

Belgium

Exposure guidelines	<p>Brussels Capital: 3 V/m cumulative norm for all RF sources (except broadcasters).</p> <p>Walloon Region: Today, the Walloon norm is 3 V/m per antenna. The Regional Government has stated in 2009 that it wanted to lower the norm to a 3 V/m cumulative norm, with a final target of 0.6 V/m. Discussions on this issue are currently taking place at Parliament level.</p> <p>The Flemish norm is double: a 3 V/m per antenna norm for mobile operators and a cumulative 20.6V/m norm for all RF sources.</p>
Planning Authority	Regional administrations
Requirements for planning permission	<p>Planning has to comply with regulations at all levels of governments (local, regional, federal). Building permissions are required for most of the installations in Brussels and the Walloon Region.–The situation is different in Flanders where building permits exemptions are applicable in 60% of the cases.</p> <p>On top of that, environmental permissions are required on EMF aspects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- In Brussels, an environment permit is delivered by Brussels Environment for each installation, after local authorities consultation and local public enquiry;- In Wallonia, a “radiation certificate” delivered by the ISSeP has to be notified to the local authorities;- In Flanders, a “radiation certificate” is delivered by the BIPT.
Timescales for Permission	<p>Regarding building permits: average is 400 days in Brussels Region, 130 days in Walloon Region and 180 days in Flanders.</p> <p>Regarding environmental permits, the timescales are lower.</p>
Appeals process	<p>Regarding building permits, appeals go directly to the relevant Ministry or Council of State. The appeal process takes from three to 24 months.</p> <p>Regarding environmental permits in Brussels, appeals go first to Environmental authority, then to the relevant Ministry, and finally to Council of State.</p>
Public Consultation	Local authorities publish notices on sites and make information available in the Town Council offices.
Exemptions & Existing site upgrade	Limited amount of exemptions in Brussels and Wallonia. More exemptions in Flanders (60% of cases).

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