

STATISTICAL REVIEW OF THE POLITICAL YEAR 1990

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I. Politics and government

A. Legislative assemblies

1. Chamber and Senate¹

Political parties ²	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 Chamber³

- 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 Senators³

- 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)⁴.
- 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)⁴.

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 ⁵	Members	
	Before elections	After ⁶ 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 Council⁷

Political parties	Members	Political parties	Members
Language group of the Flemish Community Commission		Language group of the 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 fractionalization¹

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 1990¹

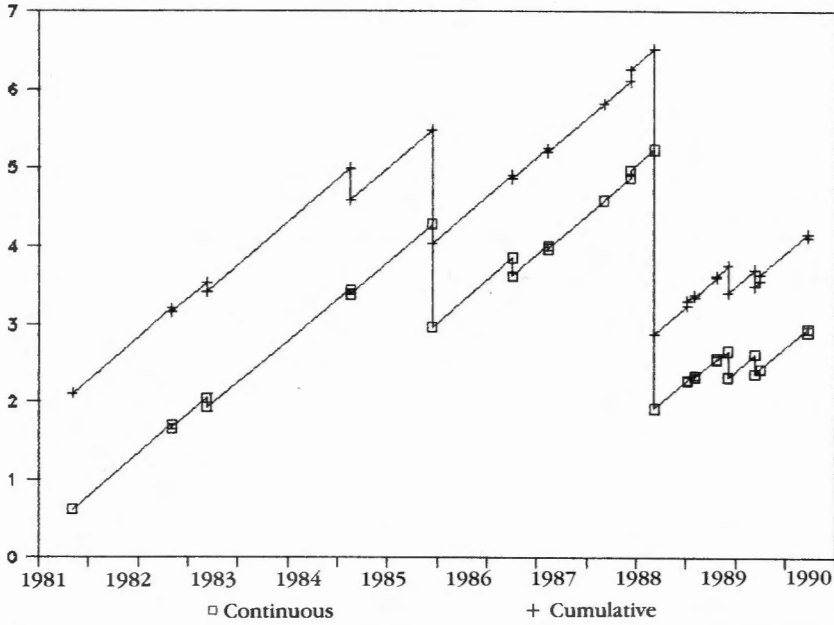
Cabinets	Duration of the Cabinet	Continuous Experience			Cumulative experience			Interim adaptation
		Beginning	Interim adaptation		Beginning	Interim adaptation		
			Before	After		Before	After	
Martens V 1981- 1985	47 months 12 days	223	622	606	769	1168	1150	
			746	703		1290	1247	
			1257	1235		1824	1674	
								2000
Martens VI 1985- 1987	22 months 24 days	1082	1406	1322	1470	1794	1773	
			1464	1448		1915	1898	
								2124
Martens VII 1987- 1988	6 months 20 days	1674	1779	1815	2124	2229	2282	
								2378
Martens VIII 1988-	31 months 23 days (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.

FIGURE I
Continuous and cumulative cabinet experience of the national government ministers (1981-1990)



2. Flemish Community Executive

Political parties	Ministers
CVP	5
SP	3
PVV	2
VU	1
Total	11

3. Walloon Regional Executive

Political parties	Ministers
PS	4
PSC	3
Total	7

The executive reshuffle.

- Alain Van der Biest (PS) was appointed Minister of Local Governments, Subsidized Works and Water, replacing André Cools (PS), who retired (May 3, 1990).

4. French Community Executive

Political parties	Ministers
PS	3
PSC	1
Total	4

5. German-language Community Executive

Political parties	Ministers	
	Before election	After election ⁸
CSP	2	1
PFF	1	1
SP		1
Total	3	3

(8) Cfr. I, E, 5.

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	
Total		5		3

C. Legislation

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

	Chamber	Senate
1. Public sessions		
Number of meeting days	49	54
Number of plenary meetings	75	97
- morning	27	21
- afternoon + evening	48	76
2. Legislative activities		
a) Government bills		
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) Parliamentary bills		
Introduced	193	110
Accepted	27	17
Rejected	6	3
Revoked or lapsed	12	16
Total examined	45	20
Under consideration	148	
3. Control activities		
a) Interpellations		
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 ⁹

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 ¹⁰ during the parliamentary sessions of 1982-1983 to 1989-1990, by initiator ¹¹.

Session	Government initiative		Parliamentary initiative		Total 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	% ¹	Number	% ¹	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 and civil service	273.0		460.4	51.2
Foreign affairs, Foreign trade and 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, telegraphy and 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 affairs - education			0.5	-
Total	1,556,728.6	6,843.3	1,230,465.9	9,034.9

b. Expenses

	1990		1991	
	Initial	Adapted	Before restructuring	After restructuring
I. Current/Capital expenses				
A. Public debt	516,363.3	549,531.4	584,183.2	639,238.4
B. Major departments	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
C. Social area	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/ no payment			-21,000.0	-21,000.0
Health care	46,742.8	47,188.6	46,838.9	47,168.8
D. Economic area	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 (Road fund included)	69,834.9	69,095.3	70,160.8	(b)
E. Culture, science, communities	20,053.8	20,254.9	15,757.8	
Culture, science, education	14,527.5	14,758.4	11,968.8	(c)
Regions and Communities	5,526.3	5,496.5	3,789.0	(d)
F. Incidental expenses	-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
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Total	349,124.4

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
Total	358,417.9	28,202.0	19,499.7

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

a. Revenues

- Current revenues	79,962.1
- Capital revenues	5,257.7
Total	85,219.8

b. Expenses

	Non-divided credits	Divided credits	
		Budgetary commitments	Cash credits
Grant to the Walloon Regional Council	182.0	-	-
Cabinet expenses	856.3	-	-
Executive services and organisms not allied with organic sections	135.3	-	-
General secretariat of the Ministry of the Walloon Region	10,272.9	100.0	260.0
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 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
Total	71,479.9	33,223.5	27,239.7

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

a. Revenues

- Current revenues	173,445.0
- Capital revenues	0.3
Total	173,445.3

b. Expenses

	Non- divided credits	Divided credits	
		Budgetary commitments	Cash credits
I. Expenses concerning cultural and personal matters			
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	—	—	—
	34,852.4	1,588.1	1,534.9
II. Expenses concerning education, formation and scientific research			
a. Expenses for education and scientific research (the powers of Ministre Ylieff)			
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 research	15,940.0	225.0(I)	437.0(I)
Higher education outside university and scientific research	7,744.3	—	—
Social promotion education	2,742.9	—	—
Student transport	774.0	—	—
Organisation of education (including management of Psycho-medical-social centres)	2,152.3	—	—
Schoolbuildings	2,125.0(I)	—	—
	133,403.1	225.0	437.0
b. Expenses for education and formation and cultural expenses for education (the powers of Ministre Grafé)			
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 Product¹

	GNP (market price ; in real prices)		GNP (market price ; in prices of 1985)	
	Absolute numbers (in thousand million BF)	Growth percentage	Absolute numbers (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.

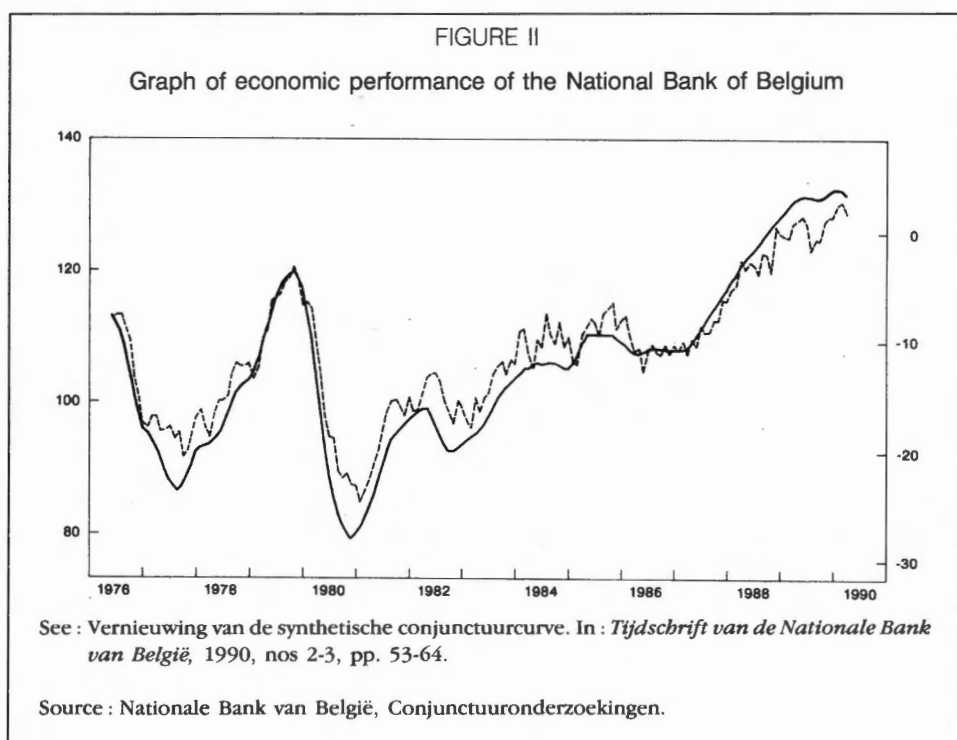
Source : NIS, *Statistical Journal*.

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 industry¹

	October 1980 = 100	1990 January	October 1980 = 100	January 1990 = 100
1985	129.1	1990 January	146.8	100.0
1986	131.2	April	149.1	101.6
1987	133.1	July	149.6	101.9
1988	135.7	October	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^{1 2}

	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.

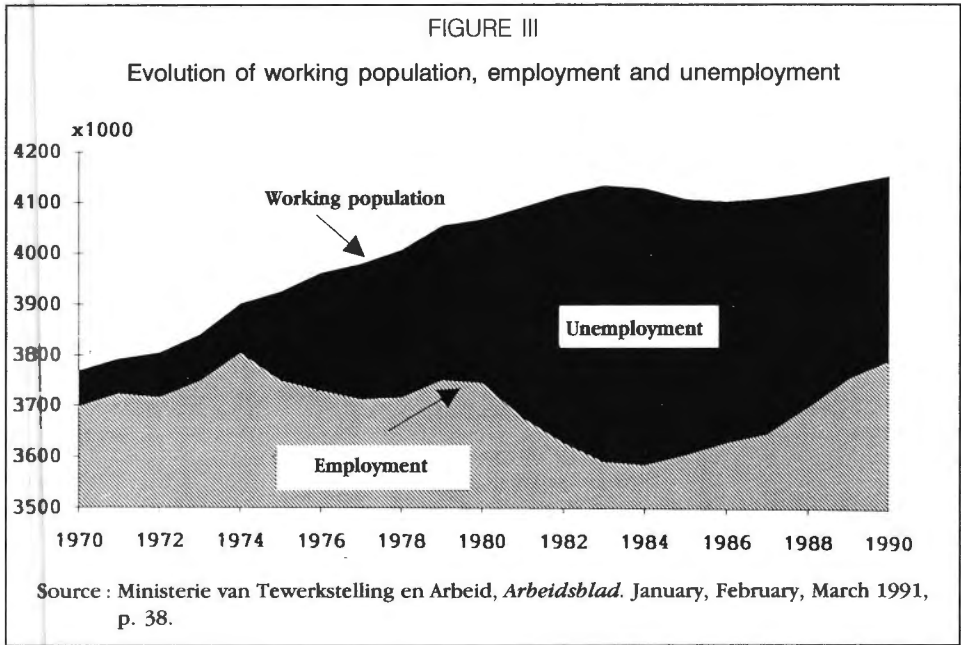
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3. Number of unemployed persons entitled to benefits¹

	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

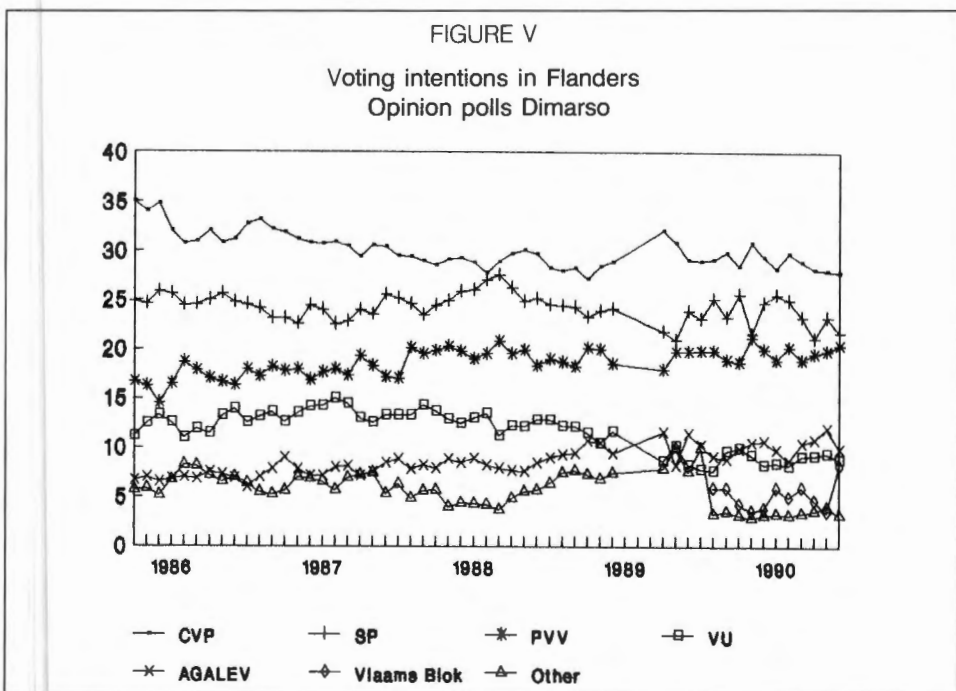
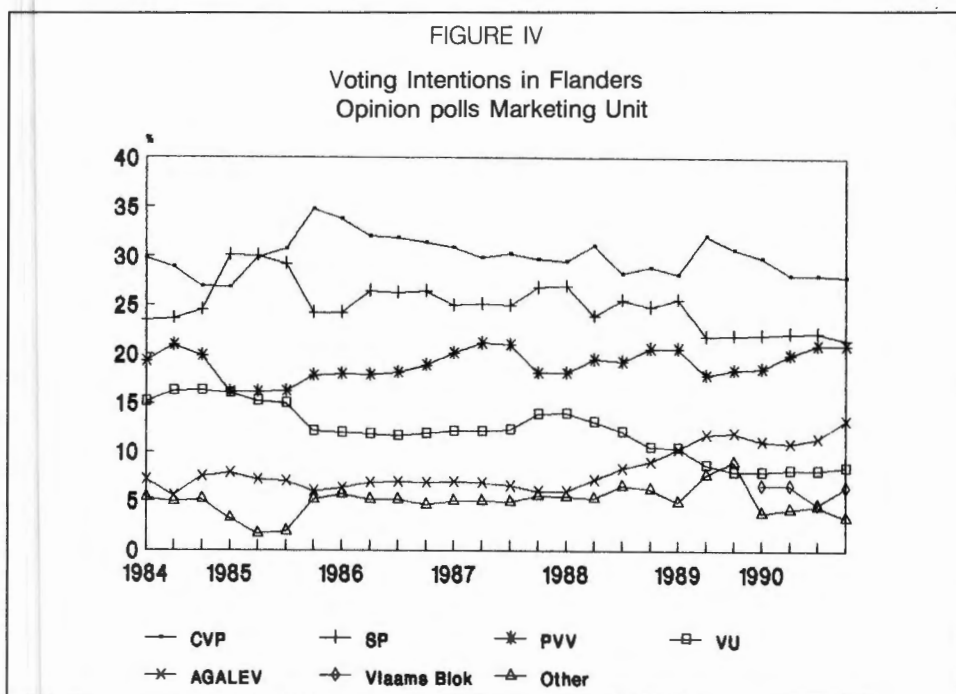
1. Voting intentions according to the opinion polls¹

a) Flanders

Elections/ Opinion polls	CVP	SP	PVV	VU	Agalev	Vlaams Blok	Other
Parliamentary ² elections 1987	31.4	24.2	18.5	12.9	7.3	3.0	2.7
European ² 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.

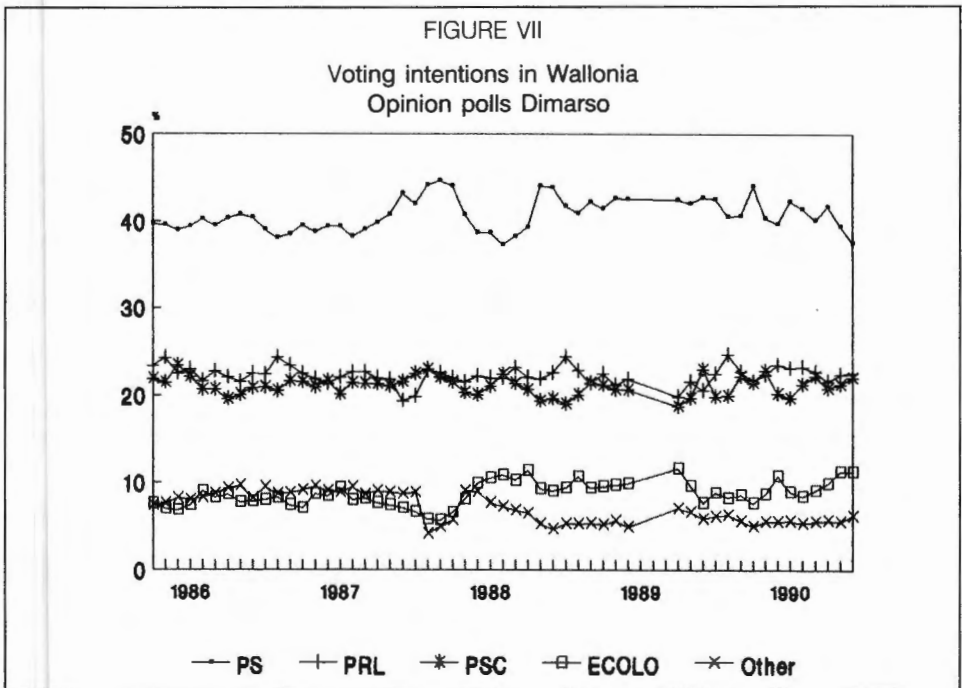
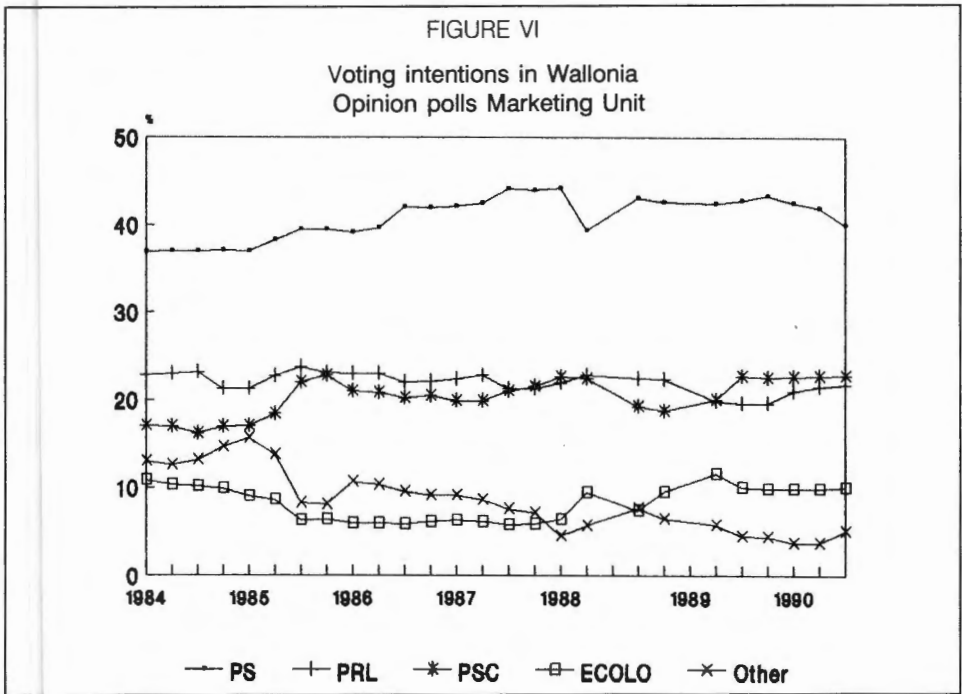
(2) Flemish electoral cantons.



b) Wallonia

Elections/ Opinion polls	PS	PRL	PSC	Ecolo	Other
Parliamentary elections					
1987 ¹	43.9	22.2	23.2	6.5	4.2
European elections					
1989 ¹	41.5	17.0	23.2	16.0	2.3
MARKETING UNIT					
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
DIMARSO					
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 Minister¹

	March 1989	Sept. 1989	Dec. 1989	March 1990	June 1990	Sept. 1990	Dec. 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

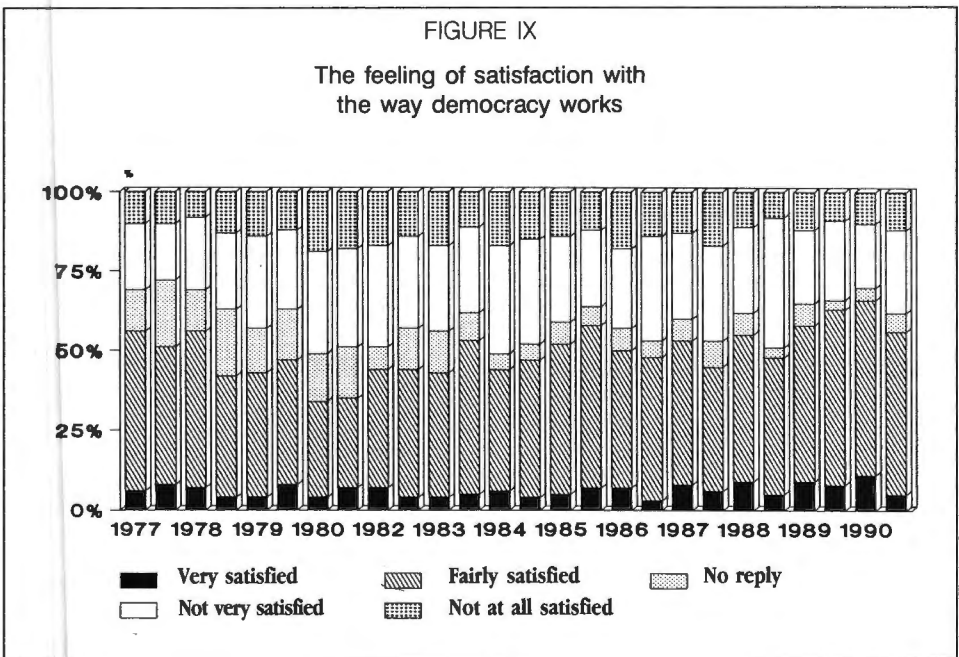
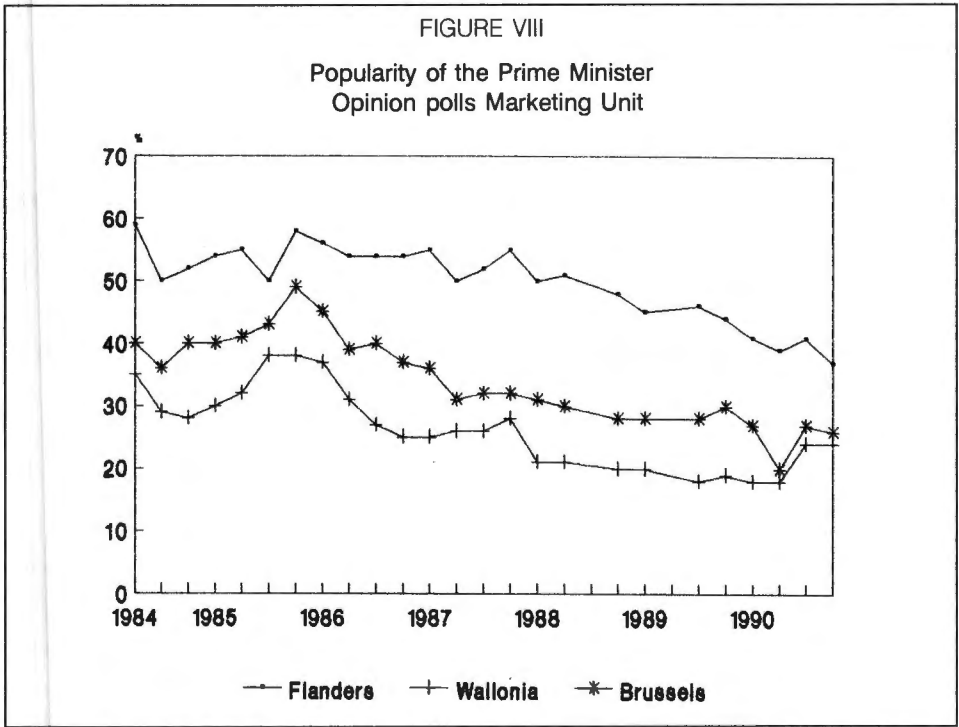
(1) Percentage of respondents who want Wilfried Martens to have an important influence during the coming months.

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:

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- (2) M. VERMINCK, *Morfologie van de Vlaamse politieke partijen in 1987 en 1988*. In: *Res Publica*, 1989, no 3, p. 385-440.
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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	FDJ	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 ¹	ABVV ¹	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*.