



Unlock Belgium

Develop your business and
#GoBeyond

2024



Expanding your business in Belgium

Expanding into new international markets can be challenging due to the many issues to consider and resolve. Our Unlock Belgium service can provide expert advice and insight to support you every step of the way. From helping you find the best location, to setting up a branch or subsidiary, we are committed to providing pragmatic and timely advice that allows you to focus on achieving your business goals..

International expansion is an important step, but with a dedicated international business adviser, who takes time to understand your business and customize the specific services you require, you'll know you have the support to manage the risks and maximize the potential a new market offers your business.

Our advisers can help at every stage of your company's growth cycle – from starting-up, raising venture funding, listing on a global exchange, acquiring or merging with another company, or using Belgium as a base to expand into other markets – which means that whatever the challenge, we're at your side.



We can help you with the following services

Audit and assurance



- Financial statement audit
- Agreed upon procedures
- IFRS reporting
- Legal assignments
- Internal audit

- Corporate tax
- VAT
- International tax & VAT
- Transfer pricing
- Global mobility services
- Compensation & benefits
- Private client services
- Customs & Global Trade



Tax

Legal



- Corporate & commercial law
- Employment law & social security
- ICT law & GDPR
- Corporate secretarial
- M&A assistance
- Legal counsel-as-a-service

We can help you with the following services (contd.)

Accountancy and reporting



- Accounting and reporting
- CFO-as-a-service
- Consolidation
- Outsourcing
- Global compliance and reporting solutions

- Transaction advisory
- Restructuring
- Risk and compliance management
- Internal audit
- GDPR
- Cyber risk security

Advisory



Advisory (continued)



- Data analytics and process mining
- IT advisory, digital transformation & robotics
- Process optimisation and internal controls
- Forensic and integrity
- Sustainability and impact
- Whistleblowing
- ESG advisory services

Why choose Belgium?



International decision-making centre

- Countless European and international institutions
- More than 2,000 multinationals and 120 international government organisations
- Strong presence of lobby groups diplomats and press



Open economy

- No.8 largest exporting country in the world*
- No.2 most globalised country in the world**
- No trade restrictions
- Quick procedure for setting up a new business
- Attractive to investors



Competitive tax regime

- Attractive location for holding companies
- Numerous corporate tax incentives (innovation, ...)
- Very favourable taxation system for expat employees
- Advanced tax ruling system

Why choose Belgium? (continued)



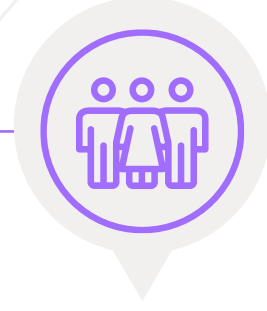
Quality of life

- A diverse, welcoming and tolerant country
- Advanced healthcare system
- Exceptional education system, with many excellent international schools
- Affordable real estate prices
- Access to unrivalled heritage, culture and countryside



Knowledge centre

- 12 high-level universities
- Outstanding R&D centres
- A place for innovation



Top class human capital

- One of the highest productivity levels in the EU
- Highly qualified workers
- Extensive knowledge of languages
- A wide range of incentives to support R&D

Grant Thornton – A truly global network

Grant Thornton is one of the world's leading organizations of independent assurance, tax and advisory firms.

Wherever you choose to do business, you want access to people with the best ideas and critical thinking that will enable you to grow your business at home and abroad. To ensure continuity of service, we have 23 international business centres (IBCs) led by experts from around the world, that work together to provide and co-ordinate the gateway to the resources of Grant Thornton.



Belgium

31.58m
Revenue (USD)

7
Offices

270
Employees



Global

+700
Offices

7.5bn
Revenue (USD)

150
Markets

+73,000
Employees

Contact

For more information about how we can help you Unlock Belgium, please contact:



Elie Janssens

Partner Audit & Assurance /
IBC Director

Grant Thornton Belgium

elie.janssens@be.gt.com

T +32 9 274 39 21

M +32 478 666 551





© 2024 Grant Thornton Belgium. All rights reserved.

Grant Thornton Belgium is a member of Grant Thornton International Ltd. 'Grant Thornton' refers to the brand under which the Grant Thornton member firms provide assurance, tax and advisory services to their clients and/or refers to one or more member firms, as the context requires. Grant Thornton International Ltd (GTIL) and the member firms are not a worldwide partnership. GTIL and each member firm is a separate legal entity. Services are delivered by the member firms. GTIL does not provide services to clients. GTIL and its member firms are not agents of, and do not obligate, one another and are not liable for one another's acts or omissions.