

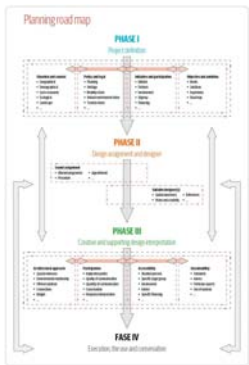


# Province of East Flanders

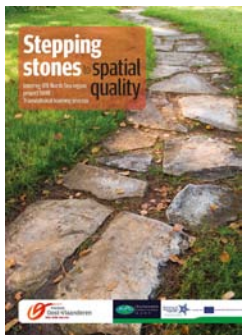
## Aims

Develop an integrated view for the project urban fringe area, testing and implementing transnational approaches on planning and public policy making.

Increase the use of the Provincial Quality Chamber for peri-urban areas. The Provincial Quality Chamber brings together a variety of experts to meetings to discuss and plan future approaches on building and landscape integration projects.



"Planning road map" according to the members of the Provincial Quality Chamber for East Flanders



Publication of a guide to achieve spatial quality

## How was this achieved?

- Discussion and experimentation on methodologies for involving stakeholders in the planning process.
- Thanks to transnational learning: methodology for 3D visualisation in stakeholder participation and communication is tested in the spatial structure planning process of the greenhouse area Beveren (peri-urban area of Antwerp) and in the eastern peri-urban area of Ghent.
- Consultation with vegetable growers on future development plans for the area.
- Produced articles on the urban fringe for provincial publications.
- Building commitment and interest from relevant stakeholders.
- Making use of workshops, forums, information points and the Provincial Quality Chamber to advise on spatial planning, architecture and landscape integration and meet to advise on the environmental building quality of projects.

## About Province of East Flanders

Population:  
1,445,831

Area:  
2982 km<sup>2</sup>

### Spatial structure:

The Provincial Authorities have a ground-tied responsibility in the spatial planning process. The Spatial Structure Plan of East Flanders makes a distinction in the context between urban and rural. There is an explicit preference for functional zoning of open space/ countryside, especially safeguarding space for the economic growth of agriculture, nature and forestry; with a limitation in development of other (economic) activities in countryside.

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development are actively involved in the Provincial Spatial Plan, landscape planning & integration, co-operation, advice and financing projects.

