

# Le Musée de l'Eau et de la Fontaine



# The museum

- ▶ Founded in 1989 in Genval, not far from Brussels.
- ▶ Each year : +/-10.000 visitors amongst which 6500 students.
- ▶ Nonprofit organisation
- ▶ 3 full-time employees



# Goals of the museum

- ▶ The discovery of:
  - the history of domestication of water by man.
  - heritage of fountains that were once upon a time of public use.
- ▶ Awareness, from an early age, about the preservation of drinking water, source of life.



# Goals of the museum (part 2)

- ▶ Permanent education:
  - ⇒ Realisation of the importance of drinking water in our society.
  - ⇒ To spring an analytical vision regarding our pollution and our current water consumption.
  - ⇒ To inform the public about the difficulties of accessibility regarding drinking water in certain parts of the world.



# 2018, a year of change

- ▶ The move of our offices and entertainment rooms to Ottignies within the Provincial Domain of « Bois des rêves »





- ▶ Storing our fountain collection in other places.
- ▶ Open air museum with some of the pieces of our collection on display outside.
- ▶ Development of new activities.
- ▶ Adjustment of activities and tours.

# Research

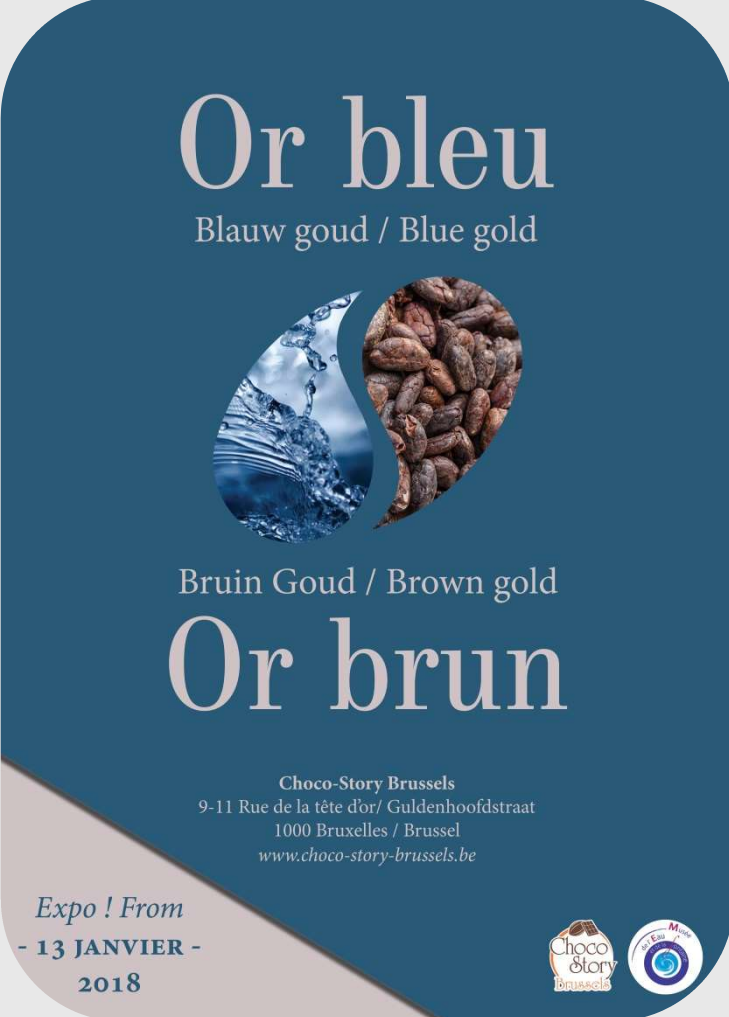
## 1. « Objects of the month »

Without a permanent exhibition space, the team highlights and researches each month a piece from the Museum's collection placed in a cultural center.




## 2. Exhibitions

- ▶ In addition to its heritage of +/- 600 pieces, the Museum has since its creation put together more than 90 temporary exhibitions.
- ▶ This year it's the exhibition « *Or bleu Or brun* » (Blue Gold Brown Gold), created in partnership with Chocostory, that is visible until the end of 2018 in Brussels in the premises of our partner.



**Or bleu**  
Blauw goud / Blue gold





Bruin Goud / Brown gold

**Or brun**

Choco-Story Brussels  
9-11 Rue de la tête d'or / Guldenhoofdstraat  
1000 Bruxelles / Brussel  
[www.choco-story-brussels.be](http://www.choco-story-brussels.be)

Expo ! From  
- 13 JANVIER -  
2018





# Education

1. School activities
  - Kindergarten activities

Through various sensory workshops, children are made aware of the pollution and fragility of our main resource.



- Primary/Secondary school activities:
  - Weather (climate and operation)
  - Science (physical and chemical properties of water)
  - Tap water (anthropogenic cycle)
  - « Keep away from my water! » (pollution and waste sorting)
  - Destination blue planet (eco-citizenship)



- Educational projects  
Project of the year, which allows to deepen certain topics related to water. The project ends with concrete actions related to the protection and preservation of water.



« *Gudule* » : the importance of the pond's ecosystem



H<sup>2</sup>O : Linked to the direct consumption of water

## 2. Family activities

- ▶ Ageless activities.
- ▶ Moment of sharing between generations



The Discoverers:  
Habits and customs related to water around the world.



« *Ecol'eau* » :  
Workshop about sorting / salvaging and manufacturing of new objects made of waste.



# Sustainable development

- ▶ Educational activities:
- ▶ The goal is to inform the different audience about the problems related to water.
- ▶ To raise awareness about the fact that we can all be the actors of change through our behavior and our consumption choices.
- ↘ Train responsible and active citizens.

## ► Partnerships

The museum is an active member in many think tanks. Therefore we are recognized as an active and constructive member of several networks.

réseau  
idée

Network Idea  
Network of active associations in  
Environmental Education (ErE) in  
Wallonia and Brussels.




Wallonia :  
Development of an environmental  
awareness platform for 5–18 year-olds,  
initiative taken by the cabinet Di Antonio  
(Minister of the Environment, Ecological  
Transition)

The museum trains and informs itself but also concludes partnerships that are essential to its professionalisation and the pursuit of its activities:

« Bois des rêves » : tour with a nature guide

**Combiné**  
**Musée de l'Eau et de la Fontaine**  
**Domaine provincial du Bois des Rêves**



Le MEF et le BDR vous présentent leur nouveau partenariat : Perlita & Robin !

Profitez du cadre idéal du Bois des Rêves pour venir suivre une journée avec le MEF en matinée et avec le guide nature du BDR en après-midi

**QUI ?** Accessible de la 1ère à la 6ème primaire

**PRIX ?** 8,00 € par enfant pour un groupe de maximum 25

**QUAND ?** À partir de mars 2018  
De 9h30 à 15h



Visit of water towers and water treatment plants with the « INBW »: Environmental partner of the Walloon Brabant

LA LEÇON VERTE  
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Combined visits with « La leçon verte » (the green lesson) a nonprofit organization specialized in environmental education

**Thank you for your  
attention**