



## **The Research Institute for Nature and Forest (INBO)**

**Is offering**

**an internship  
nature positive economy**



The Research Institute for Nature and Forest (INBO) is the Flemish research and knowledge centre for nature and its sustainable management and use. INBO conducts research and supplies knowledge to all those who prepare or make the policies or are interested in them.

Through its scientific research, INBO supports all agencies dealing with open space in the Flemish government, as well as in organisations involved in nature conservation, forestry, agriculture, hunting and fishery. INBO publishes its results as open data and provides data for international reporting. It participates in (inter)national research networks and research projects in Europe and globally.

INBO is an unincorporated internal agency of the Flemish government.

## Internship subject

INBO is looking for a master(student) or general relevant expert to participate in the GO NATURE POSITIVE! RESEARCH PROJECT at VAC Herman Teirlinck (Havenlaan 88, box 73 1000 Brussels). The internship period and workload can be discussed.

## Justification of the research

The project is an international collaboration which tries to define and implement a nature positive economy. The value of nature to planetary and human health is not recognised by our current economic systems. INBO is part of a European consortium that aims to change this with the project GoNaturePositive! Within this project we will define criteria and indicators for a nature positive economy. In this internship or voluntary work you will conduct a review/assessment of existing public, private, NGO- or scienceled initiatives to qualify and/or quantify the dependence and impact of economic activities on nature. Examples include:

- a. Private sector initiatives (voluntary standards and certifications e.g. [Capitals Coalition](#), [TNFD](#), [WBA](#), [Business for nature](#),... )
- b. Public sector approaches (regulations and roadmaps, e.g. [Multiannual Financial Framework EU](#), Green Deal Industrial Plan, Biodiversity strategy, EU Sustainable Finance Strategy, EU Due Diligence, EU Deforestation law,...)
- c. Science initiatives (publications, networks, initiatives e.g. [Nicholson et al.](#), [Network Nature](#), [Oxford Uni](#),...)
- d. Civil society initiatives (publications, position papers e.g. [WWF](#), [EEB](#), [36x36](#), [ActionAid](#), [IEEP](#), [IISD](#),...)

## Requirements:

If you have a keen interest in the links between economy, business and nature, and are looking to developing or applying either specialized or combined skills, with a keen interest in engaging with different disciplines and local knowledge, and a strong motivation to create more and better habitats for humans and other organisms, please contact [Jomme Desair](#) who coordinates the research project, and [Davy Verspeet](#) who coordinates internships at INBO.

Good knowledge of English and/or Dutch (speaking, reading and writing), as well as knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PP) are commendable.

## Disclaimer

*The school is responsible for the insurance of the student. The student cannot invoke the INBO's occupational accident insurance as he is not covered by the employee scheme. The student must therefore report an accident to the insurance of his school.*

*Note to foreign students: There is no possibility of accommodation within the INBO.*