



Belgian Ergonomics Society - BES

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Number of society members	98
Does your country (region) have professional / legal recognition for experts (Ergonomist, HF/E specialist)?	No as ergonomist alone, but in the federal legislation about well-being at work, the “prevention advisor in ergonomics” is defined with knowledge and competencies criteria. BES is also responsible for the recognition of Belgium ergonomists for the title of European Ergonomist by CREE
Briefly describe important activities of your Society / Network since last annual report	Workshops between ergonomists and the Belgian ministry of labour (jurists, labour inspectors) to exchange on the application on the field of the new regulations relating to ergonomics at work and the prevention of musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs) at work (published in the Moniteur belge on 15 May 2024, namely the Royal Decree (RD) of 19 March 2024 amending Book VIII of the Code of Well-being at Work with regard to ergonomics at work and the prevention of musculoskeletal disorders at work) Three important workshops were organised by BES and the ministry of labour (07/10/2025, 03/02/2026, 03/06/2026) to discuss how to implement the legislation within organisations and the exact role of the external prevention advisor in ergonomics. Success of our BES national study day on 19 March 2026 concerning “BES: 40 years of ergonomics – and what about today?” • Anniversary of the founding of the BES in 1986 😊 • Physical conference with a lunch • 100 participants, full 2 months between the date, assistance limited to the room capacity (100) • Collaboration with the EU-OSHA Belgian focal point and FEES We promote the ergonomic vision for the students. BES proposes for the student’s ergonomist to present their these. It’s a good opportunity for the participants to improve their knowledge on specific topics, and for student to have a contact with ergonomists, mainly employed by OSH services. • Webinar of 14/11/2025

	Visit of the company AGC with 20 participants on 29/10/2026 Visit of the Lighting Application Center (LAC) Eindhoven, 15/09/2026
What significant Society activities are planned for the coming year.	Next workshop on 27/01/2027 between ergonomists and the Belgian ministry of labour (jurists, labour inspectors) to exchange on the application on the field of the new regulations relating to ergonomics at work and the prevention of musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs) Next BES national day on 15/04/2027: thematic not yet defined Next webinar: for the student's ergonomist to present their these, end 2026 Next visit of a company: SPA monopole on march 2027
Briefly describe any significant challenges your Society / Network faced since last annual report.	Discussion with stakeholders about the definition of "ergonomics" written in the Belgian legislation about well-being at work and its application in all the domains of well-being and not only to prevent MSD. The concrete application of the new (2024) MSD legislation in the companies to better prevent MSD.
Other information of interest to IEA and its Members	
Name your IEA Member Society members that died who you wish to have recognized during the Council meeting. For each name, please include a sentence describing their significance to Human Factors and Ergonomics	No

Any other comments:	No
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