R&D target of the "Europe 2020" Strategy : assessment for Belgium

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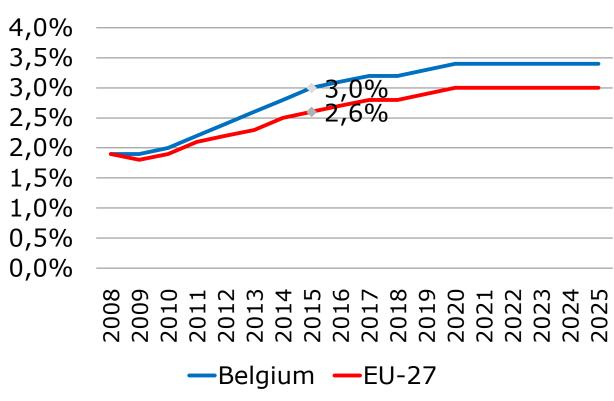
Objectives of the exercise

- Evaluation of the macroeconomic and sectoral impacts of the R&D target of "Europe 2020" Strategy: investment of 3% of European GDP in R&D in 2020
- Comparison with baseline scenario where R&D intensities constant to their 2008 level



Assumptions: R&D intensities

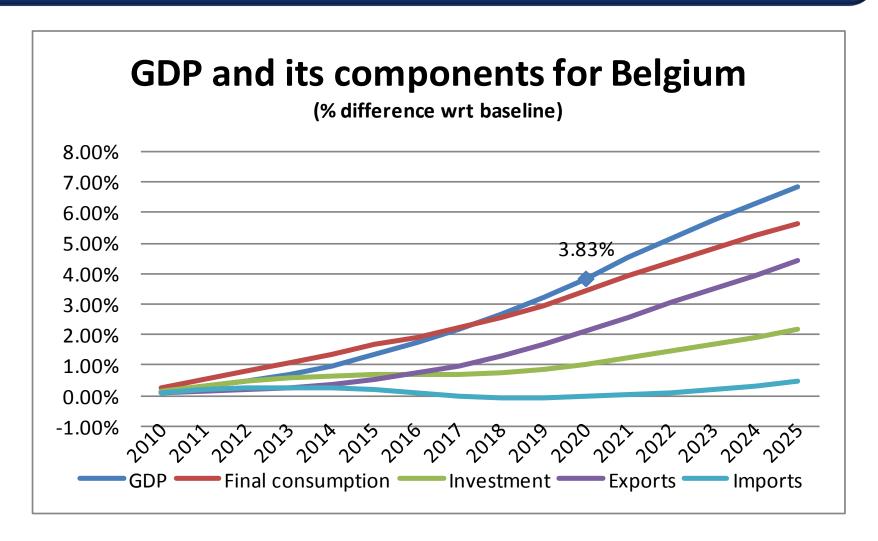




Assumptions: R&D by sources of funds and sector of performance

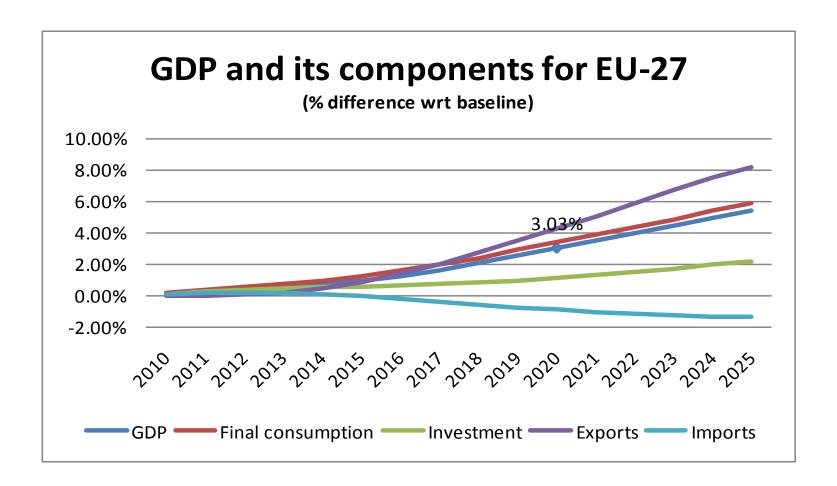
	Part of R&D financed by private sources (2008)	Part of R&D financed by public sources (2008)	Part of R&D performed by private sector (2008)	Part of R&D performed by public sector (2008)
Belgium	71 %	29 %	70 %	30 %
EU-27	62 %	38 %	65 %	35 %

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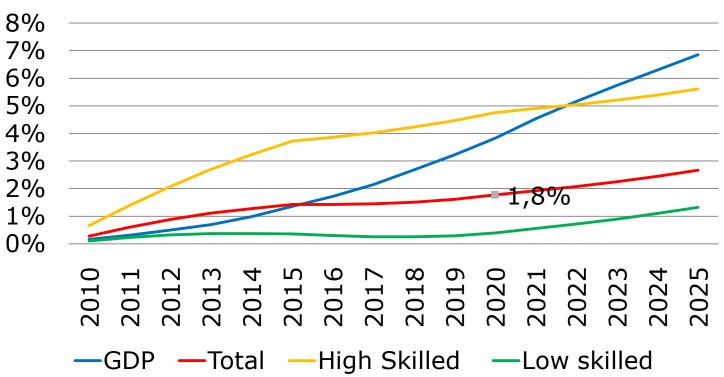




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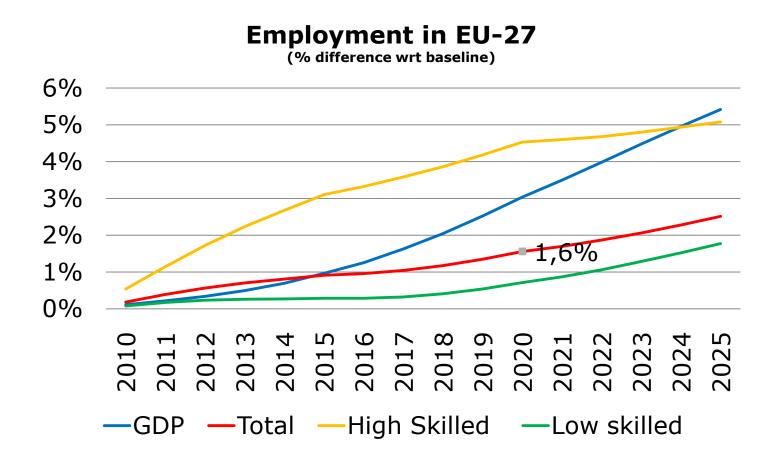


(% difference wrt baseline)



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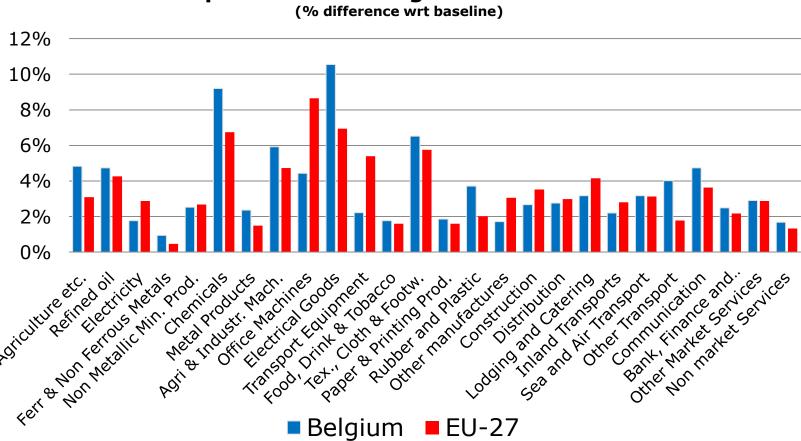
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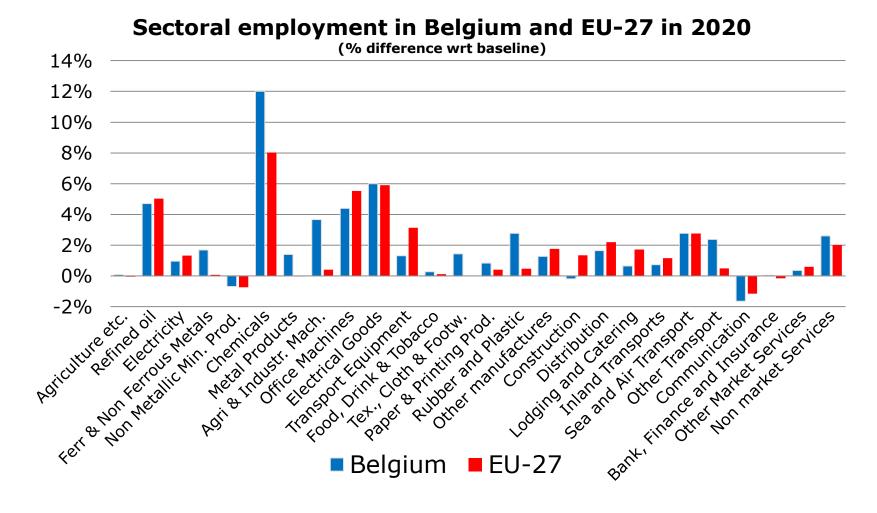
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Sectoral results in 2020

Sectoral production in Belgium and EU-27 in 2020



Sectoral results in 2020



Competitiveness of Belgium

	Unit labour cost (% difference wrt baseline)				
	2010	2015	2020	2025	
Belgium	0.3%	0.4%	-3.5%	-7.8%	
Germany	0%	-0.3%	-1.8%	-5%	
France	0%	0%	-4.4%	-9%	
Netherlands	0%	0%	-3.8%	-8.2%	
Average 3 partners	0%	-0.2%	-3%	-6.9%	



Conclusions for 2020

- Multiplier of R&D expenses :
 - 2.6 for Belgium
 - 2.75 for EU-27
- Employment increases but in a smaller magnitude :
 - + 1.8 % in Belgium
 - + 1.6 % in EU-27
- Transformation of the industrial structure :
 - to the advantage of R&D intensive and consumption goods and services sectors
 - to the detriment of intermediary and non R&D intensive investment sectors
- Limits of the exercise:
 - No reaction from countries outside Europe
 - Mechanisms of the model : fixed exchange rate and interest rate

