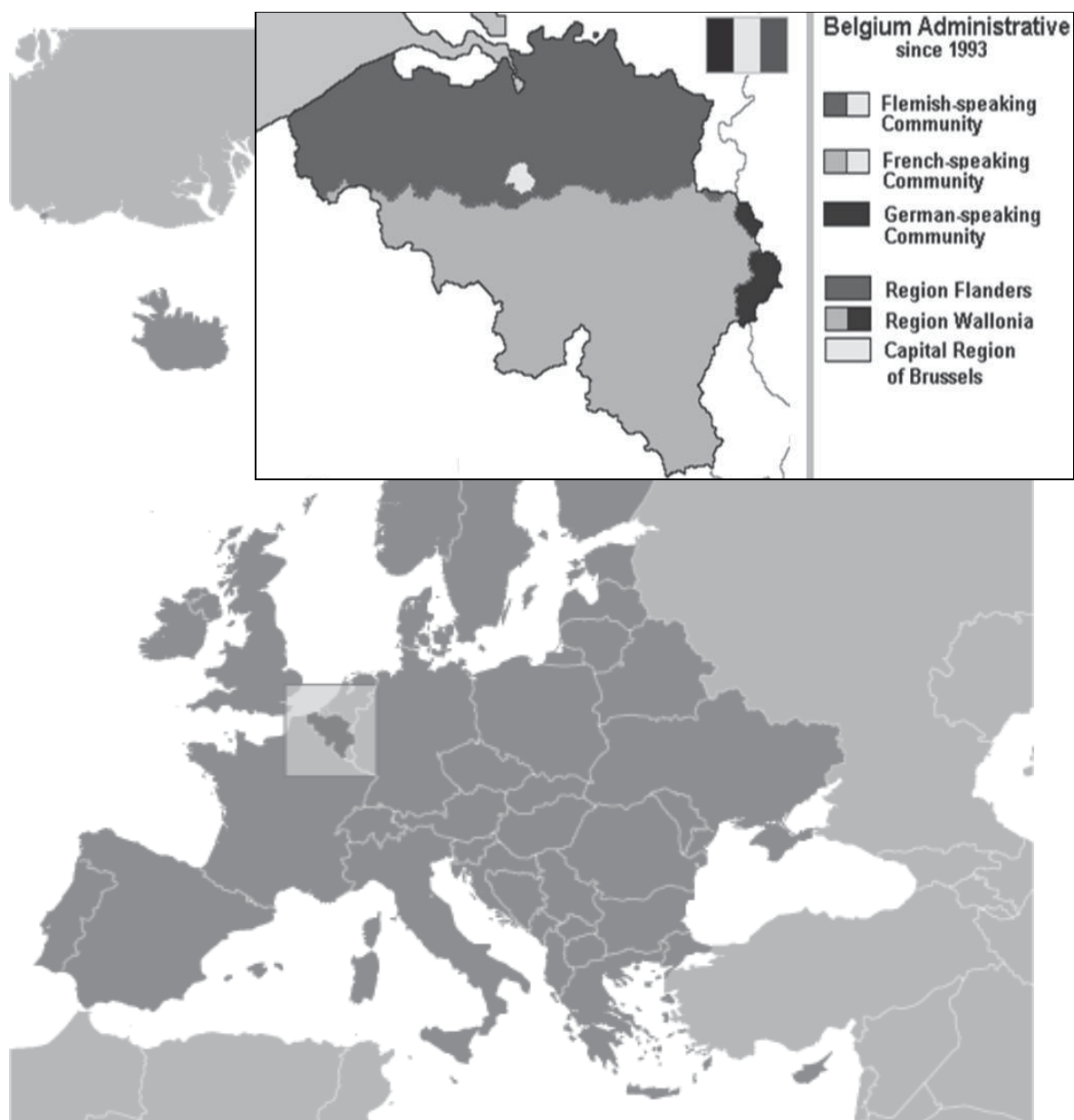


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The land		
Total Area (1 000km ²):	30.5	
Agricultural area (1 000km ²):	17.3	
Major regions/cities (thousand inhabitants):	Brussels	1 048
	Antwerp	970
	Liège	597
	Ghent	517
The people		
Population (thousands):	10 667	
Number of inhabitants per km ² :	349	
Net increase (2007/06):	0.8 %	
Total labour force (thousands):	4 859	
Unemployment rate (% of civilian labour force):	7.9% (2009)	
The economy		
Gross domestic product in USD billion:	386.9	
Per capita (PPP in USD):	36 400	
Exports of goods and services (% of GDP):	85.8	
Imports of goods and services (% of GDP):	84.2	
Monetary unit:	Euro	
The government		
System of executive power:	Parliamentary	
Type of legislature:	Bicameral	
Date of last federal general election:	10 June 2007	
Date of next federal general election:	June 2011	
State structure:	Federal state	
Date of entry into the EU:	Founding member	

Note: 2008 unless otherwise stated.

Sources: OECD Economic Survey of Belgium 2009, OECD in Figures 2009, OECD Employment Outlook 2009 and OECD Government at a Glance 2009.



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