

# The governance potential of ecosystem services research in Belgium

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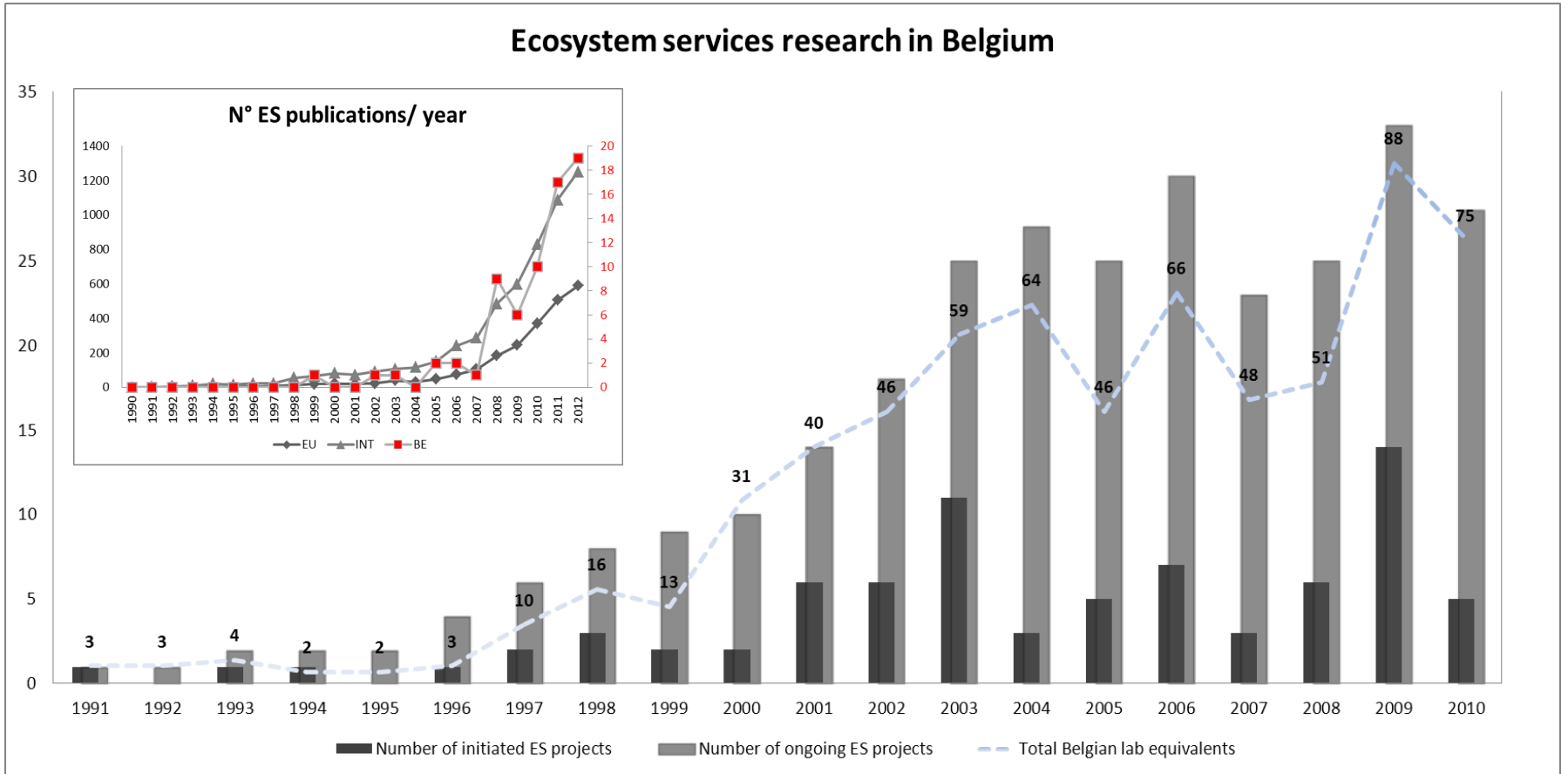
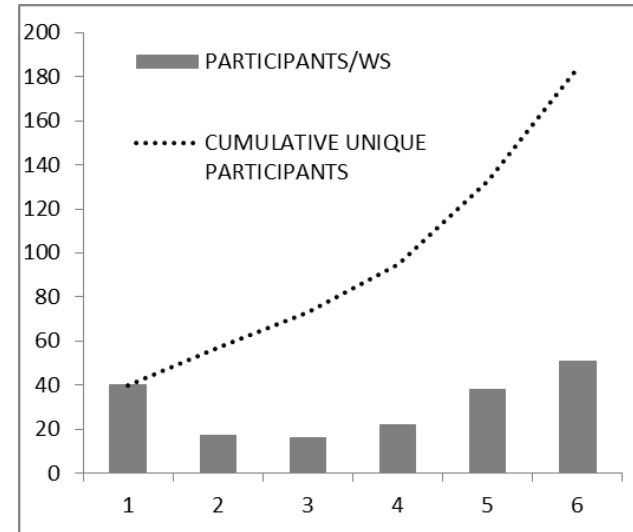


Figure: BEES project, Dimitri Brosens, Belgian Biodiversity Platform

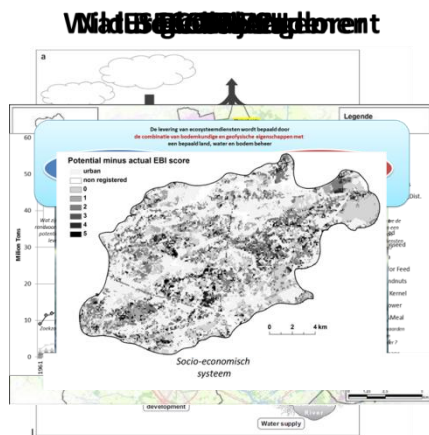
## From science cluster to community of practice:



- 22 university groups, 8 research institutions, 25 public administrations and several consultants and NGO's
- Develop mainstreaming & policy tools
- Capacity building
- Exchange of expertise and experience
- Link to networks at different scales
- Provide regular overview of state of the art

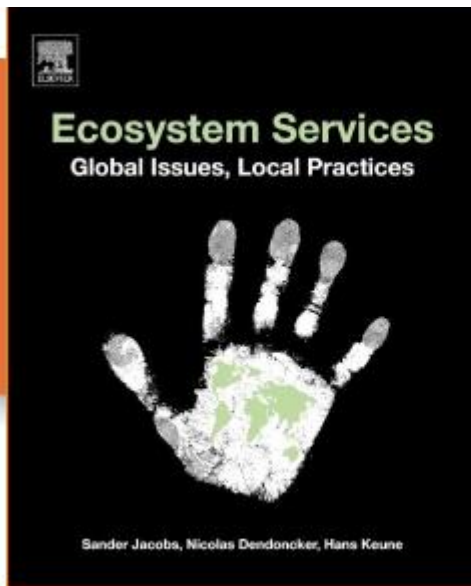
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Watersystemen als drijvende kracht voor het genereren van ecosysteemdiensten (Brauman 2007)

- Diverse Topics
- Ambition to be governance relevant
- > Valuation methodologies
- > Inclusion methodologies
- **Planning and evaluation of governance aspects is key** for socially relevant and sustainable results



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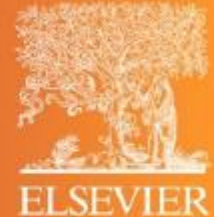
## Ecosystem Services

### *Global Issues, Local Practices*

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*Ecosystem Services: Global Issues, Local Practices* covers scientific input, socioeconomic considerations, and governance issues on ecosystem services.

PART I ES BASICS:	5 Chapters
PART II ES CONCEPTUAL REFLECTIONS:	5 Chapters
PART III ES DEBATES:	7 Chapters
PART IV ES TOOLS & PRACTICES:	5 Chapters
PART V ES PRACTICE REFLECTIONS:	19 Chapters

- **Diversity** of debates, methods, tools, case studies and concepts
- **Common Critical Blind Spots** in ES research and practice

**Limits, Rights, Complexity, Real life**

## Ongoing: Survey within BEES community

- “Which topics need to be further adressed?”
  - Umbrella topics e.g. integrated valuation
  - Detailed methodology topics
  - Juridical topics
  - Vision and conceptual topics e.g. policy paper
- **Prioritize** collectively organize workshops
- **Communicate** and publish
- Thinktank, **feed** in to MAES, IPBES, ESP

*The end might justify the means,  
but the means will determine the end.*

**Bakunin**