

Chapter 4

Belgium

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4.1 Introduction

In Belgium, real estate programmes at graduate or postgraduate level only began about five years ago. To date, there are two postgraduate programmes in the Flemish part of the country. No programmes have been started in the French-speaking part of the country. Some institutes are planning a programme, but the Belgian market is probably too small.

4.2 Real Estate Programmes

The existing programmes in Belgium to date are listed in Table 1.

Leuven organises occasional updates for alumni of its programme. These updates take up one afternoon and deal with a number of current issues, although they have mainly been concerned with real estate law.

There is no real estate education in the French speaking part of the country, apart from the CMO, which teaches a real estate course. CMO stands for Centre for Retail Education. It is a night school, where people can obtain a licence to set up a business. These licences are necessary to enter the regulated retail professions. The academic level is low, in both the Flemish-speaking and French-speaking parts of the country.

The Higher Technical Education course is especially aimed at the profession of real estate agent. It also has a rather low academic level. In terms of content, it cannot be compared with academic studies.

Table 1: Existing programmes in Belgium (July 2001)

Institution	Pro-gramme name	Faculty	Spe-cialisa-tion	Programme description	Number of graduates /yr.	Location
University						
KUL Leu-ven*	Real Estate Studies	department campus KU-LAK (Kortrijk)	none	See website Kulak	±40	Leuven
	Real Estate Law	department campus KU-LAK (Kortrijk)	Real Estate Law		±40	Kortrijk
UFSIA Antwerpen	Real estate Management	IPO management school	none	See website Ufsia	±40	Antwerpen
Polytechnic						
Polytechnic Sint-Lieven	Real Estate	Construction	none	Brochure on request	n/a; variable	Campus Aalst
Polytechnic Gent	Real Estate	Construction	none	Brochure on request	n/a; variable	Campus Gent
Polytechnic Antwerpen	Real Estate	Construction	none	Brochure on request	n/a; variable	Campus Mechelen

** this programme has been accredited by the RICS in 2000*

4.3 Real Estate Research in Belgium

There are no foundations or organisations for real estate research in Belgium, which are comparable with, for instance, the SPR in the UK. There are also no magazines or newsletters in this area.

4.4 Real Estate Publications in Belgium

The only representative real estate publication is the fortnightly newsletter *Expertise*, which is published both in Dutch and French. The publishing company is A-linea.

However, *Immotrends*, an appendix to *Trends*, the financial economic weekly, is also published in both Dutch and French.

Most newspapers have an appendix on real estate at least once a week. Other publications are predominantly advertising and residential oriented.

Real Estate Education Throughout the World: Past,
Present and Future

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Schulte, K.-W.

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