

Belgian Presidency of the Council of the European Union

Environment – Overview of events

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01 Introduction



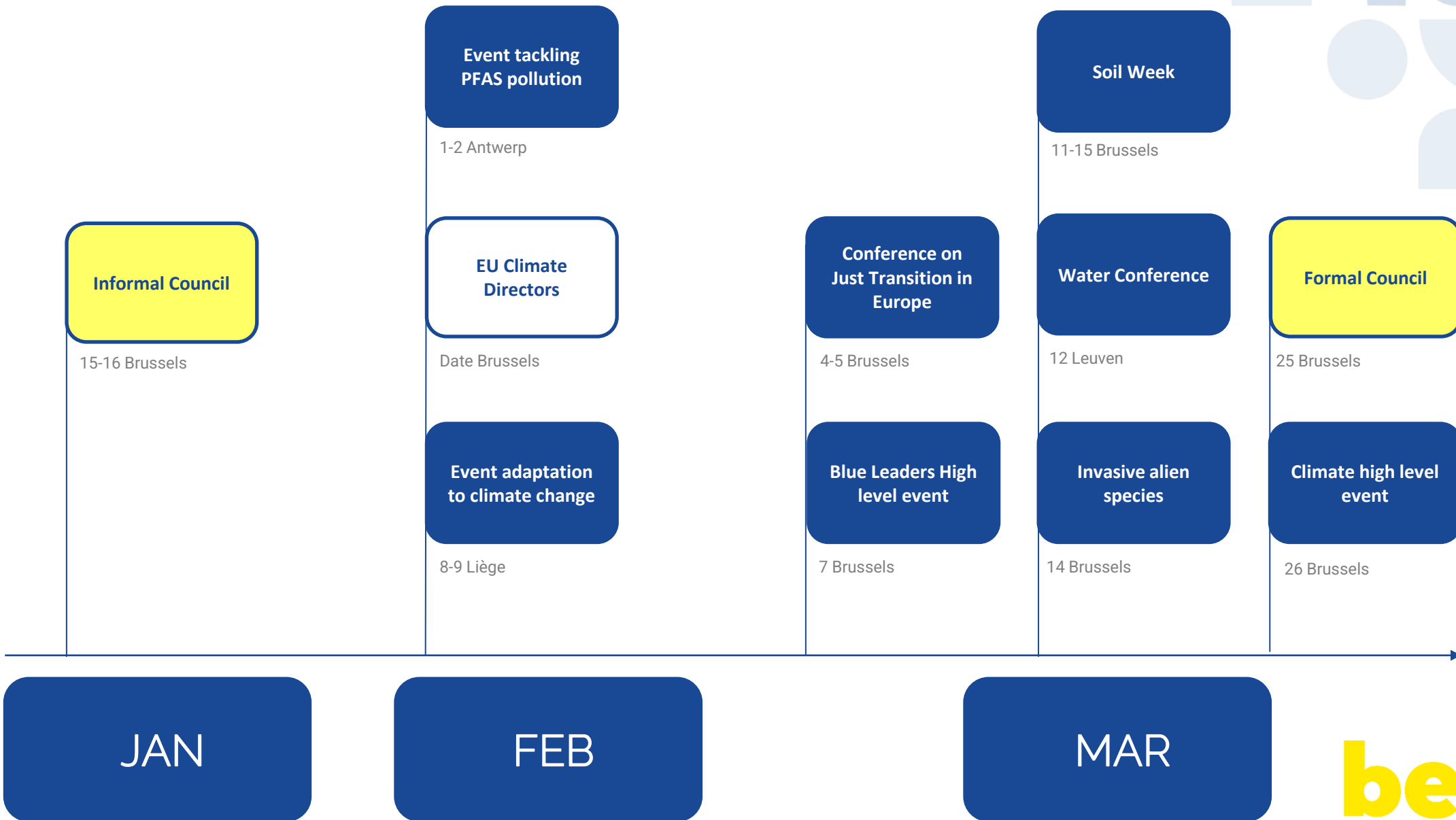
“Events?”

- See [official website BE PRES – events section](#)
- **Central goal:** discuss policy, share best practices, move forward the EU agenda
- **Wide variety** in terms of form, content, organization, target audience
 - Council meetings (3)
 - Technical working groups (WPE, WPIEI, other expert meetings & workshops) (100+)
 - Director general meetings (6)
 - Voluntary events (17)
- Intra-Belgian coordination at CCIM level

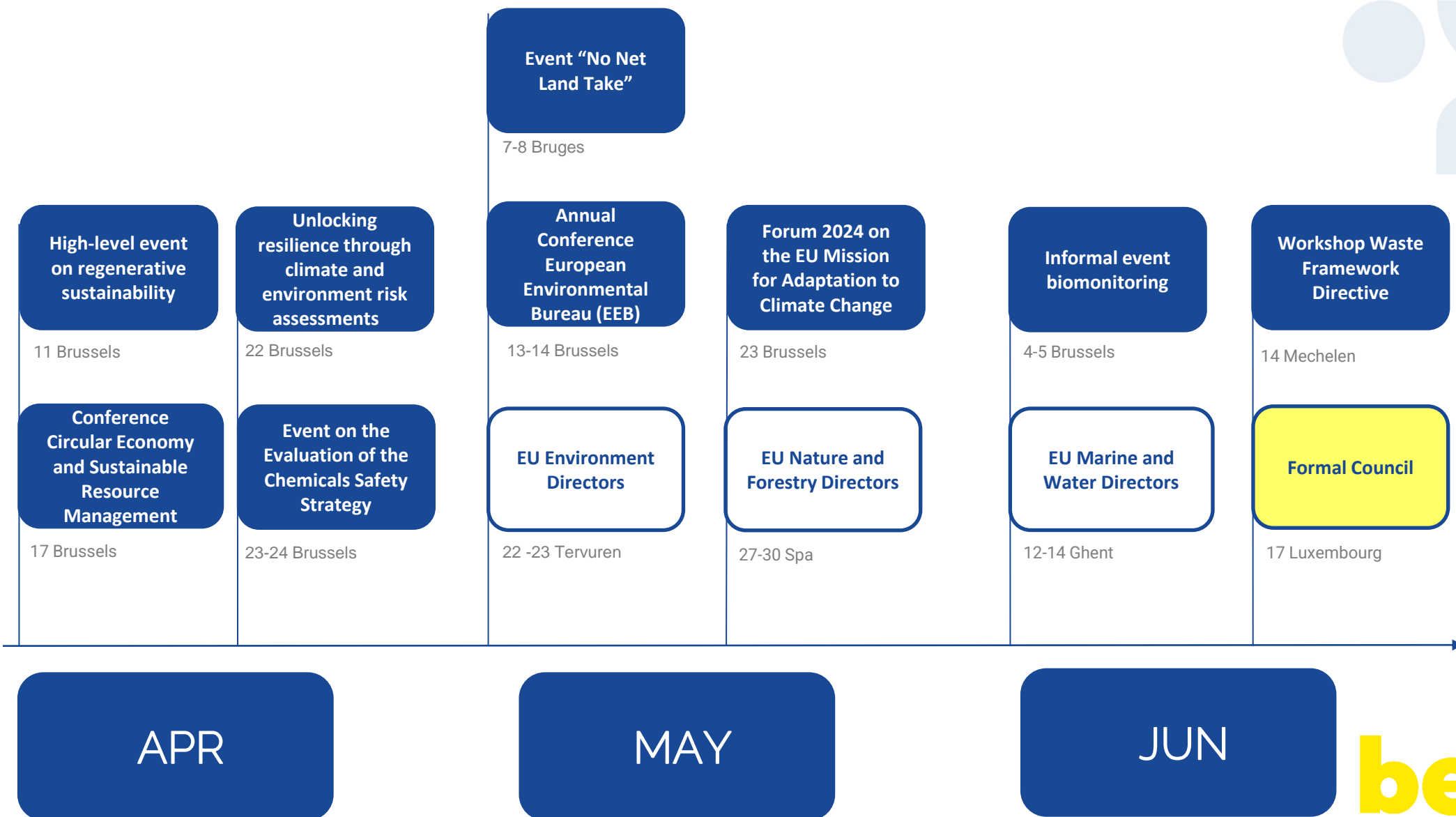
02 **Calendar of events**



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04 Selection of main events



Selection of events

Event tackling PFAS

pollution (01-02/02)

- Knowledge sharing, developing insights on:
 - phasing out PFAS
 - prevention & substitution
 - monitoring & enforcement
 - soil remediation
 - public health & communication
- Workshops, field visits, interactive sessions
- Launch of the new Knowledge Center on Innovative Remediation Solutions (KIS vzw)
- > [Registration link](#)

Soil Week (11-15/03)

- Common Forum on Contaminated Land
- NICOLE & Common Forum joint workshop
- Ensor5 Conference
- > [Webpage](#)

Selection of events

Water Conference (12/03)

- *Speeding up to a water resilient Europe – fast tracks for an EU Blue Deal*
- Reflection moment for future European Water Policy with in-depth panel discussions
- > [Save the date](#)



Selection of events

Liège Declaration on Adaptation to Climate Change (8-9/02)

- **Non-state actors'** Roadmap on adaptation to climate change in Europe, gathered at the Climate Change Europe Summit, in Liège
- Focus on *cascade of risk/maladaptation*, vulnerabilities and just adaptation, international response and cross-border coordination as well as **nature-based solutions**
- Sum-up the Council decisions in a **text of reference** while fully taking part in the Commission roadmap

Mission Forum on adaptation (22-23/05)

- Opportunity to take stock, identify issues, provide direction and define the path ahead on adaptation
- Showcase regional initiatives on adaptation to climate change and facilitate dialogue
- Main event on 23/05, complemented by field trips in all regions

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Conference on Just Transition in Europe (4-5/03)

- Exchange of views on the next steps the EU and its Member States should take to establish a more comprehensive, just transition policy framework fit for the future
- Plenary with presentations by ILO, EEA & EESC
- Parallel session to work on the Council conclusions
- Goal: enable the next European Commission with tools, insights and recommendations to advance on this matter

High-level event on regenerative sustainability (11/04)

- Knowledge sharing on regenerative sustainability with relevant actors through discussions on concepts and ideas to provoke transformative change
- 1 day event with keynote speakers, break-out sessions and a high-level panel

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Conference Circular Economy and Sustainable Resource Management (17/04)

- Integrated in the World Circular Economy Forum
- Plenary with presentations by IRP, EEA & COM followed by inspiring circular cases
- 8 interactive workshops on different aspects
- Parallel session to work on the Council conclusions

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EEB annual conference (13-14/05)

- To mark its 50th anniversary, the EEB will organise its annual conference with Brussels Environment.
- **Several thematic** sessions about:
 - The future of the environmental policy for 2024-2030;
 - Climate adaptation & resilience;
 - Circular Economy: from decarbonization to dematerialization;
 - An environmental, climate and social justice.
- The annual conference will be **followed by its General Assembly**.

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR ATTENTION**

