



LP3LP Project Symposium

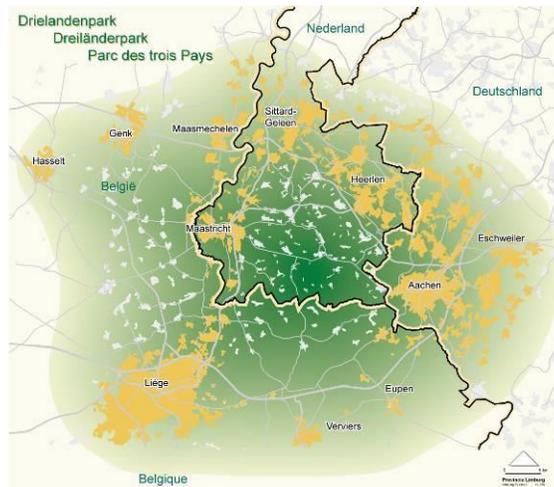
“Landscape Policy for the Three Countries Park” (LP3LP)

Invitation and Program Final Symposium LP3LP 14 May 2014, 13h30, Gouvernement Maastricht

The final symposium of the LP3LP project is open to the general public and will be held in the Statenzaal of the Provincial Government in Maastricht on the 14th of May 2014 from 13.30-17.30 hours. The working language of the symposium is English and the entrance to this public event is free.

We kindly invite you to join this symposium and we send you the program with practical information. If you want to join this symposium we ask you kindly to confirm your participation by pressing the YES-button on top of this e-mail.

You may also distribute this invitation and program to other people who might be interested in this final symposium.



Important elements of the LP3LP project are: to define the European identity of 3LP; to design a cross-border landscape perspective for the future developments of the 3LP and to formulate an interface between the landscape perspective and EU policy. The LP3LP project started in February 2012 and ends with this public presentation on the 14th May 2014.

During this symposium, the Transnational Project Group, consisting of the universities of Aachen, Wageningen and Brussels, will present the final results of the LP3LP project. You are cordially invited to get acquainted with these results, to give your reactions and your ideas for future development of the 3LP.



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PROGRAMME

- 13.30** **Arrival of participants and coffee**
- 14:00** **Welcome to the cross-border challenges of the Three Countries Park**
Patrick van den Broeck, Deputy Province of Limburg NL (Lead Stakeholder LP3LP)
- 14.10** **European landscapes within smart, sustainable and inclusive growth**
Peter Mehlbye, director ESPON Coordination Unit, Luxembourg
- 14:25** **“Landscape policy for the Three Countries Park”**
Introduction to the LP3LP project
Prof. Frank Lohrberg, RWTH Aachen University, Germany (Project leader TPG)
- 14.40** **“The Three Countries Park and similar European regions using landscape policy across borders”**
Alain Coppens, IGEAT Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium
- 14:55** **“Unity and diversity: 13 guiding principles for cross-border landscape protection, landscape management and landscape planning in the Three Countries Park”**
Annet Kempenaar, Wageningen Universiteit, The Netherlands
- 15:20** **Coffee Break**
- 15:40** **“Outlook on common policy actions: Green-blue Infrastructure as a next step ?”**
Anja Brüll and Matti Wirth, RWTH Aachen University, Germany
- 16:00** **Reactions from the audience**

Discussion résumé
Prof. Frank Lohrberg RWTH Aachen University, (Project Leader TPG)
- 16:40** **“A bright future for the cross-border challenges in the Three Countries Park”**
Karl-Heinz Lambertz Regierungspräsident of the German-speaking Community in Belgium and President of the Euregio Meuse-Rhine
- 16.55** **Official presentation of the regional publication LP3LP in four languages**
- 17.00:** **Drinks and Gallery walk**

Maps elaborated during the LP3LP project will be shown in the corridors

The Three Countries Park and the LP3LP project

The Three Countries Park (3LP) is a collaborative effort of nine public partners in the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany. Their common aim is to preserve and to manage the countryside area around the so-called MHHAL cities (Maastricht, Hasselt, Heerlen, Aachen and Liège) in a sustainable manner. The area represents the “green heart of the Euregio Meuse-Rhine” and is characterised by a strong diversity between these major cities and the surrounding rural countryside, and blessed with a rich variety of cultural, historic, landscape, and natural values.

Its important landscape assets provide a strong added value for regional attractiveness. Nevertheless, a cross-border perspective is required to guide rapid landscape transformation such as counter urbanization, economic diversification or agricultural intensification. In that perspective the LP3LP project aims at developing a cross-border 3LP landscape policy for the preservation, development and management of the 3LP landscape.



The LP3LP project is financed by the ESPON 2013 Programme, the European Observation Network for Territorial Development and Cohesion. For more information on the LP3LP project see: http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Projects/Menu_TargetedAnalyses/LP3LP.html.

The final report will be published on the website of ESPON in the second half of March 2014

The Stakeholders of the project are the Province of Limburg (The Netherlands, Lead Stakeholder), Wallonia Public Service (Belgium), the Flemish Region (Belgium), City Region of Aachen (Germany), City of Aachen (Germany). Observers of the project are Province of Limburg (Belgium) and Cologne Government Regional Office (Germany).

The Transnational Project Group (TPG) is composed by Aachen University Department of Landscape Architecture (RWTH, Lead Partner), Wageningen University Landscape Architecture Group, and Free University of Brussels (IGEAT).

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