



Stepping up domestic revenue mobilisation

Belgium

Gross disbursements - \$2.67 million

Commitments - N/A

Most important recipients

- Disbursements – developing countries unspecified - \$2.67 million

- Commitments - N/A

Doubling support to DRM in partner countries

Belgium's expenditure on assistance related to domestic revenue mobilisation was reported as USD 2.27 million in 2019, representing a decrease of 14% since 2018 and of 4% since 2015.

Through its development cooperation, Belgium is a longstanding donor to the IMF's Revenue Mobilization Trust Fund (RMTF), the World Bank's Extractives Global Programmatic Support (EGPS) and the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI). These contributions are in line with Belgium's wider policy to provide predictable, flexible and multiannual funding to multilateral partners. This is part of a multiannual commitment

covering the period 2017 – 2020, executed through yearly disbursements. Belgium notes that there is important nuance to be added in the way these commitments and disbursements are reflected in the annual monitoring report, and that the lack of new commitments during 2019 should not be seen as a decline in their support to DRM. DRM is recognised as a priority issue by new Development Cooperation Minister.

Belgium also supports bilateral partnerships in relation to DRM through the Belgian Federal Public Service Finance, providing capacity building support to Greece, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Malaysia, Ivory Coast and Benin.

Policy coherence for development

Belgium's commitment to promote policy coherence is demonstrated by:

- A strong commitment to strengthen international tax cooperation and raise awareness regarding international tax standards through projects undertaken by the Federal Public Service Finances;
- Ensuring coherence of double taxation agreements

by applying the OECD model for double taxation agreements;

- Supporting efforts aimed at strengthening the mobilisation and effective use of domestic resources in the pursuit of a green, inclusive and sustainable development through multilateral cooperation at the EU, IFI and UN level.

Outlook

Based on OECD disbursement data, it does not seem likely that Belgium will meet the Commitment 1 target to double its support to DRM by 2020. However, the Belgian Government states that it has fulfilled its commitment in contributing to the collective doubling of support for DRM. In addition, the Belgian

Government is currently preparing new multiannual commitments in support of DRM, with the aim of increasing future support to DRM.