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We have arranged the items in main sections and subsections, which are classified in alphabetical order:


- Some main sections are divided into subsections. These are also classified in alphabetical order. Economy and finance is, for instance, subdivided into: companies – region and sectors.

- The items refer to the titles of the articles, comments and analyses, but are sometimes rephrased for the sake of clarity. They are classified in chronological order.

We are convinced that this index of news items will greatly facilitate retrieval in the Focus on Flanders press reviews and hope you will make the best of it.

Frank Vandecaveye | editor in chief
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