



BBA Newsletter – April 2026

As April unfolds and nature bursts into colour, this month's newsletter turns our attention to something often overlooked beneath the surface and at the margins of our cities: **urban ecosystems**. From century-old wetlands tucked away in Brussels to municipalities reimagining their streets and schoolyards, biodiversity is finding its way back into the heart of our urban fabric. This month, we celebrate the people and organisations making space for nature — right where we live.

Let's dive in 📌

📣 Tip of the month 📣

Join the No Mow May movement! Resist the urge to tidy up every corner of your garden. Long grass, a log pile or a patch of wildflowers provide vital shelter for hedgehogs, beetles and pollinators — and longer grass helps retain rainwater in the soil. Good for nature, good for your garden. 🦔🌿



Project in the spotlight

Nestled in the heart of Laeken, **CRESSONDO ASBL** is bringing back to life one of the last urban watercress beds in Europe — a site with both exceptional historical value and remarkable ecological potential. Beyond producing organic watercress, the association cultivates a vegetable garden, defends local wetlands and welcomes visitors on guided tours. Over the next five years, CRESSONDO aims to transform the site into a high-value biotope and integrate it into the Natagora network, making it a true refuge for Brussels' biodiversity. 💧 🌿

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Partner in the spotlight

As a driving force behind Brussels' ecological transition, **Brussels Environment** has long supported local stakeholders — from schools and businesses to citizens and associations — in taking concrete action for urban biodiversity. Their programmes cover everything from sustainable green space management and pollinator habitats to restoring green corridors and tackling invasive species. Structured, collaborative and results-oriented, Brussels Environment turns environmental ambition into measurable impact, helping to build a city that is more resilient and richer in nature. 🌳



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Upcoming events on biodiversity



BBA Symposium – Date to be confirmed

Due to the announcement of a national strike, the BBA Symposium has been postponed. A new date — likely in September — will be communicated as soon as possible. We apologise for any inconvenience and look forward to welcoming you soon! 👍
Stay tuned!

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Humus Festival – 17 May

Join us at **organic farm Humus** in Zulte for a full day of biodiversity in action — local food, creative workshops and family-friendly activities that bring together farmers, nature lovers and communities. 🌿

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Het Goede Moment / Le Bon Moment, Closing Night – 18 June

Be Planet invites you to Namur for the grand closing ceremony of this national campaign — live across 12 regional TV chains. You can expect concerts, debates and encounters with fellow biodiversity enthusiasts!



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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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