

# **Brussels sits in a divided country, hosting the divided EU's many institutions**

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**We reveal a perfect example at the heart of the EU's problems in creating a superstate**

**The EU's institutions are located in a country riven in two by conflict**

The EU constantly tries to present itself in a positive light, as a 'Europe' that is unified and more effective as an increasingly federalised and centralised state.

'Europe' is of course a continent of some 50+ countries (according to varying international definitions) and the word has been wholly misappropriated by the EU. This is why we constantly correct 'Europe' or 'European' to 'EU' when writing about their various institutions.

In this report, we look at just one iconic example of the problems besetting the EU apparachiks as they rush ever closer towards a single EU superstate.

**The centre of the EU's powerbase – Brussels – sits in a country split in two**



In many ways Belgium is a totemic symbol of the deep problems facing EU globalists as they attempt to unify 27 countries into one superstate.

Home to the EU Commission, the EU Council, and countless other EU institutions, Belgium's capital city Brussels is situated in a country divided into two. So much so, the city of Brussels itself has even had to be declared as a third 'region' of that country.

In the northern half of Belgium sits Flanders, Flemish-speaking (near enough Dutch), whilst in the southern half is Wallonia, French-speaking. Brussels sits just in the northern half of Belgium and is officially bilingual. To make matters a little more complicated, in the west there's a German-speaking part of the country.

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## Summary

### **Belgium is a small country: the basic facts about this EU country – the EU Commission's seat of power**

- Belgium's land mass is only 11,849 sq m – just 12.7% that of the UK
- Its population is 11.5m – 17.1% that of the UK
- Its economy last year totalled just €457bn (approx £384bn GDP) – 16.6% that of the UK
- Dutch Flanders has traditionally had around  $\frac{1}{2}$  the unemployment rate of French Wallonia

- Both sides have separatist movements – the Flemish one is stronger
  - Governance – **Belgium has six different governments**
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## **Belgian politics would take a long time to explain – so we won't**

Following their 2010 general election it took the Belgians x **1½ years** to form a national government. Any attempt to explain Belgian governance **would take longer than it would take to walk across Belgium.**

It's possible that Belgium's most famous export is now its former Prime Minister – one **Guy Maurice Marie Louise Verhofstadt MEP**, beloved of the UK's Rejoiners and mocked by British Brexiteers.

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