



Information: Membership Brussels By Night

1. What is Brussels By Night?

Brussels By Night is a network acting as a non-profit organisation (ASBL/VZW) whose mission is to highlight the nightlife sector and its actors - clubs, collectives, promoters, night bars, labels, radios and festivals - within the Brussels-Capital Region and to provide a better night-time ecosystem for the people.

The idea to gather as a professional sector was first raised in 2020. Following discussions with the Brussels-Capital Region, several nightlife actors started contemplating the existence of a structure representing the ecosystem. After months of meetings, including both the sector and the public authorities, it was decided to set up Brussels by Night, dedicated to becoming a representative union.

Today, on one hand, Brussels By Night accompanies the members of the network and ensures the role of moderator between public authorities and the sector regarding various issues and challenges which the actors may face in terms of safety, urban planning, funding, production issues, public health, economy, mobility, regulatory standards, administration, etc. On the other hand, it aims to promote and enhance the role of Brussels as a national and international key player in terms of nightlife and festivities.

Our work is structured around several key missions: bringing together data and knowledge from the field and from experts, as well as concrete figures, to strengthen advocacy for nightlife; promoting the sector so that it is valued on the same level as the traditional cultural sector; and lobbying institutions to ensure that public policies and funding mechanisms are developed to better recognize and support nightlife.

The team's role also involves supporting members by answering their questions, redirecting them when necessary, and connecting them with the right contacts. A strong focus is placed on harm reduction in party and nightlife settings, as one team member is specifically dedicated to this topic.

Finally, the team works on events of varying scale and importance for the sector: networking events, talks, workshops, discussion and working groups, as well as larger events such as Brussels Open Air Festival or Brussels Nightcall. This daily work has helped place nightlife on the political agenda over the past five years, despite a challenging context, and has led to the creation of a true reference and contact body for institutions, the sector, and the public alike.

2. Why become a member?

Being a member of Brussels by Night means being part of an organisation at the forefront of defending the entertainment sector in the Brussels-Capital Region on a wide range of issues.

We always put priorities in terms of advocacy based on the feedback from our members. Having the opportunity to exchange informally, via thematic working groups or network event as the General Assembly gives you a way to express what you want us to defend when we advocate with institutions, politics...

What is included in the membership:

Being part of the network gives you the possibility to reach out to us whenever you need, on lots of different topics.

We'll be able to advise you, redirect to other useful contacts, or analyse your demand as fast as possible given the number of members and our day-to-day work, and you'll receive administrative support/assistance from the relevant organisations (institutional, associative, etc.).

We give more long-term support on harm reduction especially in the fight against sexist and sexual violences and (awareness-raising, training, Care Team coordination, assistance in drafting charters and protocols, etc.) but also through work and training groups on subsidies, admin management, sustainability, inclusivity....

You'll also be able to network proactively, and benefit from deals we close or collaborations we try to develop.

Brussels By Night is therefore not a nightlife medium or agenda. We will not promote any specific events from our members.

3. How to become a member?

You can reach out to us via the website or the mail info@brussels-by-night.be.

Please name the structure you represent in the mail, and the reason you're reaching out if there's any specific. We'll get back to you as we can to answer your question and plan a meeting.

Being a member implies paying a membership fee, which is proportional to the size and type of structures you represent. Fees are fixed between 100 and 2000€ per year, with a -25% reduction on the first year of membership and a progressive reduction if you represent several structures or organisations.

Engaging you in this collective dynamic also means you share a certain number of values with the structure. Our charter must be signed in line with this approach.