



Walls and Gardens

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INTERREG IVA 2 MERS SEAS ZEEËN PROJECT 'WALLS AND GARDENS'
 22 partners - 4 countries
 10.5 M€ (5.2 M€ EFRO)



A dynamic and rich partnership

A shared approach to managing sites; sharing experiences; creating tools to enable interpretation of fortified heritage; a process of analysis involving all players concerning the symbolism of borders as well as the various strands of our communication programme: a variety of initiatives designed to provide cross-border added value to the project's achievements!



STUDIES AND WORKS ALREADY FINISHED...



Since 2003, the City of **Lille** has been carrying out an important replanning of the Citadel (110ha). Heritage, uses and nature are the keywords of the studies and works started. The Champ de Mars (21 ha) and the Sport and Leisure Area (12ha) are the main operations, aiming at giving back coherence to the entire citadel, increasing the quality of natural areas (dry plains and wet zones) and contextualizing the missing parts of the fortifications. Before the works could begin, general studies were needed concerning landscaping, ecology, architecture, maintenance and heritage. These studies were financed by the Walls and Gardens project.

An interpretation centre dedicated to the ramparts of **Ypres** will open during the spring 2013. Thanks to the project, the 5 casemates (750 m²) of la Manutention (Military Bakery) has been turned into a multi-functional centre. Apart from the Interpretation Centre, there will be meeting rooms, a cafeteria and an exhibition room. Another part of the local project is situated immediately above the casemates and concerns the construction of a garden containing local plants connected with the cloth production in leper in the Middle Ages. Many plants survived in the fortified landscape, but they are now being grouped in separate plots for educational purposes (summer 2013).



The project site of **Hellevoetsluis** is part of the fortification known as Front I and II. Within this site casemates and bunkers have been restored in order to facilitate the access for visitors. In the Haerlem Barracks we have restored the entrance and we will create an exhibit and education room. The whole area has been redesigned and redecorated with modern elements of corten steel, referring to the history of Hellevoetsluis. Front I and II will be restored to its former glory but with modern elements. Visitors will experience the history of Hellevoetsluis in a better way.

The RSME Bicentenary Bridge, opened in September 2012 with some partners and military authorities, enables visitors to enter a part of **Fort Amherst (Chatham)** previously closed to the general public and make their way to the town's main park: Great Lines Heritage Park. This bridge was realised with joint financing from the Walls and Gardens project, Royal School of Military Engineering at Chatham, Medway Council and Fort Amherst Heritage Trust.



For a lively fortified heritage

PRESERVING AND PLANING SENSITIVE ECOLOGICAL AREAS LINKED TO FORTIFIED SITES

PROVIDING A NEW LIVING AND CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT BENEFITING RESIDENTS AND VISITORS.

BASING AN ACTION PLAN ON RESEARCH

Research is being conducted into the ecological management of defensive sites. It is being coordinated by the Province of West Flanders in conjunction with all the partners. A Belgian company was chosen in order to develop an environmental and landscape policy designed to showcase these areas. The process consists of drawing up a list of the sites using key data in order to pinpoint problems and opportunities before adopting a method for developing and managing the sites.

A series of four workshops will be organised, each one lasting two days. A Practical Guide will be written based on the results of the analysis conducted during these working sessions. A promotional brochure will be published in 2014. This information will be displayed on the project website after the research phase has been completed.



ENHANCING INTERPRETATION AND MAKING IT EASIER TO VISIT THE SITES

A Smartphone audio guide application covering the sites is due out in early 2014: routes for visitors, points of interest and historic information will be included to make it easier to visit and understand the fortifications. Essex County Council is managing this strand. A company has just been chosen to produce the application. The app, based on a common approach, will be adapted for each site.

WORK UNDERWAY...

FRANCE

Major accessibility and landscaping works on Bastion de Bouillon (Montreuil-sur-Mer), creation of a landscape garden at the Chateau d'Hardelot (CG62), work on accessibility of the moated site, arrangement of the garden and first works on the building of the prison in order to convert to a house for artists (Saint-Omer), interpretation walk on old hillfort (Watten), creation of wetlands garden in moat (Le Quesnoy), opening up of wooded and until now closed part of fortifications (Bergues), making a garden more accessible (Cassel), opening up a walk on the walls (Gravelines).



NETHERLANDS

Opening up casemates for visitors and creation of an interpretation centre in the former garrison windmill (Vlissingen)



BELGIUM

Construction of bat tunnel and restoration of rolling bridge (Kempen Landschap - Antwerpen), Reintroduction of disappeared plants in re-created garden, interpretation centre on fortifications (Ghentpoort, opened in 2012), rampart restoration

(Bruges), Expanding green belt of former fortifications (creation of the Vauban Park) and Interpretation centre on fortifications (Veurne)



GREAT-BRITAIN

Exhibition and landscaping improvements around Jaywick Martello Tower (Essex County Council)



A cross-border network

01/08/2009 - 30/06/2014

The **22 partners** of the transnational project **Walls and Gardens** are managing their military heritage in an ecologically sound way and improving its accessibility to their citizens, visitors and tourists alike. The various interpretation centres will enable a better understanding of historic military sites and will point out the special meaning of this heritage as the traces in the landscape of the former, ancient borders. All the partners have chosen an approach of close cooperation in order to maximize efficiency, exchange of expertise and learning from each other's experience.

COMING
SOON

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2013

Spring

Opening of the interpretation centre, Ypres

November 29th

300 years of the Treaty of Utrecht / 300 years of borders, an historical perspective, colloquium (Ypres)

2014

Spring

From nature and use of fortified sites, colloquium (Lille)

Cross-border event

Openings of the sites

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