### TRADE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF PAKISTAN



# Pakistan - Belgium Trade Relationship





Belgium is situated in northwestern Europe bordering the North Sea between France and the Netherlands. It borders Luxembourg and Germany in the east and shares maritime borders with the United Kingdom. It is a federal-state divided into three regions: Dutch-speaking Flanders in the north, francophone Wallonia in the south and Brussels, the bilingual capital were French and Dutch share official status. There is also a small German-speaking minority in the eastern part of the country.

Belgium is an important economic hub because of its location, allowing massive inland transit of goods through the Port of Antwerp. However, the manufacturing industry is still the key to the Belgian economy because it generates a large share of market services. The strong sectors of the Belgian industry are metallurgy, steel, textiles, chemicals, glass, paper, and food processing.

### **ECONOMIC INDICATORS**

Capital: Ankara

GDP (PPP): \$3.0 Tn 2022 est

GDP Per Capital \$35,624 (PPP, 2022 est)

GDP Growth: 10.5 % in 2021

Population: 84.68 million

Exports of Goods in 2020: USD 225.29 bn Imports of Goods in 2020 USD 271.42 bn

BELGIUM GLOBAL TOP 10 TRADE ITEMS			
Import Items	\$ (Mn)	Export items	\$ (Mn)
Pharmaceutical products	51,456	Pharmaceutical products	61,448
Vehicles other than railway	49,468	Vehicles other than railway	49,780
Mineral fuels, mineral oils	33,136	Machinery, mechanical appliances	29,449
Machinery, mechanical appliances	31,552	Plastics and articles thereof	27,480
Organic chemicals	25,127	Organic chemicals	26,720
Electrical machinery and equipment	23,083	Mineral fuels, mineral oils	24,608
Plastics and articles thereof	17,057	Electrical machinery and equipment	15,651
Natural or cultured pearls,	14,534	Natural or cultured pearls,	15,621
Optical, photographic, cinematographic	12,243	Iron and steel	13,700
Iron and steel	9,636	Optical, photographic, cinematographic	12,431

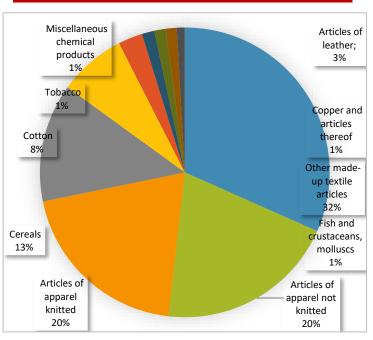
## **MAJOR CHALLENGES**

- 1: Compliance to EU regulations
- 2: Product Diversification & modernization
- 3: Supply side issues-delays in orders & shipments
- 4: Changing needs & habits
- 5: Lack of engagement at Government level

### **EXPORT POTENTIAL**

- 1: Husked or brown rice
- 2: Equipment for general physical exercise
- 3: Medical & surgical instruments
- 4: Footwear & apparel of leather

# EXPORTS TO BELGIUM IN 2020



# PAK- BELGIUM TRADE (2016-2020) 1,000,000 500,000 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 Pakistan Exports Pakistan Imports Balance of Trade Linear (Balance of Trade)

# IMPORTS FROM BELGIUM IN 2020

