

Kingdom of Belgium

This annex refers to the rating action release of 7 February 2020

Annex I: Summary of core variable scorecard (CVS) and qualitative scorecard (QS)¹

Implied rating of core variable scorecard (CVS)		a
Weight	Qualitative scorecard (QS)	
35%	Growth potential of the economy	Strong
	Economic policy framework	Strong
	Macro-economic stability and sustainability	Strong
30%	Fiscal policy framework	Neutral
	Debt sustainability	Neutral
	Market access and funding sources	Very strong
15%	Current account vulnerability	Strong
	External debt sustainability	Very strong
	Vulnerability to short-term external shocks	Strong
10%	Perceived willingness to pay	Neutral
	Recent events and policy decisions	Neutral
	Geopolitical risk	Neutral
10%	Banking sector performance	Strong
	Banking sector oversight and governance	Strong
	Financial imbalances and financial fragility	Strong
QS adjustment (notches)		3
Additional considerations (notches)		0
Final rating		AA NEG

Annex II: Selected indicators

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019E	2020F
GDP per capita (EUR, '000s)	37.1	38.1	39.3	40.3	41.2	42.2
Real GDP, % change	2.0	1.5	2.0	1.5	1.1	1.0
HICP, % change	0.6	1.8	2.2	2.3	1.3	1.4
General government balance, % of GDP	-2.4	-2.4	-0.7	-0.7	-1.7	-2.3
General government debt, % of GDP	105.2	104.9	101.8	100.0	99.1	99.6
Current account balance, % of GDP	-1.0	0.6	1.2	-1.0	-0.8	-0.9
Gross external debt, % of GDP	255.5	276.9	255.8	236.5	-	-

Source: EC, ECB, Eurostat, Haver, Scope Ratings GmbH

Annex III: Economic development and default indicators

IMF Development Classification ²	AE
5y CDS spread (bps) as of 4 February 2020	15.1

¹ The weighting and explanation of all rating factors are described in Scope's 'Public Finance Sovereign Ratings' methodology, available on www.scopeeratings.com

² AE = advanced economy; EMDE = emerging market and developing economy