



BBA Newsletter – January 2026

January is the perfect moment to turn good intentions into concrete steps for biodiversity. Whether you are a business, organisation or citizen, meaningful action starts with understanding where you can make a difference — and who you can collaborate with. This month's newsletter is all about **connecting ideas, tools and people** to accelerate biodiversity action in Belgium.

Let's dive in 📌

Tip of the month

Turn off the night lights: Outdoor lighting disrupts bats, insects and birds. Switch off unnecessary lights at night to give wildlife a darker, safer winter habitat. 🦇



Project in the spotlight

IPON integrates biodiversity as a core element of its construction projects. For every development, a legally binding planting plan — designed by a landscape architect — ensures that green spaces are an essential part of both private and communal areas. Residents commit to maintaining native plants and ecological structures, supported by clear green guidelines and inspiration from book *De wilde tuin* (The Wild Garden). This long-term approach strengthens local ecosystems, supports wildlife and creates green, community-oriented living environments — a model IPON has successfully applied for decades. 🌳

[Learn more](#)

Partner in the spotlight

Jane Goodall Institute (JGI)

Belgium has been a proud partner of the BBA since the very beginning. Through forest restoration in Belgium and in Burundi (Africa), including projects like [Forest in One Day](#), JGI helps to bring degraded landscapes back to life while strengthening climate resilience and biodiversity. At the same time, their **Roots & Shoots** movement inspires young people to take action to make the world a better place for people, other animals, and the environment, and to be an example for others in their own network.



Inspired by the pioneering work of Dr. Jane Goodall, JGI shows that every person can make a difference for a more nature-positive world. Although missing tremendously their founder dr. Jane who passed away on 1st October last year, JGI Belgium and all other national JGIs decided to continue their work to keep her legacy and memory alive.



**Jane
Goodall
Institute
Belgium**

[Learn more](#)

New on the BBA website - Opportunities

The interactive decision tree tool helps connect organisations seeking support for biodiversity actions with those able to provide support — financial or otherwise.

By answering a few simple questions, you'll discover tailored opportunities and potential matches across Belgium. This beta version will run for a 6-month trial period, and your feedback is essential. Try it out, explore different paths, and help us improve it for the entire biodiversity community.

[Give it a try!](#)

Upcoming events on biodiversity



**The Biodiversity Shift
- 3 March**



**Biodiversity Spring
Market - 23 March**

Forest in One Day - 22 February

On **Sunday 22 February 2026**, **Jane Goodall Institute Belgium** and **Luminus**, together with the Flemish Agency for Nature & Forests, invite you to help plant trees in **Halle (10:00-16:00)**.

Enjoy a hands-on day with planting, warm drinks, workshops and family-friendly activities — all while contributing to a greener future. 🌱

[Register now](#)

In March 2026, **The Biodiversity Shift** returns with a new edition of *Build your Biodiversity Strategy*, in collaboration with **WWF-Belgium**. This bilingual learning trajectory helps organisations embed biodiversity into their core strategy, aligned with international frameworks such as **Now for Nature**.



[Learn more](#)

The **Belgian Biodiversity Platform** invites you to the **Biodiversity Spring Market** on **23 March 2026** at the Institute of Natural Sciences. This edition focuses on **Business & Biodiversity**, with morning talks and an afternoon marketplace for networking and project exchange.

For any questions or more information, visit the [Spring Market 2026 webpage](#) or contact [Lison Cowez](#).

[Register now](#)

Do you know inspiring initiatives that contribute to the objectives of the BBA? We'd love to discover and showcase more inspiring actions on our website, so feel free to email us.

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