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RISE, BRISE and ASBL Arbeid & Milieu

In Belgium, **RISE** (Walloon Region), **BRISE** (Brussels Region) and **ASBL Arbeid & Milieu** (Flemish Region) are initiatives run by the trade unions and supported by public funding. They involve training and awareness-raising activities designed for trade union members on environmental and climate change issues.

RISE (Inter-union Network of Environment Awareness³⁶) was created in Wallonia in October 1996, and its main objectives are to offer support to trade union delegates on environmental questions and stimulate social consultation on environmental issues, to reinforce delegates' capacity for intervention, and to raise awareness among workers and their representatives about the environment. Various tools have been set up in the framework of technical support to delegates: training courses, awareness-raising sessions, games, TV broadcasts, inter-union forum, actions on the ground (pilot experiments) various thematic brochures, a practical guide on the environment for trade union delegates, a website, an advice service, an electronic information letter, etc. Inspired by RISE and tailored to the specific features of the socioeconomic landscape in the Brussels-Capital Region, **BRISE** (Brussels Region Inter-Union Network of Environment Awareness) was created in 2006 at the initiative of the unions (FGTB, CSC and CGSLB) with the support of Bruxelles Environnement and the Brussels-Capital Region³⁷. **ASBL Arbeid & Milieu** is a partnership founded in Flanders between an environmental protection association and the unions (ABVV, ACLVB and ACV) which seeks to contribute towards an economy and a society that are socially and environmentally responsible. A&M regularly organises debates, study days and round tables on social and environmental topics, disseminates information and carries out research projects delivering added value to trade union operation in businesses.

³⁶ <http://www.rise.be/qui-sommes-nous.htm>

³⁷ http://www.cgslb.be/sites/default/files/aclvb/Documenten/Regionales/Brussel/brochure_climatisation.pdf