

La Belgique





Belgium is a small country with a high population density ... 362 people/km²; we are in total 11 million.

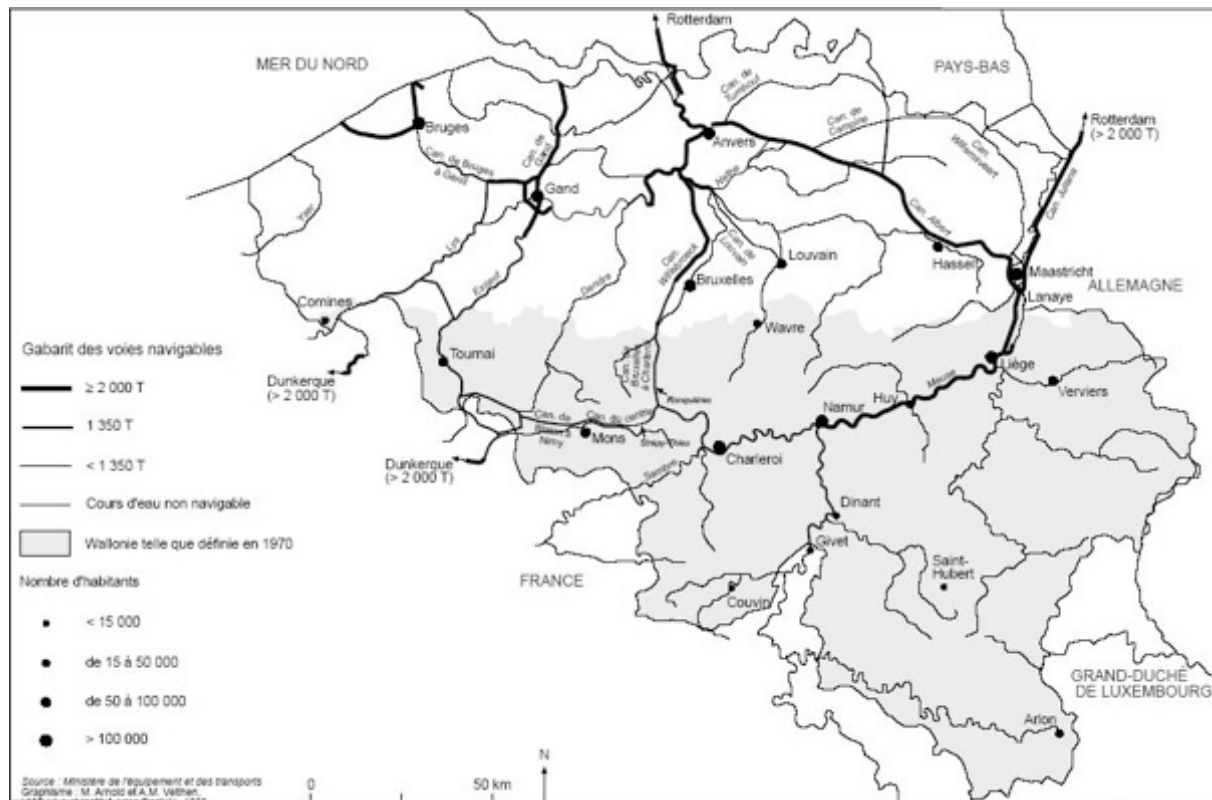
The geographical situation of Belgium contributes to its prosperity.



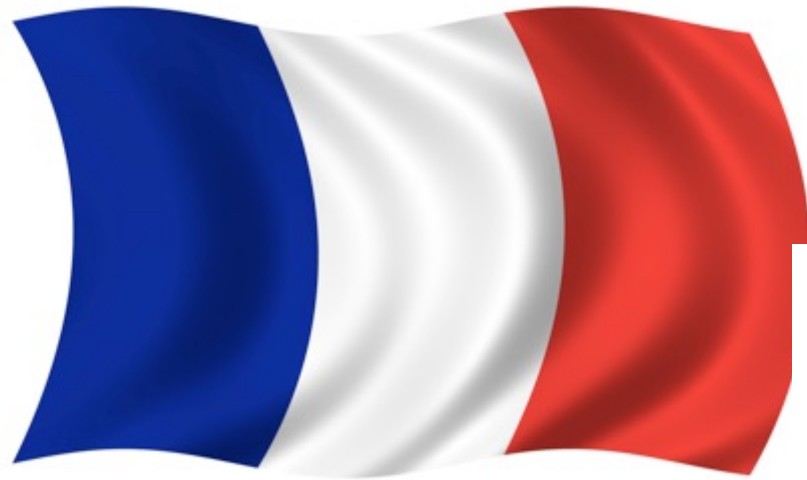
Belgium is a democratic monarchy.
Our King is Philippe.
We also have a Prime Minister.



Neighboring countries of Belgium are Pays-Bas, Allemagne, Luxembourg and France.



Three rivers cross the Belgium Meuse, Scheldt and Yser. Many channels complement our hydrography.



Belgium has three official languages:
French, Flemish and German.



Currently, the Belgian economy is difficult as in many European countries. Belgium doesn't have many natural resources. Then we have processing industries such as diamonds, oil, steel, car assembly, drugs, ...



The capital of Belgium is Brussels.
This city is bilingual: all documents are in
Flemish and French.
Two known symbols of our capital are
Atomium and Manneken Pis.



Belgium has a oldartistic tradition. Pieter Brueghel in the sixteenth century, Peter Paul Rubens in the seventeenth century, René Magritte in the twentieth century are examples among many others.



Pieter Brueghel



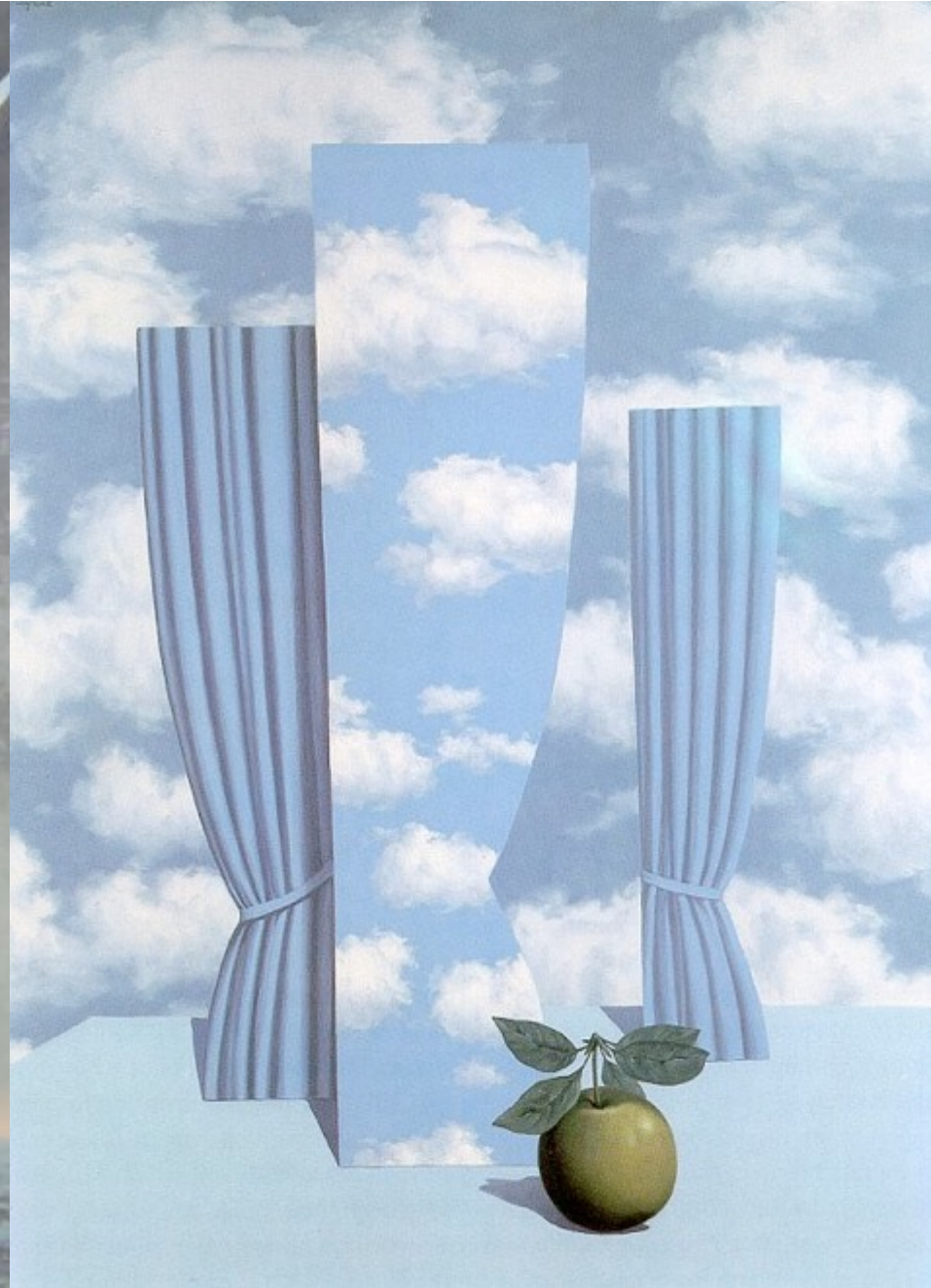


Peter Paul Rubens





René Magritte





There is another popular art in Belgium:
the art of comics.
We can also visit two museums on this
beautiful art.



Tintin



Lucky Luke



Schtroumpf



Boule et Bill



Papyrus



Jojo



Gaston Lagaffe

Some stars of the Belgian comic strip ...



Other well-known cities in Belgium
... Liège et Bruges.



Another region of Belgium called the Ardennes.
We live in a region where nature is everywhere.
In this region, we can camp, bike, take a walk, fish,

...



Culinary specialties of Belgium:
chips, chocolate, waffles, beer



Johnny Hallyday



Eden Hazard



Annie Cordy



Benoît
Poelvoorde



Jacques Brel



Vincent Kompany



David Goffin

Some famous Belgians ...



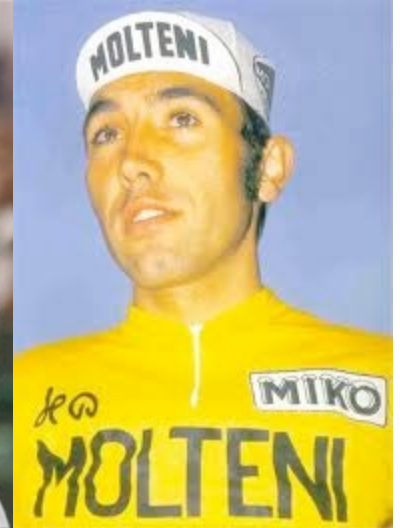
Jean Michel Saive



Georges
Simenon



Justine Henin



Eddy Merckx