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Round table Royal Palace

**A long history of close collaboration
between Belgium & Japan in the
chemical and life sciences industry**

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In preparation of the Belgian economic mission to Japan



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Belgian Economic Mission to the UK – May 2022



Belgian Economic Mission to the USA – June 2022

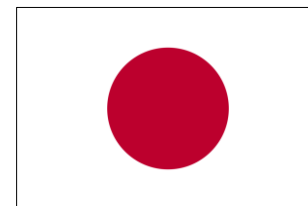


Chemical & pharmaceutical industry represents the majority of Belgian export towards Japan



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Chemicals, plastics & pharmaceuticals (2021)

- **Export:** € 6.00 billion  (7th position in sectoral export: 3,4%)
- **Import:** € 1.32 billion  (13th position in sectoral import: 0,9%)
- Share of **80%** in total Belgian export towards Japan
- Export mainly pharmaceuticals (COVID-vaccines), organic chemicals & plastics
- Import focused on organic chemicals, plastics, pharmaceuticals, rubber



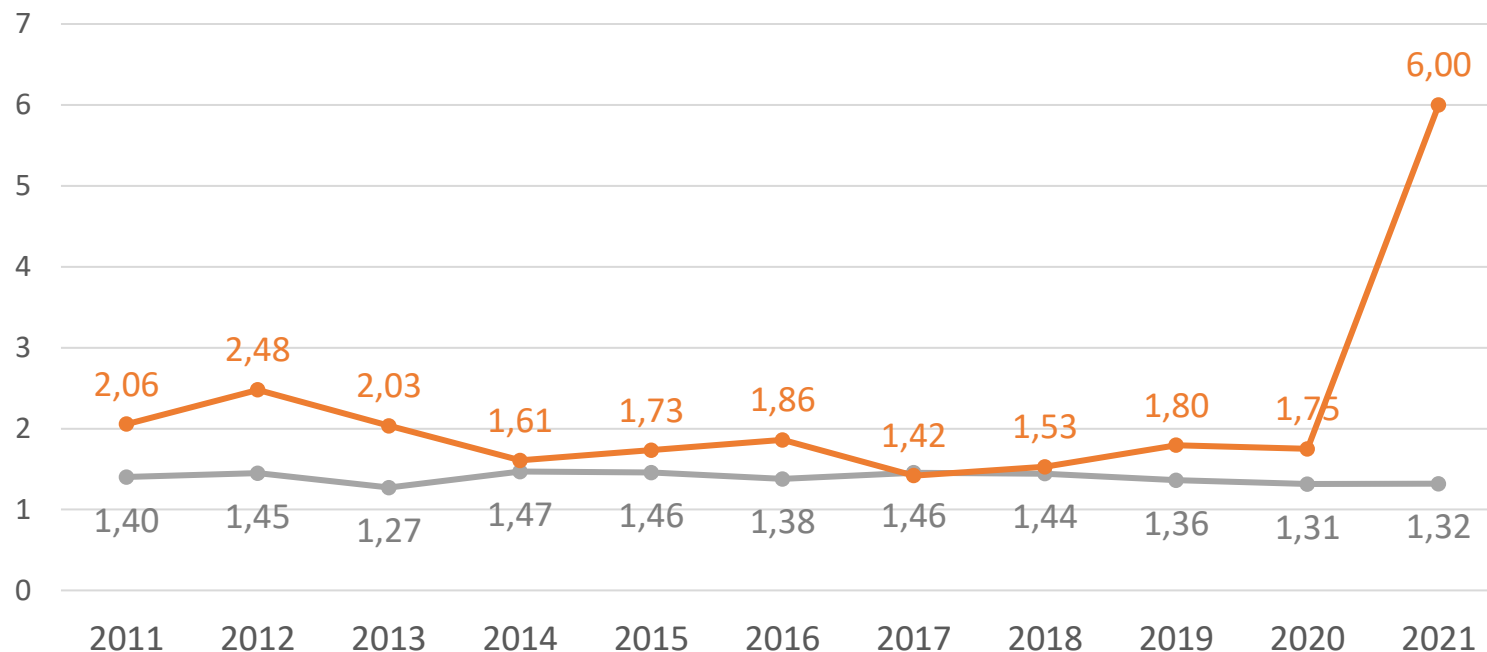
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Evolution of sector trade with Japan

Sector trade with Japan

billion EUR



— Import — Export

FTA 1/2/2019

Covid-19 vaccines
(4.22 b EUR)

Source : BNB/ICN according to the Community concept (transit operations and international distribution centre activities included)
Chemicals, plastics and life sciences : NC chapters 28-40

Japanese chemical & life sciences companies represent more than 5,500 jobs in Belgium



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Japanese member companies essencia (in order of employment)

Takeda Belgium	Sumitomo Bakelite	Tosoh Europe
Ajinomoto Omnichem	Fujifilm Electronic Materials	NOF Metal Coatings
Nitto Belgium	Chemviron	Yamauchi Corporation
Kaneka Eurogentec	Eval Kuraray	TCI Europe
Kaneka Belgium	Bandag-Europe	ISK Biosciences
Nippon Gases	Lawter	Shiseido
Bridgestone Aircraft Tire	Fujirebio	MEC Europe
JSR Micro	Toyo Ink	KAO Belgium
Nippon Shokubai	Fujifilm Belgium	Mapic

- **Jobs:** 5,576
- **Turnover:** 3.5 billion EUR
- **Added value:** 876 million EUR

Strategic investments in the Belgian chemical & life sciences industry



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Takeda (*Lessines*): 300 million investment in new production line for plasma-derived therapies



Kaneka (*Westerlo*): strong expansion of production capacity for silane terminated polymers



Nitto (*Genk*): state-of-the-art production line for high-tech coatings for the glass industry

FOREIGN INVESTMENT TROPHY 2016



Nippon Shokubai (*Zwijndrecht*): 350 million investment in production capacity for superabsorbent polymers



Kaneka Eurogentec (*Liège*): 50 million investment in large-scale production of plasmid DNA and next-generation medicines