

BeSt-Address Web API User Guide

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1. Introduction

1.1. Description

This guide describes the BeSt-Address Web API.

The Belgian Streets and Addresses project (BeSt) combines the address data from the 3 Regions into one single database.

The service is developed and maintained by the Federal Public Service BOSA, and is provided "as-is", without warranty of any kind.

More info about this project can be found on the BOSA page bosa.belgium.be/nl/services/best-address-services

1.2. Audience

This guide is intended for application developers. Basic knowledge of REST services and JSON is assumed.

2. Using the JSON Web API

2.1. Intended usage

The Web API needs to be integrated into a client application.

It does not provide a user interface, maps or other visualizations.

It is not well-suited for bulk mapping of large numbers of incorrectly written addresses.

2.2. OpenAPI definition

The OpenAPI yaml file is available on [.../belgianAddress/v2/doc/openapi.yaml](#)

2.3. General information

2.3.1. Authorization

Depending on the endpoint being used, authorization may or may not be required.

Public services can obtain OAuth credentials for free via the service integrator network. With these credentials, a client application can obtain an access token valid for one hour, after which a new token must be obtained.

In the near future, BOSA will provide the same service to companies and other organizations (though rate limits will apply, and throttling without prior warning may happen at any time)

It is possible to do this manually by e.g. using the command line application `curl`, but many web application frameworks support OAuth out-of-the-box or via a plug-in.

Example 1. Manual request to obtain the OAuth token

```
$ curl -X POST -s -d  
'grant_type=client_credentials&client_id=foo&client_secret=bar'  
https://public.fedservices.be/api/oauth2/token
```

```
{"access_token":"AbCd1234","token_type":"Bearer","expires_in":3600,"scope":"BOSA"}
```

2.3.2. Belgov-Trace-Id header

On the BOSA application network, every API call must have a trace ID for debugging and auditing purposes.

Client applications may freely choose the exact value of this trace ID, but a non-empty value must be present in the **BelGov-Trace-Id** HTTP request header.

Example 2. Manual request with OAuth Token and Trace ID

```
$ curl -H "Accept: application/json" -H "Authorization: Bearer AbCd1234"  
-H "BelGov-Trace-Id: testid-123"  
"https://public.int.fedservices.be/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/municipa  
lities"
```

2.3.3. Pagination

If the number of results is fairly large, the results will be paginated and client applications will need to send additional requests to obtain all the results. The total number of results and total number of pages can be found in the **total** and **totalPages** JSON fields of the response, as well as the link to the next and previous page (if any).

2.3.4. BeST Identifiers

A full BeST ID consists of a region namespace, an object identifier and a version identifier.

The object identifiers of addresses and streets are only guaranteed to be unique within the Region, not within the whole of Belgium.

I.e. there may be different addresses and streets with the same objectidentifier (with different namespaces).

It is up to the Regions to decide how the version identifiers look like: Brussels and Wallonia simply use an integer, while Flanders uses a timestamp.

URL encoding of identifiers



Since identifiers are basically URLs, they must be percent-encoded when being used as a parameter in the API.

I.e. slashes and other special characters must be replaced with a %value.

2.3.5. Embedding of entities in JSON responses

Addresses contain references to streets, municipalities, postal info and (for the Walloon Region) part of municipalities.

Streets contain a reference to a municipality.

By default, these references are directly embedded in the JSON structure: each JSON address object will contain JSON objects with street name, municipality name etc.

Using the `embed` parameter, it is possible to turn off this behavior, or to include these entities in a separate `embedded` JSON object. This greatly reduces the duplication of data when obtaining a list of addresses in the same area, at the expense of getting a slightly more complex JSON structure. See also www.belgif.be/specification/rest/api-guide/#embedding

2.3.6. Geographical coordinates

The Regions provide the geographical coordinates in Lambert 72 (only). The BeSt Web API also provides these coordinates in Lambert 2008 and WGS84 (GPS).

2.4. Search for addresses

2.4.1. Getting a single address by BeST-ID

This will return a single address in JSON, or an **HTTP 404 Not Found** error when no address was found.

Parameter	Description
<code>embed</code>	Directly or indirectly embed entities Values: true (default), false or (a combination of) streets, municipalities, postalInfos, partOfMunicipalities

Example 3. A single address, directly embed streets etc

```
.../belgianAddress/v2/addresses/https%3A%2F%2Fdatabrussels.be%2Fid%2FAddress%2F210591%2F7
```

```
{
  "self":
  "/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/addresses/https%3A%2F%2Fdatabrussels.be%2Fid%2FAddress%2F210591%2F7",
  "id": "https://databrussels.be/id/address/210591/7",
  "bestidentifier": {
    "nameSpace": "https://databrussels.be/id/address",
    "objectIdentifier": "210591",
    "versionIdentifier": "7"
  },
  "hasStreetName": {
    "id": "https://databrussels.be/id/streetname/4526/2",
    "href":
    "/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/streets/https%3A%2F%2Fdatabrussels.be%2Fid%2Fstreetname%2F4526%2F2",
    "name": {
      "nl": "Simon Bolivarlaan",
      "fr": "Boulevard Simon Bolivar"
    },
    "streetNameType": "streetname"
  },
  "hasMunicipality": {
    "id": "https://databrussels.be/id/municipality/21004/17",
    "href":
    "/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/municipalities/https%3A%2F%2Fdatabrussels.be%2Fid%2Fmunicipality%2F21004%2F17",
    "nisCode": "21004",
```

```

    "name": {
      "nl": "Brussel",
      "fr": "Bruxelles"
    }
  },
  "hasPostalInfo": {
    "id": "https://databrussels.be/id/postalinfo/1000/3",
    "href":
"/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/postalInfos/https%3A%2F%2Fdatabrussels.be
%2Fid%2Fpostalinfo%2F1000%2F3",
    "postCode": "1000",
    "name": {
      "nl": "Brussel (Centrum)",
      "fr": "Bruxelles (Centre)"
    }
  },
  "hasPartOfMunicipality": {

},
  "houseNumber": "30",
  "status": "current",
  "validFrom": "2024-09-19T21:03:05",
  "beginLifeSpanVersion": "2024-09-20T03:06:44",
  "addressPosition": {
    "lambert72": {
      "x": 149110.91,
      "y": 172259.749
    },
    "lambert08": {
      "x": 649110.363,
      "y": 672260.152
    },
    "wgs84": {
      "lat": 50.860725735,
      "long": 4.356124579
    },
    "positionGeometryMethod": "assignedByAdministrator",
    "positionSpecification": "stand"
  },
  "isOfficiallyAssigned": true
}

```


Example 4. A single address, embed streets etc in a separate 'embedded' object

```
.../belgianAddress/v2/addresses/https%3A%2F%2Fdatabrussels.be%2Fid%2Faddress%2F210591%2F7?embed=streets&embed=municipalities&embed=postalInfos
```

```
{
  "self":
  "/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/addresses/https%3A%2F%2Fdatabrussels.be%2Fid%2Faddress%2F210591%2F7?embed=streets&embed=municipalities&embed=postalInfos",
  "id": "https://databrussels.be/id/address/210591/7",
  "bestidentifier": {
    "nameSpace": "https://databrussels.be/id/address",
    "objectIdentifier": "210591",
    "versionIdentifier": "7"
  },
  "hasStreetName": {
    "id": "https://databrussels.be/id/streetname/4526/2",
    "href":
    "/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/streets/https%3A%2F%2Fdatabrussels.be%2Fid%2Fstreetname%2F4526%2F2"
  },
  "hasMunicipality": {
    "id": "https://databrussels.be/id/municipality/21004/17",
    "href":
    "/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/municipalities/https%3A%2F%2Fdatabrussels.be%2Fid%2Fmunicipality%2F21004%2F17"
  },
  "hasPostalInfo": {
    "id": "https://databrussels.be/id/postalinfo/1000/3",
    "href":
    "/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/postalInfos/https%3A%2F%2Fdatabrussels.be%2Fid%2Fpostalinfo%2F1000%2F3"
  },
  "hasPartOfMunicipality": {

  },
  "houseNumber": "30",
  "status": "current",
  "validFrom": "2024-09-19T21:03:05",
  "beginLifeSpanVersion": "2024-09-20T03:06:44",
  "addressPosition": {
    "lambert72": {
      "x": 149110.91,
      "y": 172259.749
    }
  },
}
```

```

"lambert08": {
  "x": 649110.363,
  "y": 672260.152
},
"wgs84": {
  "lat": 50.860725735,
  "long": 4.356124579
},
"positionGeometryMethod": "assignedByAdministrator",
"positionSpecification": "stand"
},
"isOfficiallyAssigned": true,
"embedded": {
  "/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/streets/https%3A%2F%2Fdatabrussels.be%2Fid%2Fstreetname%2F4526%2F2": {
    "id": "https://databrussels.be/id/streetname/4526/2",
    "href":
"/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/streets/https%3A%2F%2Fdatabrussels.be%2Fid%2Fstreetname%2F4526%2F2",
    "name": {
      "nl": "Simon Bolivarlaan",
      "fr": "Boulevard Simon Bolivar"
    },
    "streetNameType": "streetname"
  },
  "/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/municipalities/https%3A%2F%2Fdatabrussels.be%2Fid%2Fmunicipality%2F21004%2F17": {
    "id": "https://databrussels.be/id/municipality/21004/17",
    "href":
"/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/municipalities/https%3A%2F%2Fdatabrussels.be%2Fid%2Fmunicipality%2F21004%2F17",
    "nisCode": "21004",
    "name": {
      "nl": "Brussel",
      "fr": "Bruxelles"
    }
  },
  "/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/postalInfos/https%3A%2F%2Fdatabrussels.be%2Fid%2Fpostalinfo%2F1000%2F3": {
    "id": "https://databrussels.be/id/postalinfo/1000/3",
    "href":
"/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/postalInfos/https%3A%2F%2Fdatabrussels.be%2Fid%2Fpostalinfo%2F1000%2F3",
    "postCode": "1000",
    "name": {

```

```

    "nl": "Brussel (Centrum)",
    "fr": "Bruxelles (Centre)"
  }
}
}
}

```

2.4.2. Searching for one or more addresses

This will return a list of zero or more addresses (i.e. an empty list will *not* produce an HTTP 404).

Parameter	Description
<code>partialId</code>	Partial BeST address ID Namespace and objectIdentifier are required, but the optional versionIdentifier will be ignored
<code>nisCode</code>	NIS code of the municipality
<code>municipalityId</code>	URL encoded BeST-ID of the municipality
<code>municipalityName</code>	Full name of the municipality (URL-encoded, any language, case-insensitive, accents are ignored). Use '*' before/after the string to perform a substring match.
<code>postCode</code>	Postal code
<code>postalInfoId</code>	URL encoded BeST-ID of the postalInfo
<code>streetId</code>	URL encoded BeST-ID of the street
<code>streetName</code>	Full name of the street (any language, accents are ignored, spaces must be encoded). Use '*' before/after the string to perform a substring match.
<code>houseNumber</code>	House number
<code>boxNumber</code>	Box number
<code>firstOfBuilding</code>	Return only first address of a building (house or first boxnumber in apartment building) Value: true or false (default)
<code>xLong</code>	X coordinate (in WGS84/GPS, Lambert72 or Lambert2008)
<code>yLat</code>	Y coordinate (in WGS84/GPS or Lambert72 or Lambert2008)
<code>crs</code>	Coordinate reference system Values : wgs84 (default), lam72, lam08
<code>radius</code>	Maximum distance (in meters) Default value : 100

Parameter	Description
status	Status of the address Values : any, current (default), proposed, reserved, retired, rejected
embed	Directly or indirectly embed entities Values: true (default), false or streets, municipalities, postalInfos, partOfMunicipalities
page	Page number (on paginated results, starting from 1)

Example 5. Current addresses in Liège (URL-encoded or without accent), embed streets etc directly

```
.../belgianAddress/v2/addresses?municipalityName=Li%C3%A8ge
.../belgianAddress/v2/addresses?municipalityName=liege
```

```
{
  "self":
  "/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/addresses?municipalityName=liege&page=1",
  "items": [
    {
      "id": "geodata.wallonie.be/id/Address/1102768/1",
      "bestidentifier": {
        "nameSpace": "geodata.wallonie.be/id/Address",
        "objectIdentifier": "1102768",
        "versionIdentifier": "1"
      },
      "hasStreetName": {
        "id": "geodata.wallonie.be/id/Streetname/7729687/2",
        "href":
        "/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/streets/geodata.wallonie.be%2Fid%2FStreet
        name%2F7729687%2F2",
        "name": {
          "fr": "Boulevard Ernest Solvay"
        },
        "streetNameType": "streetname"
      },
      ...
      "houseNumber": "79",
      "status": "current",
      "validFrom": "2016-01-01T00:00:00",
      "beginLifeSpanVersion": "2018-09-17T22:04:09",
      "addressPosition": {
        "lambert72": {
          "x": 233578.954999998,
          "y": 146718.168000001
        }
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

```

    },
    "lambert08": {
      "x": 733580.818,
      "y": 646728.718
    },
    "wgs84": {
      "lat": 50.625129197,
      "long": 5.549998188
    },
    "positionGeometryMethod": "assignedByAdministrator",
    "positionSpecification": "plot"
  },
  "isOfficiallyAssigned": true
}
],
"next":
"/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/addresses?municipalityName=liege&page=2",
"totalPages": 743,
"pageSize": 200,
"total": 148518,
"first":
"/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/addresses?municipalityName=liege&page=1",
"last":
"/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/addresses?municipalityName=liege&page=743
"
}

```

Example 6. Current addresses with NIS Code 23027, second page

```
.../belgianAddress/v2/addresses?nisCode=23027&page=2
```

Example 7. Current addresses with NIS Code 23027 and street names starting with Octave

```
.../belgianAddress/v2/addresses?nisCode=23027&streetName=octave*
```

Example 8. Current addresses in Boulevard de Waterloo 30, 1000 (Brussels)

```
.../belgianAddress/v2/addresses?postCode=1000&streetName=Boulevard%20de%20Waterloo&houseNumber=30
```

Example 9. Current addresses within a 150 meter radius of GPS coordinates, only first (box number) of each building

```
.../belgianAddress/v2/addresses?radius=150&xLong=4.231&yLat=51.210&firstOfBuilding=true
```



Missing geo coordinates in the Walloon Region

Currently the Walloon Region does not provide geo coordinates for +/- 100.000 addresses.

Missing coordinates will be added in the future, but this process may take several months.



Accuracy of geo coordinates

Even though the coordinates may give the impression of being accurate down to the millimeter, this is not the case due to measurement and conversion error margins.

A more realistic value would be an accuracy of about 1 or 2 meter, which is probably good enough for many purposes.

2.5. Search for streets

2.5.1. Getting a single street by BeST-ID

This will return a single street in JSON, or an **HTTP 404 Not Found** error when no street was found.

Parameter	Description
<code>embed</code>	Embed municipality Values : true (default), false, municipalities

Example 10. A single street, embed municipality directly

```
.../belgianAddress/v2/streets/https%3A%2F%2Fdata.vlaanderen.be%2Fid%2Fstraatnaam%2F616%2F2023-11-01T08%3A19%3A53%2B01%3A00
```

```
{
  "self":
  "/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/streets/https%3A%2F%2Fdata.vlaanderen.be%2Fid%2Fstraatnaam%2F616%2F2023-11-01T08%3A19%3A53%2B01%3A00",
  "id": "https://data.vlaanderen.be/id/straatnaam/616/2023-11-01T08:19:53+01:00",
  "bestidentifier": {
    "nameSpace": "https://data.vlaanderen.be/id/straatnaam/",
    "objectIdentifier": "616",
    "versionIdentifier": "2023-11-01T08:19:53+01:00"
  },
  "name": {
    "nl": "De Keyserlei"
  },
  "streetNameType": "streetname",
  "status": "current",
  "validFrom": "2002-11-21T11:23:45",
  "beginLifeSpanVersion": "2002-11-21T11:23:45",
  "isAssignedBy": {
    "id": "https://data.vlaanderen.be/id/gemeente/11002/2002-08-13T16:33:18+02:00",
    "href":
    "/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/municipalities/https%3A%2F%2Fdata.vlaanderen.be%2Fid%2Fgemeente%2F11002%2F2002-08-13T16%3A33%3A18%2B02%3A00",
    "nisCode": "11002",
    "name": {
      "nl": "Antwerpen",
      "fr": "Anvers",

```

```
"de": "Antwerpen"
  }
}
}
```

2.5.2. Searching for one or more streets

This will return a list of zero or more streets (i.e. an empty list will *not* produce an HTTP 404).

Parameter	Description
<code>partialId</code>	Partial BeST ID+ Namespace + objectIdentifier are required, but the optional versionIdentifier will be ignored
<code>nisCode</code>	NIS code of the municipality
<code>municipalityId</code>	URL encoded BeST-ID of the municipality
<code>postCode</code>	Postal code
<code>postalInfoId</code>	URL encoded BeST-ID of the postalInfo
<code>status</code>	Status of the street Values : any, current, proposed, reserved, retired, rejected
<code>embed</code>	Embed municipality Values : true (default), false, municipalities
<code>page</code>	Page number (on paginated results)

Example 11. Current streets in 62063 (Liège), municipality in separate 'embedded' object

```
.../belgianAddress/v2/streets?nisCode=62063&embed=municipalities
```

```
{
  "self":
  "/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/streets?nisCode=62063&embed=municipalities&page=1",
  "items": [
    {
      "id": "geodata.wallonie.be/id/Streetname/7729563/2",
      "bestidentifier": {
        "nameSpace": "geodata.wallonie.be/id/Streetname",
        "objectIdentifier": "7729563",
        "versionIdentifier": "2"
      },
    },
    "name": {
```



```

    "fr": "Al Gripète"
  },
  "streetNameType": "streetname",
  "status": "current",
  "validFrom": "1969-01-01T00:00:00",
  "beginLifeSpanVersion": "2020-12-28T21:02:01",
  "isAssignedBy": {
    "id": "geodata.wallonie.be/id/Municipality/62063/7",
    "href":
"/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/municipalities/geodata.wallonie.be%2Fid%2
FMunicipality%2F62063%2F7"
  }
},
...
{
  "id": "geodata.wallonie.be/id/Streetname/7729966/1",
  "bestidentifier": {
    "nameSpace": "geodata.wallonie.be/id/Streetname",
    "objectIdentifier": "7729966",
    "versionIdentifier": "1"
  },
  "name": {
    "fr": "Place Cockerill"
  },
  "streetNameType": "streetname",
  "status": "current",
  "validFrom": "1969-01-01T00:00:00",
  "beginLifeSpanVersion": "2018-09-17T22:04:03",
  "isAssignedBy": {
    "id": "geodata.wallonie.be/id/Municipality/62063/7",
    "href":
"/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/municipalities/geodata.wallonie.be%2Fid%2
FMunicipality%2F62063%2F7"
  }
}
],
"embedded": {

"/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/municipalities/geodata.wallonie.be%2Fid%2
FMunicipality%2F62063%2F7": {
  "id": "geodata.wallonie.be/id/Municipality/62063/7",
  "href":
"/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/municipalities/geodata.wallonie.be%2Fid%2
FMunicipality%2F62063%2F7",
  "nisCode": "62063",
  "name": {
    "nl": "Luik",
    "fr": "Liège",

```

```

    "de": "Lüttich"
  }
}
},
"next":
"/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/streets?nisCode=62063&embed=municipalitie
s&page=2",
"totalPages": 6,
"pageSize": 400,
"total": 2044,
"first":
"/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/streets?nisCode=62063&embed=municipalitie
s&page=1",
"last":
"/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/streets?nisCode=62063&embed=municipalitie
s&page=6"
}

```

Streets actually don't have a postal code



Postal codes are assigned at the address level, not at the street level. This means that the postal code for a street without any address (e.g. a country road) is unknown. In rare cases, (addresses in) a street may have multiple postal codes.

2.6. Search for municipalities

2.6.1. Getting a single municipality by BeST-ID

This will return a single municipality in JSON, or an **HTTP 404 Not Found** error when no municipality was found.

Example 12. A single municipality

```
.../belgianAddress/v2/municipalities/geodata.wallonie.be%2Fid%2FMunicipality%2F62063%2F7
```

```
{
  "self":
  "/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/municipalities/geodata.wallonie.be%2Fid%2FMunicipality%2F62063%2F7",
  "id": "geodata.wallonie.be/id/Municipality/62063/7",
  "bestidentifier": {
    "nameSpace": "geodata.wallonie.be/id/Municipality",
    "objectIdentifier": "62063",
    "versionIdentifier": "7"
  },
  "nisCode": "62063",
  "name": {
    "nl": "Luik",
    "fr": "Liège",
    "de": "Lüttich"
  },
  "status": "current"
}
```

2.6.2. Searching for one or more municipalities

This will return a list of zero or more municipalities (i.e. an empty list will *not* produce an HTTP 404).

Parameter	Description
<code>partialId</code>	Partial BeST ID Namespace + objectIdentifier are required, but the optional versionIdentifier will be ignored
<code>nisCode</code>	NIS code of the municipality
<code>postalInfoId</code>	URL encoded BeST-ID of the postalInfo
<code>postCode</code>	Postal code
<code>name</code>	Full name (any language, accents are ignored, case-insensitive). Use '*' before/after the string to perform a substring match.
<code>status</code>	Status of the municipality Values : any, current (default), proposed, reserved, retired, rejected
<code>page</code>	Page number (on paginated results)

Example 13. All municipalities, regardless of status

```
.../belgianAddress/v2/municipalities?status=any
```

```
{
  "self":
  "/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/municipalities?status=any&page=1",
  "items": [
    {
      "id": "https://databrussels.be/id/municipality/21001/16",
      "bestidentifier": {
        "nameSpace": "https://databrussels.be/id/municipality",
        "objectIdentifier": "21001",
        "versionIdentifier": "16"
      },
      "nisCode": "21001",
      "name": {
        "nl": "Anderlecht",
        "fr": "Anderlecht"
      },
      "status": "current"
    },
    ...
  ]
}
```

```

    "id": "geodata.wallonie.be/id/Municipality/93090/7",
    "bestidentifier": {
      "nameSpace": "geodata.wallonie.be/id/Municipality",
      "objectIdentifier": "93090",
      "versionIdentifier": "7"
    },
    "nisCode": "93090",
    "name": {
      "nl": "Viroinval",
      "fr": "Viroinval",
      "de": "Viroinval"
    },
    "status": "current"
  }
],
"totalPages": 1,
"pageSize": 600,
"total": 565,
"first":
"/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/municipalities?status=any&page=1",
"last":
"/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/municipalities?status=any&page=1"
}

```

Example 14. Current municipalities called Liège (URL-encoded or without accent)

```

.../belgianAddress/v2/municipalities?name=li%C3%A8ge
.../belgianAddress/v2/municipalities?name=Liege

```

Informal translations



It's up to the Regions to decide if they provide commonly used - but not legally approved - translations of municipality names like Liège (NL: Luik, DE: Lüttich)

Example 15. Current municipalities with a name ending on 'Woluwe'

```

.../belgianAddress/v2/municipalities?name=*Woluwe

```

Example 16. Current municipalities by partial ID

```
.../belgianAddress/v2/municipalities?partialId=geodata.wallonie.be%2Fid%2F  
FMunicipality%2F62063
```

Example 17. Current municipalities with (addresses with) postal code 1030

```
.../belgianAddress/v2/municipalities?postCode=1030
```



Municipalities actually don't have a postal code

Postal codes are assigned at the address level, not at the municipality level.

This means that a postal code may occur in (addresses of) more than one municipality, and that a municipality may have (addresses with) more than one postal code.

2.7. Search for partOfMunicipalities

Only available for the Walloon Region

Only the Walloon Region provides municipality parts (former municipalities that are now part of a larger municipality).



The Flemish Region does not provide this information: their point of view is that legally speaking these (former) municipalities don't exist anymore.

For the Brussels Region it isn't relevant, since the last merger in Brussels was over a century ago.

2.7.1. Getting a single part of municipality by BeST-ID

This will return a single part of municipality in JSON, or an **HTTP 404 Not Found** error when no part of municipality was found.

Example 18. A single part of municipality

```
.../belgianAddress/v2/partOfMunicipalities/geodata.wallonie.be%2Fid%2FPartOfMunicipality%2F1%2F2
```

```
{
  "self":
  "/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/partOfMunicipalities/geodata.wallonie.be%
  2Fid%2FPartOfMunicipality%2F1%2F2",
  "id": "geodata.wallonie.be/id/PartOfMunicipality/1/2",
  "bestidentifier": {
    "nameSpace": "geodata.wallonie.be/id/PartOfMunicipality",
    "objectIdentifier": "1",
    "versionIdentifier": "2"
  },
  "name": {
    "fr": "Abée-Scry"
  },
  "status": "current"
}
```

2.7.2. Searching for one or more part of municipalities

This will return a list of zero or more part of municipalities (i.e. an empty list will *not* produce an HTTP 404).

Parameter	Description
<code>partialId</code>	Partial BeST ID Namespace + objectIdentifier are required, but the optional versionIdentifier will be ignored
<code>name</code>	Full name (any language, accents are ignored, case-insensitive). Use '*' before/after the string to perform a substring match.
<code>status</code>	Status of the municipality Values : any, current (default), proposed, reserved, retired, rejected
<code>page</code>	Page number (on paginated results)

Example 19. Current part of municipalities with a name ending on 'Meuse'

```
.../belgianAddress/v2/municipalities?name=*Meuse
```

```
{
  "self":
  "/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/partOfMunicipalities?name=*Meuse&page=1",
  "items": [
    {
      "id": "geodata.wallonie.be/id/PartOfMunicipality/114050/1",
      "bestidentifier": {
        "nameSpace": "geodata.wallonie.be/id/PartOfMunicipality",
        "objectIdentifier": "114050",
        "versionIdentifier": "1"
      },
      "name": {
        "fr": "Relax Meuse"
      },
      "status": "current"
    },
    ...
    {
      "id": "geodata.wallonie.be/id/PartOfMunicipality/882/1",
      "bestidentifier": {
        "nameSpace": "geodata.wallonie.be/id/PartOfMunicipality",
        "objectIdentifier": "882",
        "versionIdentifier": "1"
      },
    },
  ],
}
```



```
"name": {  
  "fr": "Lives-sur-Meuse"  
},  
"status": "current"  
}  
],  
"totalPages": 1,  
"pageSize": 600,  
"total": 5,  
"first":  
"/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/partOfMunicipalities?name=*Meuse&page=1",  
"last":  
"/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/partOfMunicipalities?name=*Meuse&page=1"  
}
```

2.8. Search for postalInfos

2.8.1. Getting a single postal info by BeST-ID

This will return a single postal info in JSON, or an **HTTP 404 Not Found** error when no postal info was found.

Example 20. A single postal info

```
.../belgianAddress/v2/postalInfos/https%3A%2F%2Fdatabrussels.be%2Fid%2Fpostalinfo%2F1000%2F3
```

```
{
  "self":
  "/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/postalInfos/https%3A%2F%2Fdatabrussels.be%2Fid%2Fpostalinfo%2F1000%2F3",
  "id": "https://databrussels.be/id/postalinfo/1000/3",
  "bestidentifier": {
    "nameSpace": "https://databrussels.be/id/postalinfo",
    "objectIdentifier": "1000",
    "versionIdentifier": "3"
  },
  "postCode": "1000",
  "name": {
    "nl": "Brussel (Centrum)",
    "fr": "Bruxelles (Centre)"
  }
}
```

2.8.2. Searching for postal infos

Parameter	Description
partialId	Partial BeST address ID Namespace and objectIdentifier are required, but the optional versionIdentifier will be ignored
postCode	Postal code
name	Full name of the postal info (URL-encoded, any language, case-insensitive, accents are ignored). Use '*' before/after the string to perform a substring match.

Parameter	Description
status	Status of the street Values : any, current, proposed, reserved, retired, rejected
page	Page number (on paginated results)

Example 21. Current postal infos starting with Brus

```
.../belgianAddress/v2/postalInfos&name=Brus*
```

```
{
  "self": "/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/postalInfos?name=Brus*&page=1",
  "items": [
    {
      "id": "https://databrussels.be/id/postalinfo/1000/3",
      "bestidentifier": {
        "nameSpace": "https://databrussels.be/id/postalinfo",
        "objectIdentifier": "1000",
        "versionIdentifier": "3"
      },
      "postCode": "1000",
      "name": {
        "nl": "Brussel (Centrum)",
        "fr": "Bruxelles (Centre)"
      }
    },
    ...
    {
      "id": "https://data.vlaanderen.be/id/postinfo/1785/2020-02-10T12:44:14+01:00",
      "bestidentifier": {
        "nameSpace": "https://data.vlaanderen.be/id/postinfo/",
        "objectIdentifier": "1785",
        "versionIdentifier": "2020-02-10T12:44:14+01:00"
      },
      "postCode": "1785",
      "name": {
        "nl": "Brussegem/Hamme/MERCHTEM"
      }
    }
  ],
  "totalPages": 1,
  "pageSize": 400,
  "total": 6,
  "first":
  "/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/postalInfos?name=Brus*&page=1",
}
```

```
"last": "/api/best/v1/belgianAddress/v2/postalInfos?name=Brus*&page=1"  
}
```



Postal info names are not available for the Walloon Region

The Walloon Region does not provide names for postal codes, only the postal codes.

Example 22. Current postal infos, page 3

```
.../belgianAddress/v2/postalInfos?page=3
```

2.9. Additional info

Some additional info about the API can be found (in HTML or plain text) via /version or /doc:

Example 23. Get the API version and date of last update per Region

```
.../belgianAddress/v2/version
```

Example 24. Get the list of known issues

```
.../belgianAddress/v2/doc/issues.html
```

Example 25. Show data and software components license info

```
.../belgianAddress/v2/doc/licenses/index.html
```

Example 26. Show release notes of the API

```
.../belgianAddress/v2/doc/RELEASE-NOTES.txt
```

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