

POWER SHARING

What is Power sharing?

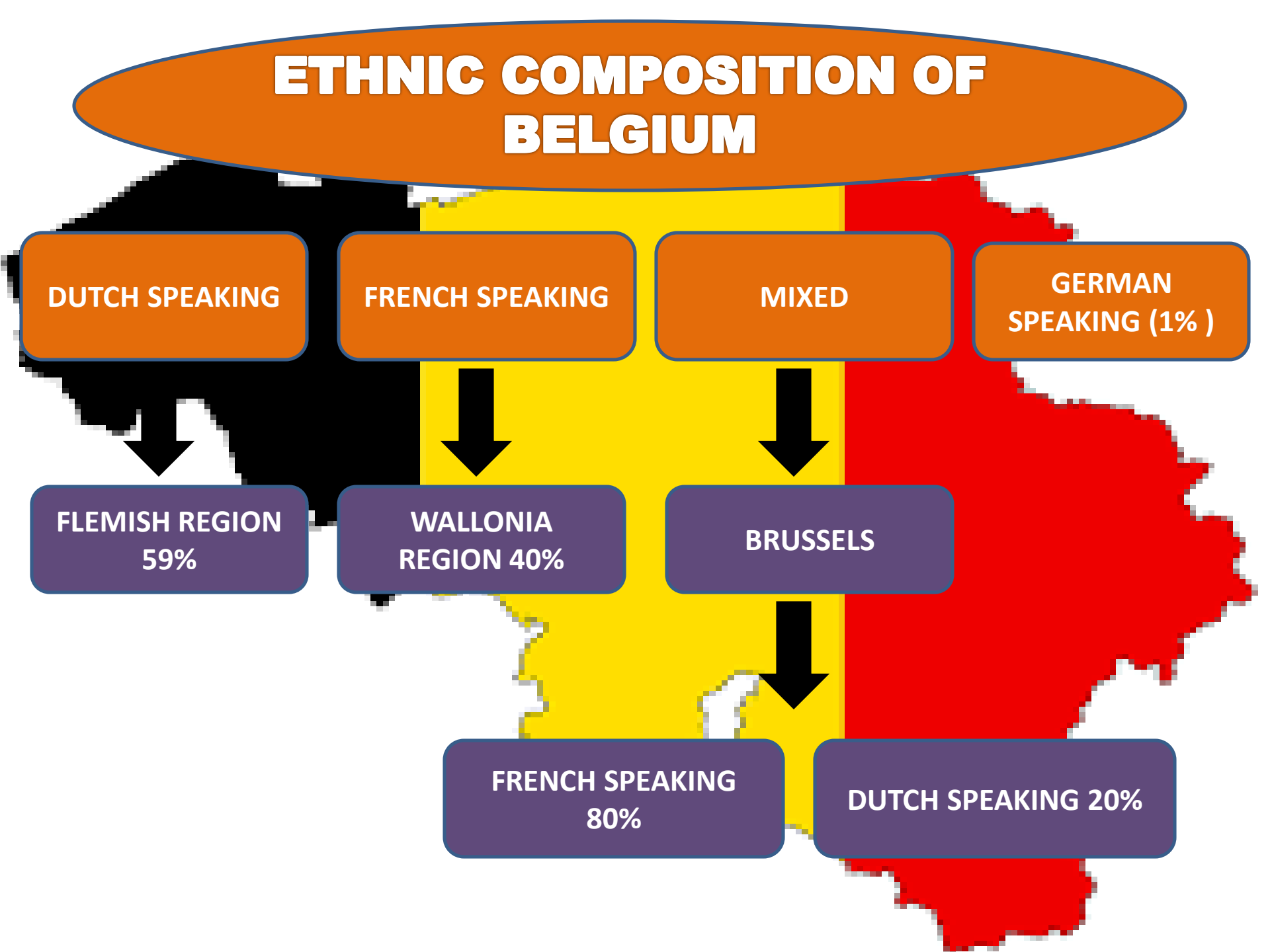
Why Power sharing?

- **Sharing of powers and responsibilities among different organs and levels of the government.**
- **It is a strategy to resolve disputes over exercise of power.**
- **A powerful approach to unite diversities by making them a party to the decision making process.**

BELGIAN MODEL OF POWER SHARING



ETHNIC COMPOSITION OF BELGIUM



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graph TD; A[ETHNIC COMPOSITION OF BELGIUM] --> B[DUTCH SPEAKING]; A --> C[FRENCH SPEAKING]; A --> D[MIXED]; A --> E[GERMAN SPEAKING (1%)]; B --> F[FLEMISH REGION 59%]; C --> G[WALLONIA REGION 40%]; D --> H[BRUSSELS]; H --> I[FRENCH SPEAKING 80%]; H --> J[DUTCH SPEAKING 20%];
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POWER SHARING IN BELGIUM

CONSTITUTION AMENDED FOUR TIMES BETWEEN 1970-1993

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

EQUAL REPRESENTATION TO BOTH DUTCH & FRENCH



STATE GOVERNMENT

POWER SHARED WITH THE STATE GOVERNMENT. STATE GOVT. IS NOT SUBORDINATE TO THE CENTRAL GOVT.



BRUSSELS

SEPARATE GOVERNMENT WITH EQUAL REPRESENTATION TO BOTH THE COMMUNITIES

ACCOMODATION OF ETHNIC DIVERSITY IN BELGIUM



*Apart from the Central and State governments and a separate government in Brussels, there is **Community Government.***

This government is elected by the people belonging to one language community which looks into their language, culture, education and related issues.