

Calls for project proposals

Second call from 15 March to 9 June 2023

- Pre-call **online networking** events (Nov – Dec 2022)
 - 15 Nov: **Smart**
 - 17 Nov: **Social**
 - 29 Nov: **Green**
 - 1 Dec: **Connected, Citizens, Governance**
 - 5 Dec: **Policy Learning Platform event**
- The call **launch event**
 - 15 Mar 2023, Stockholm (SE): **Europe, let's cooperate!**

All topics open



Project development assistance

Discover the programme

Look for funding

Approved projects

Get policy advice

Find policy

Next call for projects

Discover our terms of reference



1. Check project relevance

Use our self-assessment tool



4. Find partners

Look for relevant organisations

Country specific information

Check your country rules



2. Get inspired

See approved projects and project ideas



3. Share your project idea

Explain what you want to do with your project



5. Ask for feedback

Get guidance before applying



6. Apply for the call

Submit your project proposal

Available during calls

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/apply-for-the-call>

Time for questions



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BEST PRACTICES RIVERPARK MEUSE VALLEY

8 PARTNERS – 5 REGIONS

An aerial photograph of a lush green landscape. A wide, light-colored dirt path winds through the grass. In the background, a large blue river flows through the area. A small, square wooden tower with a glass top stands on a slight rise. In the foreground, a group of sheep is grazing near the path. The overall scene is bright and sunny, with vibrant green grass and clear blue water.

THE NETHERLANDS

- Province Limburg (Lead)
- Rewilding Europe

BELGIUM

- Regionaal Landschap Kempen en Maasland
 - River Park Meuse Valley
 - Border Park Kempen~Broek

SWEDEN

- Rewilding Sweden, Sweden
- County Administrative Board in Norrbotten

GERMANY

- Environmental Action Germany, Duitsland
- Municipal Community Europaregion Pomerania

SPAIN

- Alava Provincial Council

RIVER PARK MEUSE VALLEY

8 PARTNERS – 5 REGIONS

OBJECTIVES

- SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS MODELS TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONTRYSIDE
- COLLECTIVE LEARNING EN EXCHANGE OF KNOWLEDGE

BORDER PARK KEMPEN~BROEK



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WORKS !





BORDER PARK KEMPEN ~ BROEK



BORDER PARK KEMPEN ~ BROEK



BORDER PARK KEMPEN ~ BROEK



Sustainable
Development
Goals

Wildlife Economy voor Regionaal Landschap Kempen en Maasland

Methode voor het onderzoeken van het ontwikkelen van duurzame businessmodellen






DISCOVER YOUR WORLD

Leontine Verbeeten, Jeroen Wessels & Joël Buijs
Januari 2021



Wildlife Economy

Best Practices voor Kempen en Maasland






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RIVER PARK MEUSE VALLEY



FACTS

An aerial photograph of a riverbank. The river is on the left, with a dark, calm surface. The bank is covered in green grass and patches of yellow wildflowers. A group of sheep is grazing on the grassy bank, their shadows cast long and dark on the ground. The background shows a vast, flat landscape with more yellow flowers and a clear sky.

1 RIVER – 1000 KM (FRANCE-BELGIUM-THE NETHERLANDS)

1 RIVER PARK – 47 KM CROSS BORDER BE & NL

53.000 INHABITANTS

2 COUNTRIES - 2 PROVINCES - 11 MUNICIPALITIES

> 30 PARTNERS (!)

- Nature – water management – tourism – farming –
Entrepreneurs - ...



MEUSE RIVER

- 500 BILLION LITERS/YEAR

- DRINKING WATER 7 MILLION PEOPLE (NL & BE)





1993 & 1995



2021

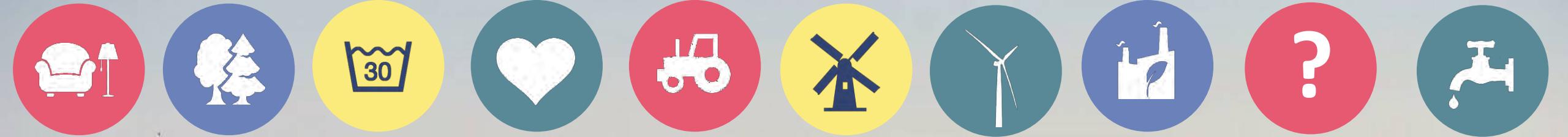






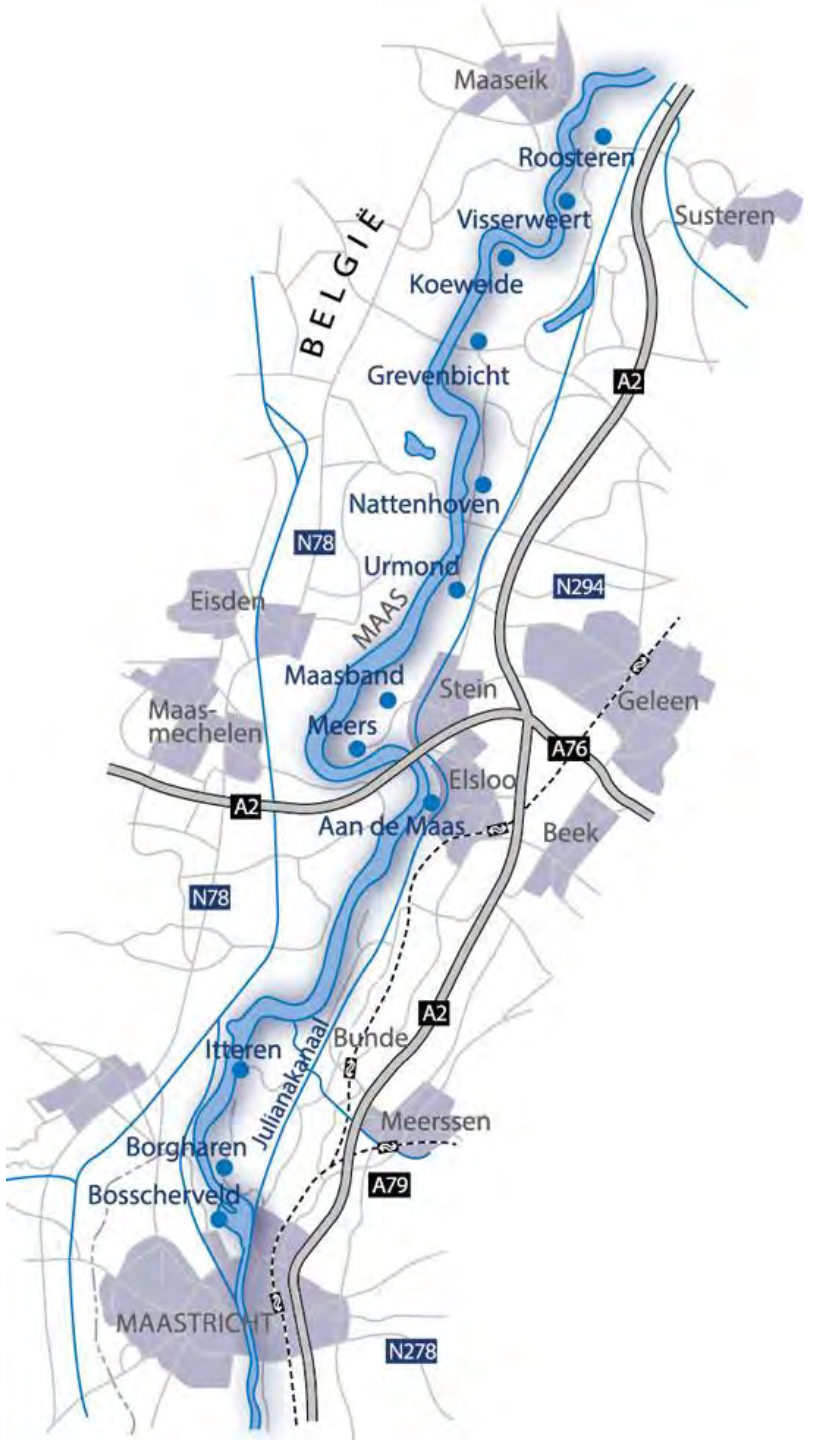


RIVER PARK MEUSE VALLEY



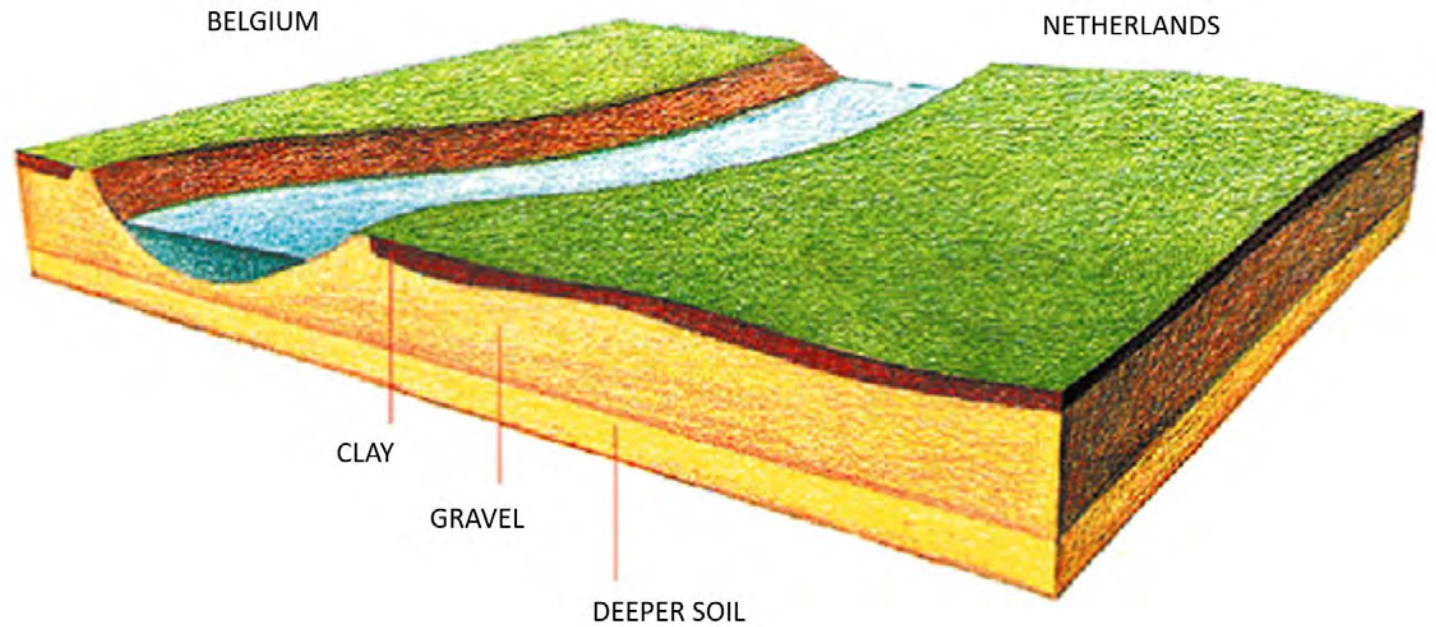
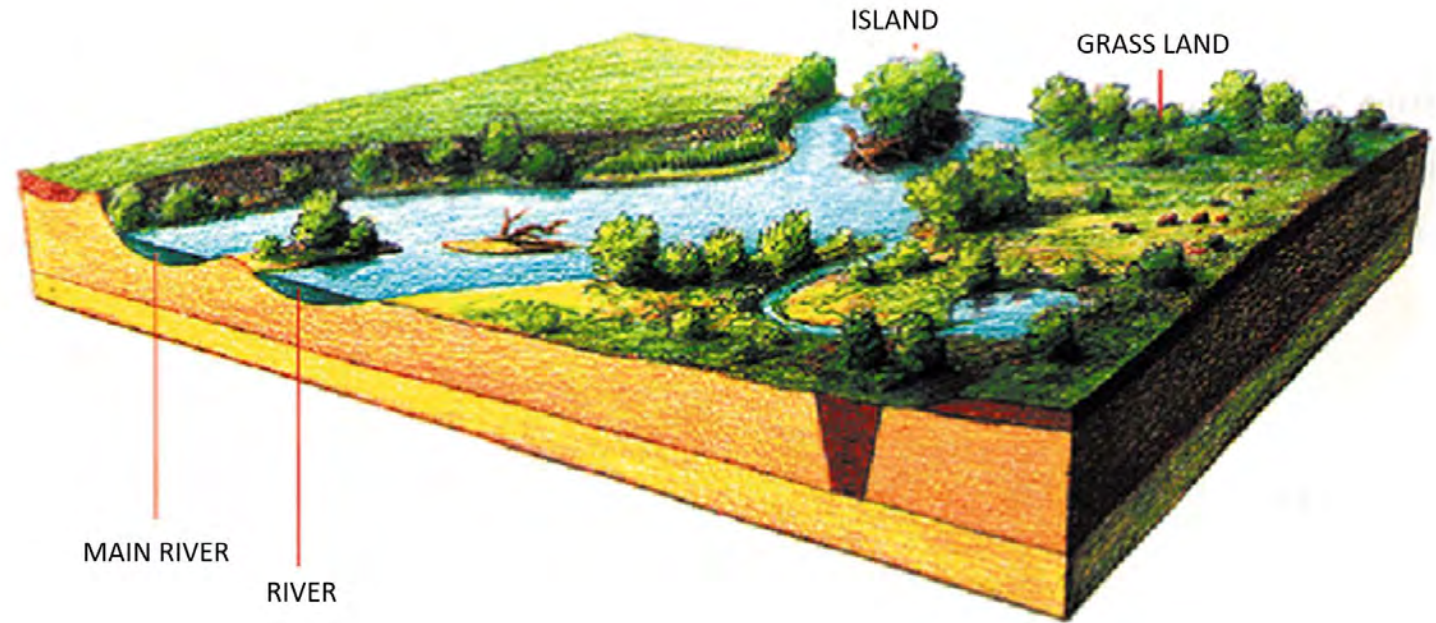
Voedselvoorziening

FLOOD PREVENTION ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION



Rijkswaterstaat
Ministerie van Infrastructuur en Waterstaat

FLOOD PREVENTION
ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION
GRAVEL EXTRACTION





RIVERPARK MEUSE VALLEY



- FLOOD & DROUGHT PREVENTION
- NATURE DEVELOPMENT & NATURE RESTORATION
- GRAVEL EXTRACTION TO CREATE OPEN SPACE
- SUSTAINABLE TOURISM
- RAISING AWARENESS
- (RE)CONNECTION MODEL



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- (Re)connect nature with nature
- (Re)connect people with nature
- (Re)connect business with nature
- (Re)connect policy with practice

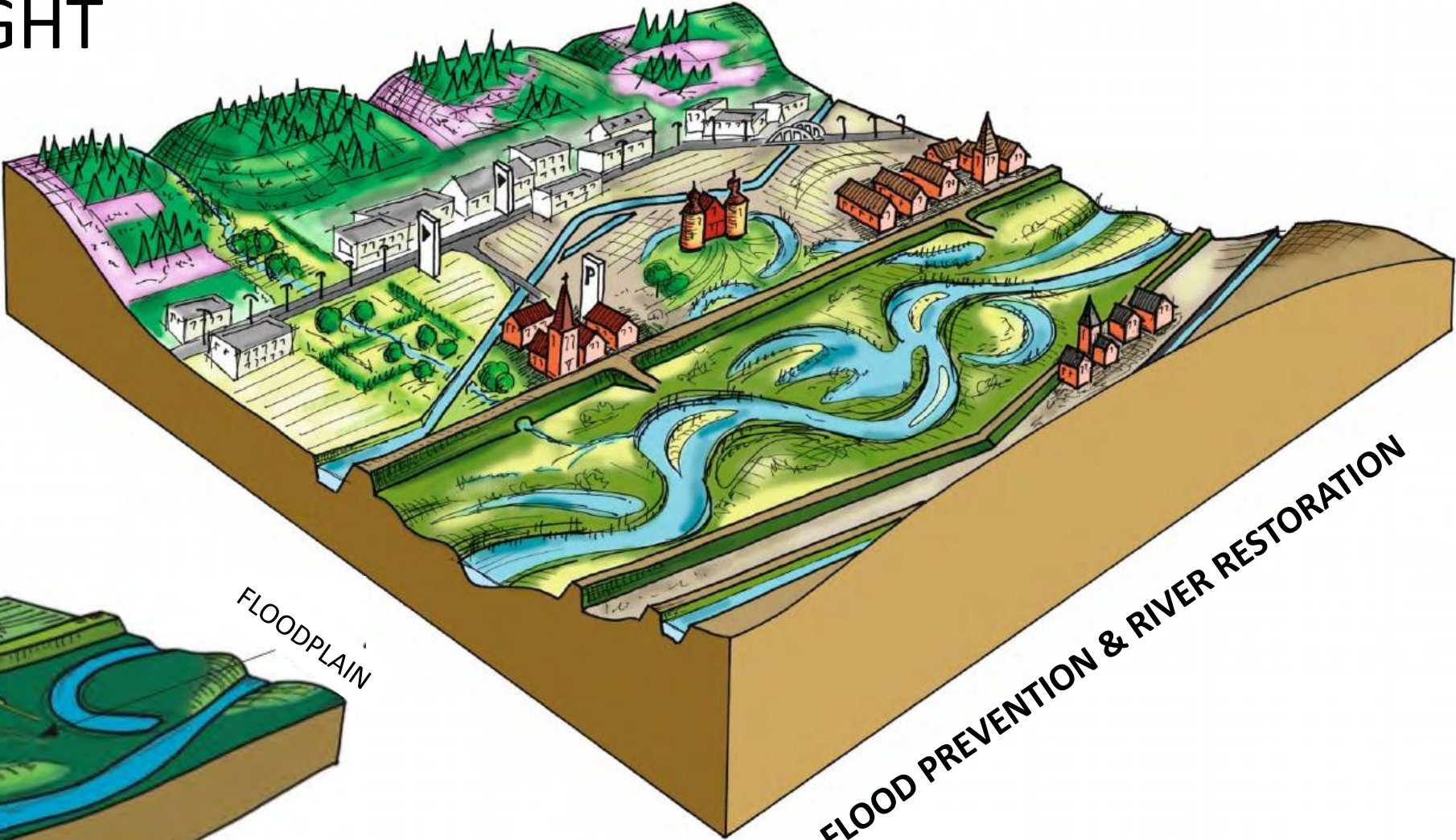




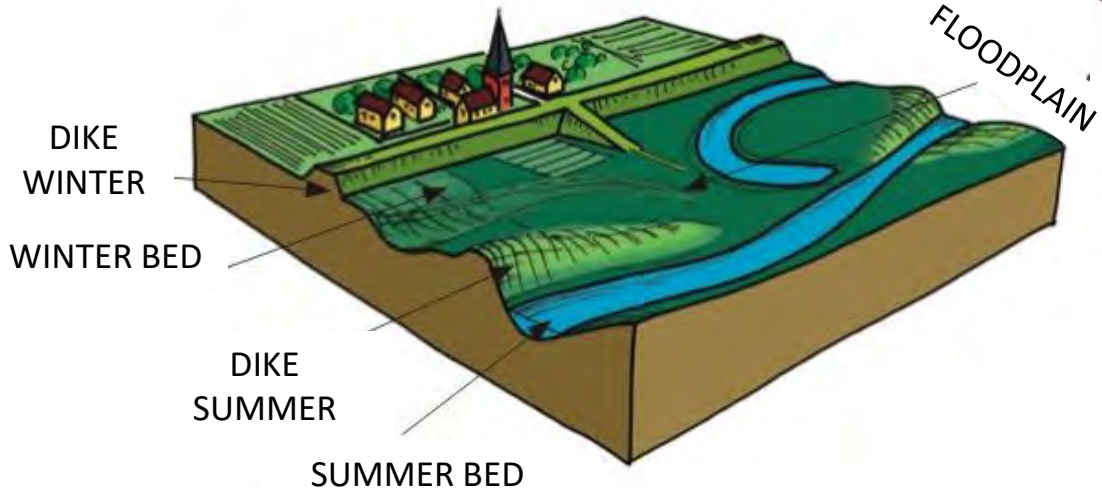
LATTE PROOF

**LOCAL
AUTHENTIC
TRACEABLE
TRUSTWORTHY
ETHICAL**

FLOOD & DROUGHT PREVENTION



FLOOD PREVENTION & RIVER RESTORATION



DIKE WINTER
WINTER BED
DIKE SUMMER
SUMMER BED



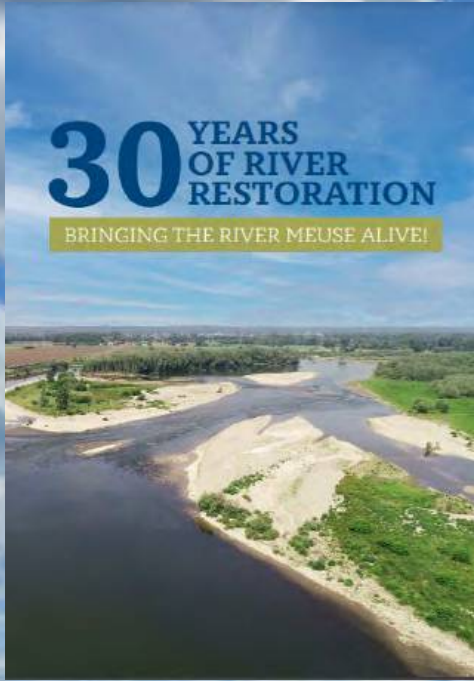






RESTORATION
IN PROGRESS

MOVE
4
NATURE



DOUBLED NATURE DESTINATIONS
20 PROTECTED AREAS

TRIPPLED BIODIVERSITY
3.329 SPECIES



SURVEY MEUSE VALLY – 2021 NL & BE

- BETTER, NOT MORE
 - REMAIN TOURIST DESTINATION, BASED ON NATURE EXPERIENCE
- QUALITY OVER QUANTITY
 - ADDED VALUE & TAILOR WORK
- EXPERIENCE THE BEAUTY OF THE MEUSE
 - FOR RESIDENTS, VISITORS & ENTREPRENEURS

SURVEY MEUSE VALLY – 2021 NL & BE

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- 90% GENERAL SUPPORT FOR BETTER NATURE PROTECTION
 - 80% RIVER VALLEY MOST CHARACTERISTIC
 - 70% SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM
 - 50% WANT TO ACTIVELY CONTRIBUTE,
 - COLLECTING LITTER
 - WELCOMING VISITORS







ART
TREE OF LIFE
MARK DION



ART
SAV OUR SOULS
MAARTEN INGHELS



HIKING RIVERPARK MEUSE VALLEY 2018-2021





ECONOMIC VALUE
1000 HA RESTORED AREAS 1999-2017
19-24 MILLION EURO PER YEAR

Maasland x nexuzhealth x Wie stelt er do x

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MAASVALLEI

MAASVALLEI
RIVIERPARK

RAPPORT 2018

ECONOMISCHE WAARDERING VAN DE MAATSCHAPPELIJKE BATEN VAN DE HERINRICHTINGSMATREGELEN VAN DE MAASVALLEI

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CARBON SEQUESTRATION

5.000 FAMILIES - 2 MILLION EURO/YEAR

(Carbon Price October 2022: 66,34 ton)





HIKING & CYCLING RIVER PARK (2021)

> 1 MILLION/YEAR

> 25 MILLION EURO/YEAR (BE)





EGO



ECO

LINEAR



RECYCLING



CIRCULAR



REGENERATIVE



**THE POSITIVE EFFECT OF INVESTING IN NATURE
FOR SPECIES
FOR ECOSYSTEMS
FOR PEOPLE
FOR SOCIETY**



A large, leafy tree stands in a field of purple flowers under a dramatic, cloudy sky at sunset or sunrise. The text "RETURN ON INVESTMENT" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font across the middle of the image.

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

1:10



50% WORLD GDP & 80% OF POOR COUNTRIES DEPEND ON NATURAL ECOSYSTEMS





NATURAL ECOSYSTEMS

SPONGE
FRIDGE
HEALTH CENTER

IGNACE SCHOPS

GERED DOOR DE BOOM- KIKKER



DE GROTE TOEKOMST
VAN MENS EN NATUUR

'Dear Ignace: never give up!'
Sir David Attenborough

Lannoo
Campus

FIRST DRAFT TO THE

UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF DEPENDENCE ON NATURE (UDDN)

Observing that the cultural, socio-economic, scientific, technological, and environmental systems of our living organisms, their interactions, the ecosystems that are a part of, and are heavily connected with, sustaining ecological processes;

Observing that human dependence on nature should be protected by the rule of law;

Observing that it is of the greatest importance that the concept of human dependence on nature be defined, agreed upon and protected among and between nations;

Observing that Member States have pledged themselves to achieve, in cooperation with the United Nations, the promotion of universal respect for and observance of human dependence on nature;

Observing that a consistent understanding of human dependence on nature is of the greatest importance for the full realization of this pledge;

Now therefore,

The General Assembly of the United Nations

should proclaim

this Universal Declaration of Dependence on Nature

as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations, to the end that every individual and every organ of society, keeping this Declaration constantly in mind, shall strive by teaching and education to promote respect for these rights and freedoms and by progressive measures, national and international, to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance, both among the peoples of Member States of the United Nations themselves and among the peoples of territories under their jurisdiction;

Article 1: All human beings share a human responsibility to nature.

Article 2: Nature has an economic and sustainable right to be.

Article 3: Nature has the right to be protected and to protect any and all life forms and their ecosystems, great or small, close to and far away, in this present and in any future to be.

Article 4: Nations have the right to be restored, developed, safeguarded and maintained now and regarding ecosystems.

Article 5: There will be time for all human development.

Article 6: All human beings have the right of access to nature and a healthy environment.

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WE CANNOT DESTROY WHAT KEEPS US ALIVE

THINK GLOBALLY
ACT LOCALLY
CHANGE PERSONALLY

End of part 1



12.00h: Lunch Break
13.00h: Depart for excursion

