

# IAHR Belgian Young Professionals Network

## Our vision and mission

The Belgian Young Professionals Network will bring together young researchers, policymakers, and industry representatives. Through activities like online masterclasses, thematic webinars, and joint workshops, the network creates opportunities for knowledge sharing, collaboration, and professional growth.

Regular informal meetings of the leading team are organized. The three members of the team work in the same research team (University of Liège), which fosters regular interactions. The mission of the leading team is to include young researchers from other institutions to broaden its vision and strengthen its impact throughout Belgium.

## Main goals and key objectives

The objectives of 2026 are to make the network grow throughout Belgium (most of the members are from the University of Liège now). Including the public service of Wallonia is also expected. Three activities are being prepared:

1. In-person meeting under the form of a “speed-dating” so that people get to know each other + informal presentations to discuss about the respective work of the members and collective brainstorming when issues are encountered in someone’s work.
2. Technical visit to a laboratory facility (potential candidates are Leuven or Brussels).
3. Online meeting in which an external senior researcher presents his work and his academic career, sharing practical tips.

## Activities during this year

- **Name:** Kick-off meeting of the IAHR Belgian Young Professionals Network
- **Date:** December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- **Venue:** Leading team and general members of the network.
- **Objectives:** Presentation of the objectives of the network, getting to know each other, and sharing a common vision for the future of the network. In total, 17 people attended the meeting.
- **Description:** After introducing the leading team, members were asked to present themselves (max 2min). Members shared their expectations for the future of the network, and what activities could be organized. Finally, people were asked to advertise the network to make it grow further. This meeting was the first meeting of the network.



## Partnerships and collaboration

### Partnerships

Not yet established.

### Collaboration with other YPNs, associations or organisations

Not yet initiated.

# Communication channels

Twitter |  
Instagram |  
Linked In |  
Facebook |  
WeChat |  
Website | <https://www.iahr.org/index/committe/151>