



Biodiversity Spring Market

2026 Edition

Business & Biodiversity



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Programme

- 10:00 - 10:30 Registrations and welcome coffee
- 10:30 - 10:35 *Welcome remarks*
Maarten Van Steenberge, Institute of Natural Sciences
▷ Auditorium
- 10:35 - 10:40 *Introduction to the Belgian Biodiversity Platform*
Divija Jata, Belgian Biodiversity Platform
▷ Auditorium
- 10:40 - 11:10 *An overview of the IPBES Business and Biodiversity Assessment* + Q&A
Jomme Desair, Research Institute for Nature and Forest
▷ Auditorium
- 11:10 - 11:40 *Biodiversity data needs for businesses* + Q&A
Hans Van Gossum, Arcadis
▷ Auditorium
- 11:40 - 12:10 *Business and Nature, sustainable partners* + Q&A
Filip Hebbrecht, Natuurpunt
▷ Auditorium
- 12:10 - 13:00 Lunch
- 13:00 - 16:00 *Marketplace Business & Biodiversity*
▷ Minerals Room





Welcome remarks



Maarten Van Steenberge

Institute of Natural Sciences



Introduction to the Belgian Biodiversity Platform



Divija Jata

Belgian Biodiversity Platform





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Belgian Biodiversity Platform

For Science, Policy and Practice

With the support of BELSPO, Belgian Science Policy Office



What is the Belgian Biodiversity Platform?

Our Mission: *"Decision making on biodiversity issues is grounded on sound evidence and takes place through collaboration between relevant actors"*

Mandate

Funded by BELSPO
(Belgian Science Policy
Office)

Works at the Federal and
Regional Levels

Distributed Team

Science policy experts,
open data specialists,

IT & communication
professionals

Host Institutes

RBINS · SCIENSANO · ULB
· INBO

Strategically selected for
expertise alignment

BBPf as a Science-Policy-Practice Interface



How We Bridge These Spheres:

Our Topical Issues

Invasive Alien Species

15+ year cornerstone activity. Data-driven workflows (TriAS), decision support tools (ManalIAS, Harmonia+), EU IAS Regulation implementation, IPBES contributions.

One Health

Belgian One Health Network (BeOH) integrating human, animal & ecosystem health. PREZODE initiative for preventing zoonotic disease emergence.

Ecosystems & Society

Evolved from the BEES community of practice. Ecosystem services, socio-environmental dynamics, transformative change & governance. IPBES focal point.

Biodiversity & Climate Change

Bridging IPBES & IPCC communities at national level. Awareness-raising on interlinkages, nature-based solutions (RESPIN project).

Biodiversity Informatics

GBIF Belgian Node, TDWG standards. Capacity building, open data publication, integrating data into IPBES & IUCN policy processes.

International Engagement

EU Projects



National Focal Points



Co-lead BE delegation · Engage experts · Ensure uptake of global assessments



Lead BE delegation · ICENCA region · Organised RCF 2024 in Bruges · WCPA focal point Belgium



Belgian Node · 1,281+ datasets · 436 publishers

Spring Markets

- Business and Biodiversity
- Nature Based Solutions
- Nature Restoration
- Biodiversity Monitoring
- Ecosystem services

2014

2015



BEES

BElgian Ecosystems & Society

2016



2017



2018



2019



2022



2023



2024



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