

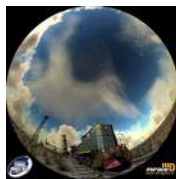
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BRIGHT NIGHT 2

**Belgian Researchers' Initiatives to Heat That NIGHT 2
Brussels, Liège, Louvain-la-Neuve**

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(Aquarium in Liège, art work by Bernard Tirtiaux, full dome image)

Researchers' night in Brussels: (by both French-and Flemish- speaking Brussels universities): **special kids event** (movies and games on sustainable development, polar year and global change, hands on experiments conducted by researchers, scientific demos, guided night visit to the museum, "geo catching game"), **interactive information stands** (presenting European Union and the various partners in the project), **special exhibition of the artworks** resulting from the drawing competition, **fashion show** (creation of clothes with recycled material, researchers being the model, introduced by a short movie about their research work, **spotlights** about various "hot" topics (sustainable development, polar regions, climate change, desertification, biodiversity, ecology, toxicology...), concert "save the planet", with several Belgian famous artists (a shuttle will link the different Brussels events)

Researchers' night in Liège: **guided visits to the Aquarium** (feeding of the fishes, exhibition "best of nature"; **workshops and hands on experiments**, around the theme "save the planet" (maths à modeler, playing with wooden models to discover geometry, observing the extremely small with microscopes, physics for kids, dilution and bio concentration); **film** "vie de chercheur", **pedestrian rally "science in the city"**(researchers being posted in the journey to help the public answer the questions), small music concert, theatre sketches, exhibition of drawings;

Researchers' night in Louvain-la-Neuve: **musical performance** and exchanges of the public with researchers and artists from different backgrounds, science **workshops for kids and teens**, **water celebration** (around lyrics by Bernard Tirtiaux, glassblower, actor, fiction writer, aqua drummers and musicians playing glass instruments created by Tirtiaux, choruses "la Badinerie" and "quot libet"; **Cap sciences workshops:** watching without being seen, renewable energy, climate, it's a small world, a world in colours; cocktail bar;

Earth, sun and pole in Brussels: at Brussels Planetarium: **full dome show** (impressive shows 360 °), or **live planetarium show** (lively presentation of the **starry night**, from North to South Poles, under the dome; **meetings** with researchers (chats and questions, special photo exhibition of gorgeous satellite views, seismograph to try, exhibition on **Space weather**, real time pictures of the **Sun**, **animation movies**...display of the winning drawings on a giant plasma screen in the exhibition hall and distribution of awards.

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