

Final conference

25-26 September 2019



URBAN GREY COLOURING GREEN & BLUE

FROM PLAN TO PRACTICE - IN FLANDERS (BELGIUM) AND EUROPE

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PROGRAMME

9.00 a.m.	registration and coffee at Conscience Building Brussels
9.30 a.m.	welcome and introduction
9.45 a.m.	departure to Zaventem (field visit I) or Asse (field visit II) by bus (organized)
12.30 a.m.	lunch at location
1.30 p.m.	afternoon programme field visits
4.30 p.m.	return to Conscience Building Brussels

LOCATION

Conscience Building OG06 Cafeteria, Koning Albert II-laan 15, 1210 Brussels.
The Conscience building is situated within walking distance of the train station 'Brussel-Noord'.

[Practical information location](#)

FIELD VISITS

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Option I: field visit to Zaventem and surroundings

Green-blue infrastructure for sustainable water management, climate adaptation, health & outdoor recreation in urban grey Flemish Belt (North-East of Brussels)

Option II: field visit to Asse and surroundings

Green infrastructure for biodiversity, green business environments & social cohesion in urban grey Flemish Belt (North-West of Brussels)

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Hotel recommendations: Thon Hotel EU, Hotel Hubert Grand Place, Hotel Orts
Resto recommendations: Il Pasticcio, Wine Tales, Hispania Brussels, Per Bacco Bar Pizzeria
You will receive a guide of Brussels on 25 September 2019.

PROGRAMME AM

- 9.00 a.m. **Registration and coffee**
- 9.30 a.m. **Welcome & warm-up**
- 9.45 a.m. **Welcome word by the new Flemish Minister of environment (tbc)**
Integrated Land Development – boosting green-blue projects in the (peri)urban open space
- 10:00 a.m. **Introduction - Future of the LIFE programme: EU Funding for Environment & Climate**
Jean-Claude Merciol, (Head of Unit LIFE Governance, European Commission, DG ENVIRONMENT)
- 10.10 a.m. **Green4Grey project film**
Greening grey landscapes: creating multiple benefits for all
- 10.20 a.m. **Building green infrastructure together:**
- 1) Participation, a necessary tool for green-blue implementation in urban areas
Ingrid Holemans (Major of Zaventem - town of the National Airport of Belgium)
Luc Vander Elst (Project manager Vlaamse Rand, Flemish Land Agency)
- 2) Green-blue corridors through the city of Genk
Wim Dries (Major of Genk - former industrial hotspot for coal mining),
(President Association of Flemish Cities and Municipalities, VVSG)
Karel Stevens (Project manager De Wijers, Flemish Land Agency)
- 11.00 a.m. **Coffee break**
- 11.30 a.m. **From integrated projects to an integrated policy for urban planning, climate adaptation & biodiversity**
- 1) Spatial planning/urban development
Leo Van Broeck, Vlaamse Bouwmeester, (Flanders, BELGIUM)
- 2) Climate adaptation
NN, Covenant of the Mayors (EU-initiative for local authorities)
- 3) Biodiversity
Maxime Zucca, Agence Régionale de Biodiversité (Ile de France, FRANCE):
- 4) Reconnecting with nature
Hans Van Dyck, Earth & Life Institute (Université catholique de Louvain, BELGIUM)
- 12.30 a.m. **Lunch**

PROGRAMME PM

1.30 p.m. **Inspiring Cases & Interactive workshops**
Green infrastructure from plan to practice

1. Nature-based solutions

“Planning for green infrastructure and nature-based solutions”

Rieke Hansen
(RWTH Aachen University, GERMANY)

FP7 “GREENSURGE” & HORIZON 2020 “proGireg” projects

2. Co-creation & participation with multiple stakeholders

“Blue Green Infrastructures through Social Innovation”

Ellen Kelder
(Leadpartner Dordrecht City, NETHERLANDS)

INTERREG EU project “BEGIN”

3. Integrated projects

“From grey to green through an integrated approach- Emscher Valley Germany “

Frank Bothmann
(Ruhr Regional Association, GERMANY)

ESSEN, European Green Capital 2017

4. Climate Mitigation & Adaptation

“Innovative city development within environmental boundaries “

Eira Rosberg-Airaksinen
(Lathi, FINLAND)

LATHI, winner European Green Capital 2021

2.45 p.m. [Coffee break](#)

3.15 p.m. **Harvest from workshops**
What can we learn from three inspiring cases?

3.30 p.m. **Keynote: ‘Looking forward to 2030’**
[Green-Blue Infrastructure: climate-proofing urban landscapes](#)
Elena Višnar Malinová (Head of Unit Climate Adaptation, European Commission, DG CLIMATE ACTION)

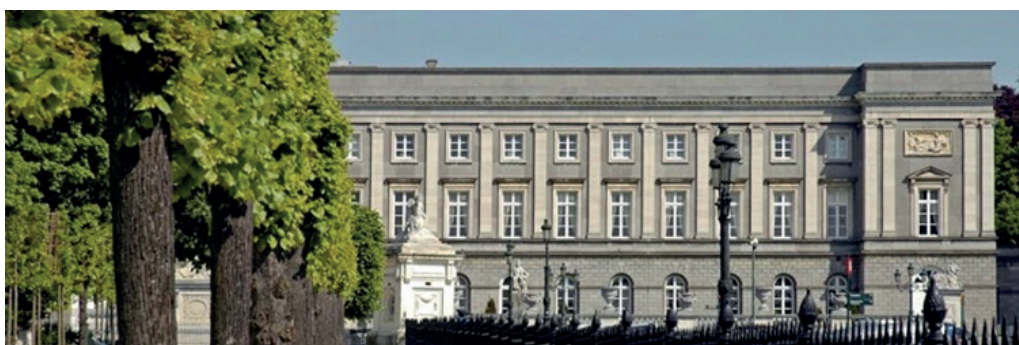
3.45 p.m. **What did we learn today?**

4.00 p.m. [Networking reception](#)



LOCATION

[Paleis der Academiën](#), Hertogstraat 1, 1000 Brussel



WORKSHOPS

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Workshop I: Nature based solutions

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Workshop III: Integrated projects

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Workshop IV: Climate Mitigation & Adaptation

“Innovative city development within environmental boundaries”, Eira Rosberg-Airaksinen (Lathi, FINLAND)