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Water Resilient Cities Project Cross- Border Seminar and Networking Event



Sustainable Drainage Systems Policy Seminar and Innovation Network

4th October 2017. Mechelen, Belgium

Event Information Pack
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About the Event

"Improving the ecosystem based capacity of 2Seas stakeholders to climate change and its associated water related effects"

This is a priority for a number of projects in the 2Seas Interreg region such as SPONGE, SCAPE and Water Resilient Cities (WRC).

In response to more frequent and more intense heavy rainfall events, institutions and communities are learning to develop and implement new approaches to drainage. The principles apply in both urban and rural areas, in public and private space, and at a range of scales.

Exchange of experience and expertise is crucial to making the most of the added value of territorial cooperation. Hence, WRC, which aims to promote the retrofitting of sustainable drainage systems in cities, is organising two events:

A morning Policy Seminar will bring together experts from current and past projects to identify synergies, and opportunities for extending the scope of their work to provide a more comprehensive policy response to this important priority.

An afternoon meeting will launch WRC's Innovation Network, presenting innovative case studies to stimulate discussion and knowledge exchange. By bringing together municipalities, water agencies, designers, engineers and product developers WRC aims to facilitate a better understanding of the challenges of adaptation and of the new and innovative approaches available for sustainable drainage.

Language

The working language throughout the event will be English.



Programme

Wednesday 4 October 2017

8:30	Arrival & registration opens with coffee
9:00	Welcome and introduction. Chairperson
9:15	Water Management Policy Context. Marcia van der Vlugt, Program Manager Incentive Programme Spatial Adaptation to Climate Change at Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment, Netherlands Innovative approaches towards creating Climate Adaptive Cities.
9:35	2Seas Programme speaker. Dries Debryne - An introduction to the Adaptation to Climate Change Priority: Increasing the ecosystem-based adaptation capacity to climate change and associated effects (Specific Objective 3.1)
9:50	Projects overview (20 mins each): Water Resilient Cities -Alex Midlen, Low Carbon City Officer, Plymouth City Council Sponge 2020 – Lynsey Adams, Project Officer, Major Projects & Strategic Transport Policy, Southend on Sea Borough Council SCAPE - Arne Debruyne, Strategic Coordination, Oostende
10.50	Networking Break
11.15	Workshop - Facilitated by Tako Popma. Objectives: a) identify synergies between the projects; b) identify gaps in the policy landscape that are not tackled by these projects Group feedback
11.50	Closing summary
12 noon	Lunch
13:00	WRC Network afternoon – Introduction to WRC project from Mechelen representative.

13:15	<p>Panel 1: Innovation and Research – What are the newest innovations and research in relation to retrofitting SUDs (10 minutes each)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Speaker from UK – Dr Katherine Hyde, University of Reading Recycled water and sustainable green urban drainage systems 2. Speaker from Belgium – Vincent Wolfs, KU Leuven, Faculty Civil Technique, Department Hydraulics Simulating the impact of climate change and SUDs on urban floods <p>Panel discussion</p>
13.45	<p>Panel 2: Challenges for Policy and Public-Sector Delivery (10 minutes each)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Speaker from Netherlands: Dr. Aline te Linde Twynstra Gudde, Amersfoort Implementing Climate Adaptation Strategies at a Regional Level: Governance Challenges 2. Speaker from Belgium – Koen De Winne – Aquafin (main sewer company of Belgium) – Rain Water Management 3. Speaker from UK – Chryse Tinsley, Landscape Architect at Leicester City Council Making changes in Leicester; a city perspective <p>Panel discussion</p>
14.30	Break
15.00	<p>Panel 3: Design and Best Practice (10 minutes each)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Speaker from Belgium – Bram Volgels – Hydrologist at VMM (Flanders Environment Agency) Rainwater management in Flanders – preparing for the future 2. Speaker from UK – Sue Illman, Landscape Architect, Illman Young SuDS retrofitting – from challenges to best practice 3. Speaker from France - Elia Desmot, Project Manager on the Territory Picard for ADOPTA, Sustainable Stormwater Management Sustainable and integrated rainwater management: a philosophy and a toolbox of alternative techniques 4. Speaker from Netherlands - Steven Slabbers, Bosch and Slabbers, Landscape Architects, Middleburg <p>Panel discussion</p>
16:00	Roundup and question time
16:15	Site visits depart
17:30	Return to conference centre for round up, drinks and networking
18:30	Close

Venue Details

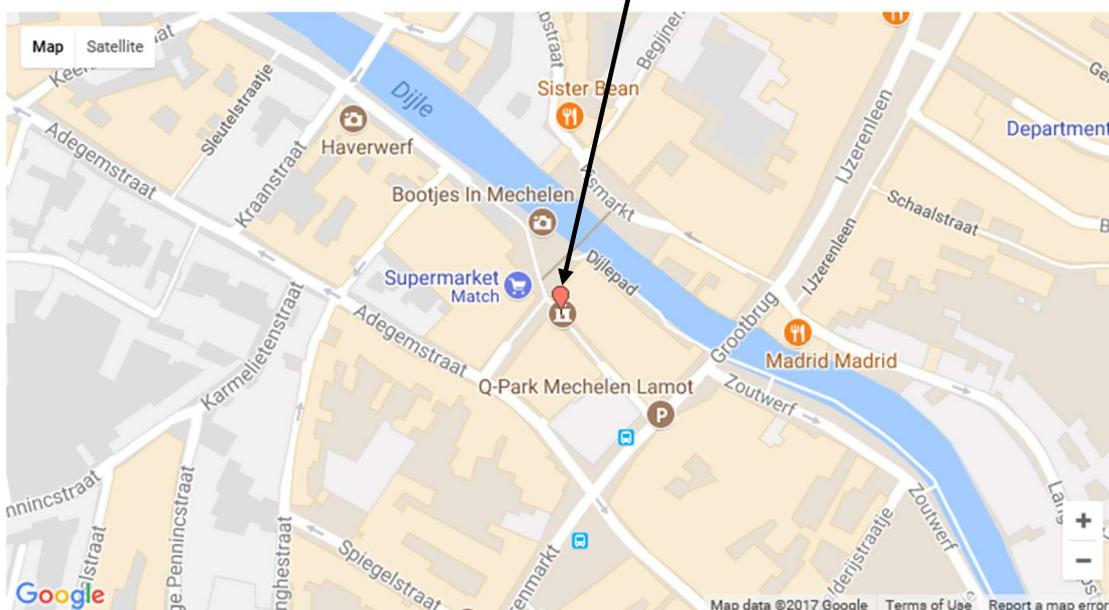
Lamot Conference and Heritage Centre - Dijlezaal Suite



(Image from www.willemen.be)

Address: Congres- en Erfgoedcentrum Lamot,
Van Beethovenstraat 8-10,
B – 2800 Mechelen

Website: www.lamot-mechelen.be



Travelling Information

Source : <https://toerisme.mechelen.be>

Getting to Mechelen by Train

Thanks to its central location, Mechelen is easy to reach by train from practically any Belgian or European city. It only takes **20 minutes from Brussels, Leuven and Antwerp**. Mechelen has 2 stations: Mechelen Central and Mechelen-Nekkerspoel. Both stations are walking distance from the city centre. You should bear in mind that not all trains stop in Mechelen-Nekkerspoel.

You will find more information about the timetables of the trains on the website of the nmbs (Belgian Railways) or in the stations.

Station Mechelen

Koning Albertplein 2

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www.nmbs.be/mechelen

www.railtime.be

Station Mechelen-Nekkerspoel

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www.railtime.be





Traveling around by bus

Mechelen lends itself perfectly to short bus rides. There are even special cheap fares to cover short journeys, a single ticket costing approx. €3. A day ticket, which allows you to use the bus as many times as you like, costs approx. €10, a 5-day pass €15. De Lijn operates the regional and city buses. On the regional lines, buses depart approximately once an hour; on the urban lines usually every fifteen minutes. There is a reduced service at weekends and during the school holidays.

Consult the [network map](#) for detailed information about the bus lines in Mechelen.

Taxis

Taxis are expensive. For a short distance of 5 km you will easily pay €10. But if you are planning to have a drink while you're out, a taxi is the perfect solution. A TOV ticket enables you to **combine the bus and the taxi**. You get €2 discount on the taxi journey on presentation of your bus ticket. But note that not all the taxi companies accept the TOV ticket.

At Mechelen station you will find one or more taxis at the **taxi ranks near the station exit** on Koning Albertplein. There are also parking places for taxis in other parts of the city, but you will not necessarily find a taxi there. You might do best to book a taxi with one of Mechelen's taxi companies.

Full list of taxi company numbers on <https://toerisme.mechelen.be/by-taxi>

Coming from the Airports

Brussels Airport

You can get to Mechelen by train, bus or hire car from Belgium's main airport, Brussels Airport. The simplest and fastest way is by train.

By train

Brussels Airport railway station is on level -1. A new, direct express train link will have you in Mechelen Central Station in just eight minutes! A ticket costs approx. €7.

W www.nmbs.be

By bus

You'll find the airport bus station on level 0. De Lijn provides a direct bus service to Mechelen station twice an hour, including lines 282, 681, 682, 683 and 686. Bus line 686 only runs on weekdays. The bus journey takes between 45 and 50 minutes. A ticket costs approx. €3.

W www.delijn.be



By (rental) car

At Brussels Airport you will find various car hire companies, including Hertz, Avis and Europcar. On leaving the airport car park, you immediately come to the motorway. Travel towards Antwerp (E19) and take exit 10 (Mechelen-Zuid) or exit 9 (Mechelen-Noord). The journey takes approximately 25 minutes.

W www.brusselsairport.be

Charleroi Airport (Brussels South)

By bus and train

At Charleroi Airport you can buy a ticket which combines the bus to Charleroi-South with the train to Mechelen Central Station. The two ticket-vending machines are located outside the airport, adjacent to Door 2.

Your journey will take approximately one and a half hours. A bus and train combination ticket costs approximately €15. The train to Mechelen leaves twice an hour, as does the bus between Charleroi airport and Charleroi-South station.

Bus

W www.infotec.be

Train

W www.nmbs.be

By (rental)car

Several car hire companies have desks at Charleroi Airport, including Avis, Europcar and Hertz. On leaving the airport car park, take the E42 direction Brussels and then the N5 direction Waterloo or the A54 direction Brussels. When you get to Brussels, take the ring road and then the E19 direction Antwerp. You then take exit 10 (Mechelen-Zuid) or exit 9 (Mechelen-Noord). The journey takes approximately one hour.

W www.charleroi-airport.com

Antwerp Airport

You can save a lot of time both on arrival and departure by using Antwerp's small airport. Distances between the departure lounge and the planes are short which means you can check in up to twenty minutes before your flight leaves. On arrival at Antwerp Airport you can expect to leave the airport building some ten minutes after landing. From there you can easily get to Mechelen by bus and train.

By bus and train

Bus 14 will take you from Antwerp airport to Antwerpen-Berchem railway station in ten minutes. A ticket costs approx. €2.

From Antwerpen-Berchem station there is a frequent train service to Mechelen, with approximately four trains an hour destined for Central Station. The journey takes between 15 and 20 minutes. A ticket costs approx. €4.



Bus

W www.delijn.be

Train

W www.nmbs.be

By (rental)car

Both Avis and Hertz have desks at Antwerp Airport. On leaving the airport, drive straight on into Vosstraat. At the first roundabout turn left into Deurnestraat. At the end turn right into Antwerpsestraat. After approximately 500m turn left into Jozef Hermanslei, and then right into Frans Van Dunlaan. Then get onto the Antwerp ring-road. Take the E19 direction Brussels. Once in Mechelen take exit 10 (Mechelen-Zuid) or exit 9 (Mechelen-Noord). The journey time by car is approximately 25 minutes.

W www.antwerp-airport.be

Hotel Information

The website of [Visit Mechelen](http://www.visitmechelen.be) you'll find all the Hotels and Bed & Breakfasts (B&B) in Mechelen. Some in the city center are:

Hotel Vé: www.hotelve.com

Hotel & Wellness

Vismarkt 14 - B-2800 Mechelen

Tel +32 15 700 700

Email info@hotelve.com

Elisabeth Hotel: www.elisabethhotel.be

Goswin de Stassartstraat 26-28, Mechelen

Tel 015 288 400

Email info@elisabeth-hotel.be

Gulden Anker: www.guldenanker.be

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Ridder Dessainlaan 2

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Email info@guldenanker.be

Martin's Patershof: www.martinshotels.com/nl/hotel/martins-patershof

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2800 Mechelen

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NH Mechelen: www.nh-hotels.com/hotel/nh-mechelen

Korenmarkt, 22-24,
2800 Mechelen
Tel + 32 15 42 03 03

3Paardekens: www.3paardekens.be

Begijnenstraat 3
2800 Mechelen
Tel +32 15 34 27 13
Email info@3paardekens.be

Novotel Mechelen: www.novotel.com/gb/hotel-3154-novotel-mechelen-centrum/index.shtml

Van Beethovenstraat 1
2800 Mechelen
Tel +32 15 40 49 50
Email H3154-gm@accor.com

The event organisers have no special price agreements with the hotels listed above.
Please see www.visitmechelen.be for general information about Mechelen.

Contact

Contact before the event

Please pre-register and refer to the event details on [Eventbrite: Water Resilient Cities](#)

Last minute queries

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