

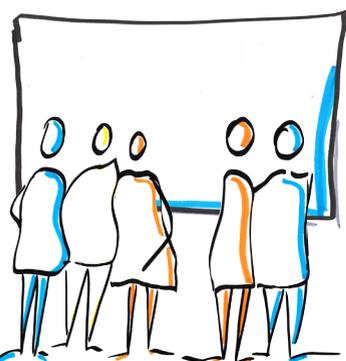
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PUBLIC AND BIODIVERSITY BENEFITS THROUGH MINERAL SITE RESTORATION

JUNE 17th-18th 2015 / BRUSSELS



The RESTORE project has been working towards providing a framework to enhance biodiversity and green infrastructure for communities and wildlife across North West Europe through the restoration of minerals sites.

The partners have worked together, shared experience and developed expertise on minerals policy, economic valuation of ecosystem services and site restoration best practice.

Come along to the project's final conference on June 17th-18th to find out our results!

[Click here to book your place!](#)

DAY 1

On Day 1, the conference will feature keynote addresses by practitioners, representatives from extracting industries, nature conservation NGO's, academia, consultancy and government from across North West Europe.

DAY 2

Day 2 will be an excursion to minerals sites in the Belgian province of Limburg to demonstrate best practices.



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PROGRAMME DAY 1

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09:00	Registration & coffee	
09:30	Morning session	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main objectives & relevance of the project Mineral site restoration: policy into practice Policy into practice case study: experience from the Grensmaas (to be confirmed) Best practice in mineral site restoration Promoting quarries biodiversity through partnerships: a Belgian case study 	<p>Toon Denys, CEO Vlaamse Landmaatschappij (B)</p> <p>Simon Elson, Surrey County Council (UK) Eric Smulders, Rijkswaterstaat (NL)</p> <p>Els Ameloot, Vlaamse Landmaatschappij (B) Maxime Séleck, University of Liège, Gembloux Agro Bio Tech (B) and Benoit Lussis, FEDIEX (B)</p>
	Coffee break & posters	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experts interviewed on best practices Ecosystem service benefit valuation to inform quarry restoration Qualitative and monetized analysis of relations between mining activities and the related ecosystem services 	<p>Boris Barov, Bird Life Europe (EU) Gert Van de Genachte, Intoe (B) Martin Casey, CEMEX (UK) Karsten Rusche, Institut für Landes- und Stadtentwicklungsforschung (GER) and Michael MacDonald, RSPB (UK) Michael Rademacher, Heidelberg Cement (GER)</p>
12:30	Lunch	
13:30	Afternoon session	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing an information hub to inform restoration decisions: RESTORE web resources And they restored happily ever after Panel discussion: how can we continue the good work? 	<p>Nigel Symes, RSPB (UK)</p> <p>Bea Ayling, RSPB (UK)</p> <p>Carolyn Jewell, RSPB/Nature After Minerals (UK) Lieven De Schampelaere, Natuurpunt (B) Günther Gach, ENCI (NL) Luc Severijns, Flemish Federation of Extractors, Belbag (B) Jim Rushworth, Vice President Environment & Public Affairs Lafarge SA (F)</p>
	Coffee break & posters	
15:45	Finale, manifesto launch & reception	
	<p>Mike Clarke, CEO RSPB</p> <p>Jim Rushworth, Cembureau Taskforce for Biodiversity & UEPG (European Aggregates Association)</p> <p>Patrick Murphy, European Commission DG Environment</p> <p>Lynn Boylan, Member of the European Parliament</p>	
18:00	End of conference	
18:30	Conference dinner	

PROGRAMME DAY 2

JUNE 18th 2015 / LIMBURG

Day 2 of the programme involves an excursion to the eastern part of Flanders, where we will visit examples of quarry restoration for biodiversity and people. We will visit the Bergerven project (a finished gravel quarry) and the Mechelse Heide (an active quarry with phased restoration). The latter area is part of the Hoge Kempen National Park, the only site of its kind in Flanders.

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CONFERENCE VENUE DETAILS (DAY 1)

Vleva (Vlaams Europees Verbindingsagentschap)
Kortenberglaan 71 (71 Avenue de Cortenbergh), 1000 Brussels

MEETING POINT (DAY 2)

The bus excursion will start and end at Louvain train and bus station.

Investing in Opportunities



This project has received
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ACCOMODATION AND TRAVEL INFORMATION



DAY1 + DAY2

If you are attending both the conference and the site visit (i.e. Day 1 + Day 2), we advise you to spend the night in Louvain (Leuven). This is a smaller city, hosting one of Europe's oldest universities, and situated in between Brussels and Limburg. You can book a room in **Hotel Park Inn** or **Ibis Budget Hotel**. Both hotels are close to the train and bus station. Transport will be provided from Brussels to Louvain following Day 1 of the conference. The site visit on Day 2 is a bus tour beginning and ending in Louvain.

DAY1

If you are only attending the conference on Day 1, it will be easier for you to stay in Brussels. Our suggestion is **Hotel Thon EU**. Please complete the Hotel Thon reservation form you find on the RESTORE website.

We recommend travelling to Brussels and Louvain by public transport as the traffic in and around Brussels can be very bad.



You'll find all the information you need about accommodation and transport on [the RESTORE website](#).

COST

Conference attendance and the site visits are free of charge. The conference dinner will cost € 50. Day 1 is limited to 100 people and the excursion on Day 2 is limited to 60 people.

Book your place now!

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