

# IUCN REGIONAL CONSERVATION FORUM

## EUROPE, NORTH AND CENTRAL ASIA

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BRUGES, BELGIUM

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## In a nutshell...



### Bruges is a green & sustainable city

The green key quality mark award for accommodation and meeting rooms.



### No need for cars

Everything lies within walking distance.



### Air quality

Purest air quality of all Flemish cities.



### Green everywhere

Parks, trees, green town rampart (8 km of jogging track around the town)...



### Accessibility

Easy by public transportation. More information on the slides about accessibility.

### Safe city

Crime rates almost 0.

# ABOUT BRUGES



11.492.641  
Population of Belgium



Location  
België - Flanders



Hotels  
101



Rooms  
3680



138,40 km<sup>2</sup>  
Surface area of Bruges



118.536  
Population of Bruges



Station  
10 min. walk



Brussels Airport  
80 min. drive



National languages  
Dutch  
French  
German



UNESCO  
World Heritage City



Medical  
institutions

## Geographical features



Sea



Plains



Parks



Forest

# BRUGES ASPIRES TO....

- Co-design Global and Regional Programmes with consensus on actions and commitments towards implementation at regional, national and subnational level
- Ensure that IUCN Members and stakeholders are better equipped to implement the Global Biodiversity Framework's goals and targets
- Empower the Interregional Committee for Europe North and Central Asia (ICENCA)
- Increase engagement in the IUCN Commissions
- Increase youth engagement
- Deliver a benchmark for green/ sustainable RCFs
- Leave Bruges inspired, and inspiring Bruges!



# SUSTAINABILITY

- Sustainability of the forum in all its facets is top priority.
- Set up a dedicated working group of committed partners supported by VisitFlanders and a professional conference organiser to work on reducing the negative impacts
- From the transportation of delegates to on-site organisation (e.g., local, seasonal catering, reusable and recyclable materials), all areas will be set up in the most sustainable way



# SUSTAINABILITY

## Peatland Conservation

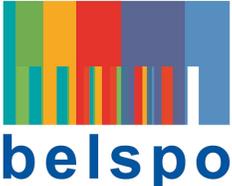
As an example of carbon offsetting researchers working on Peatland conservation in De Zegge, have suggested a mechanism where forum participants can support these conservation efforts e.g., CO2 compensation (on flights) as these peatlands have an important carbon storage capacity (besides their importance for biodiversity).



## Forest Planting in Belgium (e.g. via the [Jane Goodall Institute](#))

The Jane Goodall Institute Belgium has offered to carry out their [annual forest planting event](#) alongside the IUCN Regional Conservation Forum 2024. This activity is a perfect example of bringing together people of all ages and cultures to participate and learn about how biodiversity can be improved.

# IUCN BELGIAN MEMBERS



## International NGOs



# EXCURSIONS



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**SEE YOU IN BRUGES!!!**

