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## BEL : a unique place for people

BEL, set up on the initiative of **Brussels Environment**, the Environment and Energy Agency of the Brussels-Capital Region, is an innovative, bright and friendly space. Housed in one of Europe's top eco-designed buildings, it is located in the heart of Brussels, on the Tour & Taxis site.

BEL offers a **range of services**:

- A conference space and modular rooms for events and meetings;
- A restaurant serving sustainably-produced food;
- An information and documentation centre;
- Exhibitions.

The premises are designed to foster **exchange, creativity, openness** and a **friendly atmosphere**. In this unusual space, activities and services are developed to raise awareness to the environmental issues facing our capital city – and all other cities – in the twenty-first century.

BEL is an initiative of Brussels Environment, the Regional Environment and Energy Agency working day-in day-out to improve the quality of life of the people of Brussels.

For more information or to visit the premises, please go to the **www.bel.brussels** website or contact **bel@environnement.brussels**

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## A space dedicated to the 21<sup>st</sup> century sustainable city

BEL is a conference centre and exhibition place allowing people to come together, to find out more about environmental issues, discuss them and develop new ideas. Dedicated to the theme of the sustainable city, it offers a modern and positive perspective on the environmental issues of our time with a view to raising the awareness of individuals, professionals, associations and schools in the Region. BEL invites you to come and find out more about concrete initiatives contributing to the development of the sustainable city.



## BEL offers four areas of activity:

### MEETINGS PLACE

A conference centre able to host a variety of events in an environmentally friendly manner.

### EATING

A friendly, relaxing space where you can discover and enjoy healthy food produced in an environmentally friendly manner.

### INFORMATION AND ADVICE

A reception area offering information on the environment, practical advice and documentation.

### EXHIBITIONS

Spaces for temporary and permanent exhibitions on environmental themes.



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## The conference centre

### A place to meet, discuss and reflect

The BEL conference centre, located in the heart of a highly energy-efficient building, is designed to host your events: conferences, seminars, training days, working groups, etc.

Non-profit organisations, businesses and government bodies can use the facilities, all of which are open, full of natural light and fitted out in an innovative and comfortable manner.

The colourful 415-seat **auditorium** is equipped with sophisticated audiovisual technology, and has a system specially adapted for people with hearing problems (an induction loop) as well as interpreter booths and a control room.

**Modular rooms**, adaptable to suit your needs (20, 40 or 50 people), are available on the first floor of the building.

The **atrium** is a space for talking, meeting and eating (see information about our organic restaurant on page 11).

A professional team will support you with every aspect of organising your event. It's expertise in eco-responsibility ensures that events organised at BEL are environmentally friendly.

When **renting the premises**, discounts are granted to Belgian institutions and social, educational or environmental organisations. **Catering** is provided by our exclusive partner, Biorganic Factory.



Our Conference Centre can be used for your events seven days a week, during the day or in the evening.



Visits to the premises can be organised from Monday to Friday between 9 am and 12.30 pm and 1.30 pm and 5 pm.



Contact:

[bel@environnement.brussels](mailto:bel@environnement.brussels)

Information: [www.bel.brussels](http://www.bel.brussels)





## The restaurant

### A place to relax and enjoy sustainably-produced food



Brussels Environment operates an ambitious and dynamic sustainable food policy. This is reflected in the BEL restaurant, where exemplary cuisine is offered, made from **local, seasonal, organically farmed ingredients**, preferably from **fair trade** sources. All the food is prepared by Biorganic Factory, a 100% organic Brussels catering company.

The restaurant offers a variety of balanced, high-quality food for breakfast, lunch and events: a varied assortment of sandwiches, salads and soups, as well as vegetarian dishes and a buffet priced by weight to cut down on food waste.

The premises are furnished in an original manner with reuse vintage furniture (in line with Brussels Environment's environmental commitments). The restaurant is open to the public as well as to Brussels Environment staff.

For large events, catering is provided in the atrium. We have a basic package which can be adapted to suit customer needs.

The restaurant is open  
from Monday to Friday from  
8.30 am to 3 pm.



Take a look at the menu at  
[www.bel.brussels](http://www.bel.brussels)







## The information and documentation centre

A place to find out more about environmental issues, obtain advice and take action



BEL's information area is located on the first floor of the building. Here, Brussels Environment welcomes individuals, professionals and schools, answering any questions they may have on environmental issues in Brussels. The staff provide **initial advice** (on energy premiums, environmental permits, quality labels, legislation, etc.), and if necessary direct visitors towards **sources of more specialised information**.

In this comfortably fitted-out space, various different kinds of information are available:

- Brussels Environment publications;
- information on the environment and energy;
- information on administrative services (premiums, calls for projects, environmental permits, green spaces, etc.);
- a virtual library containing digitised documentation.

Our information and documentation centre is open from Monday to Friday, from 9 am to 5 pm.

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You can also contact the Environmental Information department by telephone on 02 775 75 75 or by email at [info@environnement.irisnet.be](mailto:info@environnement.irisnet.be)



## The exhibition centre: discovering the city of today and tomorrow

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BEL has two **exhibition areas** where themes relevant to the Sustainable City are presented. They are open to the general public, schools and businesses:

- **Temporary exhibitions** addressing a variety of environmental issues are housed in the atrium throughout the year.
- **The permanent exhibition, will explore the key environmental challenges facing twenty-first century cities.** It will be installed in a 700 m<sup>2</sup> area on the building's ground floor. Designed to be both fun and educational, the exhibition will be supported by videos, computer graphics and various interactive tools and digital technologies. A **modern and positive view of environmental issues** will be offered, focusing mainly on the impact of behaviours, and solutions that can be applied on a daily basis to achieve a sustainable city. Educational tools will be made available to schools to help them prepare for the visit and take action throughout the year.



To suggest a temporary exhibition, look up the programme of scheduled exhibitions, or arrange a visit: [www.bel.brussels](http://www.bel.brussels).



To contact us:  
[bel@environnement.brussels](mailto:bel@environnement.brussels)  
Temporary exhibitions are open from Monday to Friday from 9 am to 5 pm.  
The permanent exhibition will open in 2016.



## How to get to BEL



## Come and discover BEL!

### Our conference centre

Available for visits (by appointment) Monday to Friday between 9 am and 12.30 pm and 1.30 pm and 5 pm.

Your events can be organised seven days a week, during the day or in the evening.

### Our restaurant

Open Monday to Friday from 8.30 am to 3 pm.

### Our information and documentation centre

Open Monday to Friday from 9 am to 5 pm.

### Our exhibition centre

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