

BAS 2026

Belgian Awards for Sustainability Reports

Foundation "Information Center for the Audit Profession" (**ICCI**), in association with its founding member the Institute of Registered Auditors (**IBR** / **IRE**)

A unique stage for your 2025 sustainability reporting
For large companies, SME's and Associations

Jubilee Year: 25th edition

Final and Ceremony: 17 November 2026

What are the BAS and why participate?



A Unique Belgian Platform

The BAS is the only and unique platform in Belgium where organisations in different categories (large, medium-sized and small, regardless of legal form) can benchmark themselves in terms of the relevance and credibility of their sustainability reporting.

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“The BAS shows how important it is to have the courage to report on sustainability in a transparent manner, and to share ambitious targets with the public—because this creates value for customers, employees and all stakeholders. There is a lot of talk about compliance, but we believe sustainability matters for every company that is future-oriented.”

*Werner Van Peteghem, Director Sustainability & Communications Recticel
(winner 2025)*

The BAS rewards reports that:

- ◆ Show impact
 - ◆ Make performance measurable
 - ◆ Make targets specific
 - ◆ Are transparent about challenges
 - ◆ Are useful for decision-making for stakeholders
- ◆ **Tip: do not only show “what you do”, but also “what the benefit is”.**

Why would you report about sustainability?

Strategy : because it will accelerate you quicker — internally and externally

Reporting (mandatory or voluntary) makes performance measurable, choices transparent and ambitions credible. Successful companies make the difference here!



Access to capital

- ◆ A stronger story for banks and investors
- ◆ Fewer ad hoc “ESG-questions”
- ◆ Better support for investments



Talent & reputation

- ◆ Employer branding backed by facts
- ◆ Greater trust from customers
- ◆ Clear governance & actions



Opportunities and efficiencies

- ◆ Emissions, safety, people: faster insights
- ◆ Map hotspots in the value chain
- ◆ Identify opportunities for innovation and growth

For who is the BAS 2026?

For you — if your organisation publishes sustainability information in 2026 about 2025, regardless of your size or legal form:

Companies in scope of the CSRD

◆ With CSRD/ESRS ESG-reporting

Large companies which report on a voluntary basis

◆ Growing reporting: structure, KPI's, targets

SME's & associations which report voluntarily

◆ Clear, relevant, honest, appropriate metrics



Core: relevance and credibility

What makes it unique is that the reporting is the foundation for the Awards. The BAS does not focus on nice words, but on what matters for your organisation—and how you substantiate that with strategy, good governance, relevant and credible data, and results.

What is being evaluated?

The criteria start from the following question: is your reporting useful and credible for internal and external stakeholders?

1

Material topics

What is truly relevant for your impacts, risks and opportunities?

2

KPI's & performance

Measurable, consistent, with explanations for trends.

3

Objectives & roadmap

Integrating ESG into strategy, ambition, milestones and governance.

4

Value chain & risk

Insight in the value chain, due diligence and mitigation.

5

Transparency

Balanced: success and challenges, clearly supported.



How to participate?

Upload your sustainability report (or relevant section of the annual report) and be assessed

We accompany you step by step:

1

Go to the BAS-homepage

www.ibr-ire.be/en/bas

Start your participation and choose your category of company.

2

Complete the base information

Contact + link / name of your publication.

3

Upload your report

PDF of the report or annual report (with sustainability statements).



Timeline 2026

Prepare your 2025 publication and plan your participation



Useful tips:

- ◆ Use your existing report (ESG report, or annual report with a sustainability section)
- ◆ Add a 1-page “highlights” summary for the jury (KPIs, targets, key achievements)
- ◆ Make sure challenges are also mentioned – this increases credibility

2026 = 25th edition : An edition with additional visibility

Keynote Speaker: Prof. dr. Jan Peter Balkenende

Prof. Dr Jan Peter Balkenende, Minister of State and former Prime Minister of the Netherlands, Chair of the Dutch Sustainable Growth Coalition and the Noaber Foundation, Senior Advisor at EY and FGS Global, Professor Emeritus at Erasmus University Rotterdam, and member of the Club de Madrid.



“A sustainable corporate DNA benefits everyone, and your report is more than compliance: it’s your strategic growth story.”

Recognition

Let your transparency and approach be publicly recognised.

Network

Meet experts and peers on one evening.

Inspiration

Learn from best practices and take your reporting to the next level.

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