

Budgets are allocated annually and commitments are made within the allocations, although country envelopes may be reduced if not fully utilized. Funds are no longer revolving and Foreign Trade is examining ways to remove funds from the normal budgetary process and to ensure lapses are reusable. This has put pressure on ODA for more assistance on projects, and there also are more requests from exporters for specific assistance.

In terms of future intentions, it can be expected that Belgium exporters will continue to receive concessional financing support. However, Belgium's poor fiscal situation will not allow for an increase in such support.