracy works

Source : Commission des Communautés Européennes, Eurobaromètre. 1974-1990





B. *Cabinet stability*: see I, B, b.

C. *Membership: political parties and trade unions*

1. Political parties

See:

- (1) M. MAES, *De ledenaantallen van de politieke partijen in België, 1945-1987. Een documentaire studie*. Leuven, Afdeling Politologie, 1988, 172 p.
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a) Flemish political parties

|          | CVP     | SP      | PVV    | VU     | AGALEV | VL.BLOK |
|----------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| 1987 (1) | 139,398 | 103,778 | 75,393 | 49,134 | 1,375  | 4,213   |
| 1988 (2) | 133,688 |         | 75,327 | 47,582 | 1,800  |         |
| 1989 (4) |         | 99,112  | 75,390 | 43,898 |        |         |
| 1990 (4) |         |         | 71,051 | 40,779 | 2,130  |         |
|          |         |         |        |        | (91)   |         |

b) French political parties

|          | PSC    | PS      | PRL    | FDF    | ECOLO |
|----------|--------|---------|--------|--------|-------|
| 1987 (1) | 42,838 | 154,000 | 76,298 | 13,488 | 1,317 |
| 1988 (3) | 43,284 | 155,300 | 45,824 |        | 1,400 |
| 1989 (3) | 43,353 | 157,000 | 45,430 | 10,587 | 1,990 |

2. Trade Unions

|      | ACV <sup>1</sup> | ABVV <sup>1</sup> | ACLVB   |
|------|------------------|-------------------|---------|
| 1970 | 812,026          | 836,963           | 123,210 |
| 1975 | 1,042,291        | 1,062,604         | 160,903 |
| 1980 | 1,151,835        | 1,126,814         | 199,455 |
| 1985 | 1,190,560        | 1,097,594         | 210,936 |
| 1986 | 1,205,562        | 1,036,028         | 211,048 |
| 1987 | 1,212,117        | 1,029,074         | 212,672 |
| 1988 | 1,209,716        |                   | 211,114 |
| 1989 | 1,240,953        |                   | 213,019 |
| 1990 |                  |                   | 215,759 |

(1) Recent numbers not yet available.

Source: ACV: P. PASTURE, J. MAMPUYS, *In de ban van het getal. Ledenanalyse van het ACV 1900-1990*.

K.U. Leuven, Hoger Instituut voor de Arbeid, 1990, p. 222

ABVV: *Statutair Congres ABVV*, September 1989, p. 311.

ACLVB: *Internal document*.

**D. Protests: strikes in 1989 and 1990.**

|           |           | Disputes | Number of establishments involved | Strikers | Working days lost |        |
|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------------|--------|
| 1989      | January   | 8        | 8                                 | 1,203    | 3,545             |        |
|           | February  | 16       | 16                                | 2,771    | 8,844             |        |
|           | March     | 33       | 33                                | 4,109    | 18,866            |        |
|           | April     | 9        | 8                                 | 5,735    | 16,611            |        |
|           | May       | 7        | 5                                 | 1,400    | 6,729             |        |
|           | June      | 3        | 3                                 | 2,714    | 33,359            |        |
|           | July      | 1        | 1                                 | 23       | 330               |        |
|           | September | 1        | 1                                 | 139      | 834               |        |
|           | November  | 5        | 5                                 | 1,457    | 25,970            |        |
|           | December  | 1        | 1                                 | 14       | 17,802            |        |
|           | 1990      | January  | 6                                 | 6        | 966               | 11,253 |
|           |           | February | 2                                 | 2        | 78                | 6,043  |
| March     |           | 2        | 2                                 | 3,344    | 14,109            |        |
| April     |           | 7        | 12                                | 735      | 15,688            |        |
| May       |           | 4        | 4                                 | 2,385    | 20,568            |        |
| June      |           | 3        | 3                                 | 2,428    | 25,344            |        |
| July      |           | 1        | 1                                 | 162      | 738               |        |
| August    |           | 1        | 1                                 | 160      | 2,998             |        |
| September |           | 3        | 3                                 | 292      | 1,235             |        |
| October   |           | 1        | 1                                 | 144      | 2,600             |        |

Source : NIS, *Statistical Journal*.