

Anul european al dezvoltării durabile în Douzelage
Year of sustainable development in Douzelage

**Preparatory conference
for
'Sustainable Development
from Idea to Reality'**

22|23|24 January 2015

**organised by Douzelage Meerssen,
initiated by Siret**



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Avec le soutien
de la commune
de Houffalize



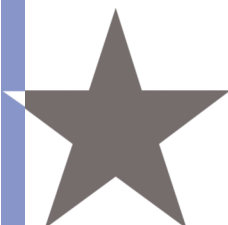
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Goal of the conference

To present to the participants local initiatives promoting sustainable development which have local, regional, national and perhaps international impact.

"Fire salamanders under threat from deadly fungus"

A disease in the Bunderbos, also found in the Walloon region (Belgium) and Eifel (Germany), is killing off this rare breed.

You can find information on www.sosvuursalamander.nl and you will find some English information on Breaking NEWS- chytrid 2.0.

Het "Grensmaas-project"/"Rivierpark Maasvallei"

An important project for our region and even for all the countries the Meuse flows through. Inhabitants near to the Meuse are offered more protection against flooding and a new natural park (about 1000 hectares) along the river will be established. Info: www.denieuwegrensmaas.nl

"Moerveld"

Is an educational initiative, creating an area (1,2 hectares) where schoolkids are able to experience prehistoric life and nature. A lot is learned about sustainable development and thus carried onwards to their future.

Info: www.moerveld.nl

"Buitengoed Geul en Maas"

An example of how old estates can be revitalised and can be preserved; with exhibition "Buitengoed Geul en Maas". Info: www.buitengoedgeulenmaas.nl

"De wijk van Morgen" ("The District of Tomorrow")

How can we develop energy neutral new houses and buildings and how can we revitalize old buildings in an energy neutral way.

Info: www.dewijkvanmorgen.nl

Program

**Thursday 22, Friday 23 and
Saturday 24 January 2015**

Location

"Ontmoet Anna" Conference Center
Stationsplein 1 - 6231 CN Meerssen
info: www.ontmoetanna.nl

Participants

30 to 40 persons

Consisting of

NGOs Meerssen

- Charity shops, Wereldwinkel
- Friends of the Earth
- IVN (Institute for Nature Education and Sustainability)
- Sustainability platform

Gemeente Meerssen

- Municipal official in charge of the sustainability policy
- Municipal officer for international contacts
- Alderman Houben

Delegations

- 4 persons from Niederaanven: some representing NGOs, a municipal councillor or municipal officer and one or more students
- 6 persons from Houffalize: some representing NGOs, a municipal councillor or municipal officer and one or more students
- 10 to 15 students of Stella Maris College (young people interested in sustainable development)

Thursday

22 January 2015

09.30 - 09.50

Meet and Greet with coffee and Limburgse Vlaai (cakes)

09.50 - 10.00

Opening of the conference by drs. A. Cremers, mayor of Meerssen

10.00 - 10.40

Project fire salamander

Lecture by drs. Raymond Creemers, senior ecologist and team manager of the board of RAVON (Institute for research on reptiles, amphibians and fish in the Netherlands)

10.40 - 11.20

Meet the Bees

Lecture by Doris Bauer, Michelle Goedert and Mark Thiel, members of station biologique de SIAS, Niederaanven

11.20 - 11.40

Coffee/Tea break

11.40 - 12.30

Moerveld and objectives related to sustainability

Lecture by Hans Webeling, founder and director of Foundation Moerveld

12.30 - 13.30

Lunch

13.30 - 14.10

Revitalizing of old industries, old villages and districts in relation to quality of life and sustainability.

Lecture by Mirella Partouns, program manager of "Buitengoed Geul en Maas"

14.10 - 15.00

De Wijk van Morgen (The District of Tomorrow)

Lecture by prof. Jacques Kimman (Zuyd University of Applied Sciences)

15.00 - 15.30

Coffee/Tea break

15.30 - 16.00

Lecture by Sebastien Este: Eisleck Trail

16.00 - 16.30

Lecture by Vincent vander Heyden, director of 'Parc naturel des Deux Ourthes'

16.30 - 18.00

Workshops about the different themes for the next day. On Friday we will visit various projects. In the workshops we will prepare questions about these projects, and how we can document these projects for further use in Siret.

Discussion on how our input and common knowledge can be used regionally and on a more international basis, presented in Siret.

18.00 - 19.00

Guided tour of highlights of Meerssen: Basilica, Gloriette, Synagogue with mr. G. Kockelkorn, former mayor of Meerssen

19.00 - 22.00

Dinner at Restaurant "Sam Sam"
Volderstraat 31, 6231 LA Meerssen

Friday

23 January 2015

08.15 - 09.00

Departure from Ontmoet Anna, Stationsplein 1 by bus. Meet and Greet with coffee and Limburgse Vlaai at Hartelstein, Hartelstein 204, 6223 HV, Maastricht

09.00 - 09.30

'Canal historique de Bernistap'

Lecture by Luc Nollomont

09.30 - 10.00

Presentation about the Grensmaas and Emmaus project by Pete Adams, responsible county official

10.00 - 11.00

Departure by bus and guided tour of the new landscape of the Grensmaas (walking shoes needed)

11.00 - 11.30

Transfer by bus to Buitenplaats Vaeshartelt
Weert 9, 6222 PG, Maastricht

11.30 - 12.00

'Contrat de rivière Ourthe'

Lecture by Sophie Duchateau

12.00 - 13.00

Exposé on the philosophy of "Buitenplaats Vaeshartelt" and a tour, conducted by Marianne Winthagen, director of Buitengoed Vaeshartelt.

We will pay a short visit to the bees' pavilion on the way, if possible guided by a beekeeper (walking shoes needed)

13.00 - 14.00

Meal composed of organically grown products from the gardens of "Buitenplaats Vaeshartelt"

14.00 - 14.30

Transfer to Moerveld

Hazenstraat 1, Moerveld, Geulle

14.30 - 15.00

Tour of Moerveld (walking shoes needed)

15.00 - 15.30

Transfer to 'De wijk van Morgen'

(The District of Tomorrow). Tesla 1, 6422 RG, Heerlen

15.30 - 16.30

Guided tour of 'De wijk van Morgen'

16.30 - 17.00

Transfer to Arno Claessen's house: a local example of an energy-neutral building

17.00 - 17.45

Visit to Arno Claessen's house

17.45 - 18.00

Transfer to Ontmoet Anna

18.00 - 18.30

The construction of sustainable houses

Lecture by Nicolas China

18.30 - 19.00

Transfer to Valkenburg by car

19.00 - 22.00

Dinner at Stella Maris College, Valkenburg
Keelstraat 1, 6301 XT, Valkenburg a/d Geul

Saturday

24 January 2015

09.00 - 09.30

Meet and Greet with coffee and Limburgse Vlaai

09.30 - 11.00

Workshops to prepare presentations in Siret

11.00 - 11.30

Coffee/Tea Break

11.30 - 13.00

Presentation for Siret

Houffalize, Meerssen and Niederaanven draw up a joint

Communiqué for Siret and will present this in the

General Meeting in April 2015

13.00 - 14.00

Sustainable meal

14.00 - 14.30

Departure of Meerssen's guests