

# MISSION

The BEES Community of Practice:

## -PROMOTES THE APPROPRIATE USE OF THE ECOSYSTEM SERVICES CONCEPT

The goal is to safeguard and enhance through an appropriate use of the ecosystem services concept the long-term well-being and prosperity of the Belgian citizenry. Therefore, it promotes the use of natural resources within local and planetary boundaries and an equitable distribution of the benefits and burdens from the use of nature within and across society and generations, respecting the multitude of values of nature held by different stakeholders.

## BUILDS KNOWLEDGE AND CAPACITY THROUGH CONSULTATION AND COLLABORATION

The BEES community engages a variety of actors in society, such as policy makers, business sector, NGOs, science and consumers. It provides a forum for innovative development through collaborative and joint research topics and practical implementation and offers access to a transdisciplinary network for effective and efficient solutions to complex ecosystem services issues. To fulfil this role the BEES community has to safeguard its independency and transparency. It cannot endorse sectorial goals or claims.

## FOCUSES ON SOCIALLY AND POLICY-RELEVANT KNOWLEDGE

Socially and policy-relevant knowledge is a prerequisite for effective assessment and decision-making, producing real and measurable, positive changes.



Belgian Community of Practice  
on Ecosystem Services



[www.beescommunity.be](http://www.beescommunity.be)

# VISION

Societal decisions and local practices having impact on the equitable, long-term and efficient use of natural capital are supported by the best available knowledge on biodiversity and ecosystem services.



Research on ecosystem services involves experts from policy, business and daily life working together with scientists from all relevant disciplines.

Communication, coordination and collaboration are paramount and the resulting decisions aiming to safeguard and enhance the well-being and prosperity of the Belgian citizenry.



BEES is an open and informal network. You are welcome to join us: [www.beescommunity.be](http://www.beescommunity.be)

# STRATEGY

Develops mainstreaming & policy tools to promote the integration of ecosystem services concepts in policy and management, business and society.

Develops ecosystem services concepts, tools and practices that help to:

- Adapt human activity and clarify ecosystem thresholds in order to preserve the actual and potential well-being of present and future generations.
- Stop ecosystem and biodiversity degradation, and improve their status.



The BEES Community of Practice



Facilitates capacity building, exchange of expertise and experience (including methodologies and transfer of knowledge on ecosystem services to policy and share the needs from policy makers on this issue), to enable involvement of Belgian actors in national and international initiatives and build the capacity to conduct assessments of ecosystem services.

Provides overviews of state of the art knowledge and best practices.

The BEES community is facilitated and supported by the Belgian Biodiversity Platform

