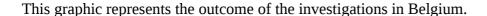
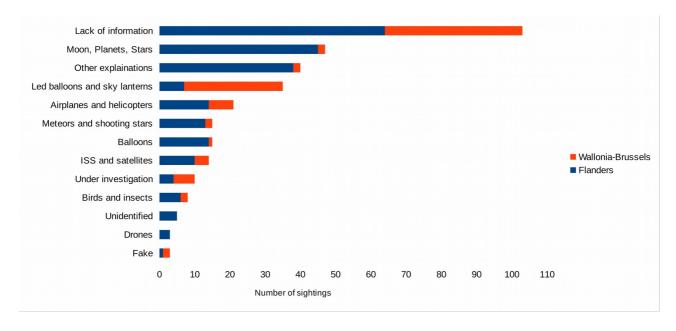
## **UFO Sightings in Belgium: the situation in 2015**

The Belgisch UFO-meldpunt<sup>1</sup> for the Flemish part of the country and COBEPS<sup>2</sup> for the French part have merged their data to establish the first national survey of UFO sightings.

A UFO sighting is the public statement made by UFO witnesses, from the witnesses point of view. Such declarations are done, mainly, by the way of forms directly filled in and available on the websites of the two organisations. However, a UFO seen by one or more witnesses does not mean that it is not identifiable by experts. The Belgisch UFO-meldpunt and COBEPS make investigations about these sightings and, when possible, propose explanations. The level of investigation depends on the strangeness of the case, the quality of the information given by the witnesses, and their credibility.

There were 319 UFO sightings in 2015 and 237 in 2014. There is an increase in the two regions. This increase is probably the result of a bigger media attention around two videos relevant for the Flemish part, but which is not statistically significant for the French part. The two organisations agreed that there is no increase of the number of unidentified phenomena following investigations.





In 2015 only four cases are categorised as "unidentified" after investigation, which means slightly more than 2 % of the total number of sightings. We conclude there was no UFO wave in Belgium during 2015.

The Belgian maps:

The places of observations

The density of observation

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> www.ufomeldpunt.be

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> www. Cobeps.org

