




Benelux – RISE Exploratory Workshop

Please register before 13 May 2026

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Questions?

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 22 May 2026
11h00 - 17h50

 Benelux Secretariat
Regentschapsstraat 39, 1000 Brussels

11h00 – 11h20	Guest reception		
11h20 – 11h30	Welcome		
11h30 – 11h40	The Benelux-RISE Initiative	Loth Van der Auwermeulen, Jan Wouters and Maarten Vidal	UHasselt KU Leuven
Presentations on knowledge and language			
11h40 – 11h55	Cross-Border Knowledge and Innovation Flows & Resilience	Hans Wevers	Open Universiteit
11h55 – 12h10	Terminology as a Tool: The JuriTerm NL-VL Project	Vince Liégeois	Instituut voor de Nederlandse Taal
12h10-12h25	Benelux Integration through AI-Driven Multilingual Governance	Jeroen Zandberg	Wetenschappelijk Bureau NSC
12h25- 12h35	Discussion		
12h35-13h20	Lunch		
Presentations on identity and fundaments			
13h20-13h35	New Approaches to the History of the Benelux Union	Christoph Brüll	University of Luxembourg
13h35-13h50	Culture de mémoire et politique mémorielle (1958–2024)	Sabine Schmitz	Universität Paderborn
13h50-14h05	The Benelux Union: Institutional Framework and Legal Instruments for Efficient Cooperation	Stephane Verwilghen	Benelux Union
14h05-14h20	The Legal Fundament of Benelux Integration: More than Art. 350 TFEU	Loth Van der Auwermeulen and Maarten Vidal	UHasselt, Flanders Chancellery and Foreign Office
14h20-14h30	Discussion		
Presentations on space and sustainability			
14h30-14h45	Constructing Land-Take Knowledge: Indicators and Governance	Tom Becker, Rafael Corrêa and Chris Reiter	University of Luxembourg, Nova University
14h45-15h00	Limiting Urban Sprawl within the Urban Networks of the Benelux+ Territory through the Implementation of Transit-Oriented Development Policies along Cross-Border Rail Routes	Jean-Marc Lambotte and Sophie Vandionant	Université de Liège (Lepur)
15h00-15h15	Benelux Mobility Ecosystem: Seamless Multimodal Mobility	Hai Anh Le, W. Verheyen and Esther van Zimmeren	UAntwerpen
15h15-15h30	The Benelux as a Regulatory Sandbox for the EU CRM Act	Jonas Voorter and Sarah Schoenmakers	UHasselt, Universiteit Maastricht
15h30-15h40	Discussion		
15h40 – 16h00	Coffee		
Presentations on Market			
16h00 – 16h15	Tendering in the Benelux: Room for Improvement!	Sophie Bleux, Ellen Deleersnyder and Frank Judo	Liedekerke & Schoups
16h15 – 16h30	Competition Dynamics: Traditional Fintech vs. Global Tech	Anthony Acquah	University of Ghana, Academy of International Affairs
16h30 – 16h45	Judicial Governance and Judicial Cooperation between the Benelux Court of Justice and the Unified Patent Court	Daanish Naithani and Esther van Zimmeren	UAntwerpen
16h45 – 17h00	Discussion		
Presentations on treaties			
17h00 – 17h15	The Benelux “Living Lab”: Heritage Diplomacy (Euro-Africa)	Abiodun Adiatu Neema Clement Munisi	Academy of International Affairs and Obafemi Awolowo University, University of Bonn
17h15 – 17h30	An Institutional Reflection on the Future of the Benelux: Towards a Trilateral ‘Elysée Treaty’?	Jan Wouters	KU Leuven
17h30 – 17h40	Discussion		
17h40 – 17h50	Closing Remarks		