

Belgian Presidency of the Council of the European Union

Environment - Overview of events

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Introduction

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01 Introduction

"Events?"

- See <u>official website BE PRES events section</u>
- 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



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Event tackling PFAS pollution

1-2 Antwerp

Soil Week

11-15 Brussels

Informal Council

15-16 Brussels

EU Climate Directors

Date Brussels

Event adaptation to climate change

8-9 Liège

Conference on Just Transition in Europe

4-5 Brussels

Blue Leaders High level event

7 Brussels

Water Conference

12 Leuven

Invasive alien species

14 Brussels

Formal Council

25 Brussels

Climate high level event

26 Brussels

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FEB

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Calendar of events

Event "No Net Land Take"

7-8 Bruges

High-level event on regenerative sustainability

11 Brussels

Conference
Circular Economy
and Sustainable
Resource
Management

17 Brussels

Unlocking resilience through climate and environment risk assessments

22 Brussels

Event on the Evaluation of the Chemicals Safety Strategy

23-24 Brussels

Annual
Conference
European
Environmental
Bureau (EEB)

13-14 Brussels

EU Environment Directors

22 -23 Tervuren

Forum 2024 on the EU Mission for Adaptation to Climate Change

23 Brussels

EU Nature and Forestry Directors

27-30 Spa

Informal event biomonitoring

4-5 Brussels

EU Marine and Water Directors

12-14 Ghent

Workshop Waste Framework Directive

14 Mechelen

Formal Council

17 Luxembourg

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MAY

JUN



Selection of main events

Event tackling PFASpollution (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



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





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 Chance 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



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



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



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

