



Enschede

Rondje Enschede

Aims

Create a distinct and sustainable urban fringe around the city of Enschede. Design an attractive recreational route along the official border between urban and rural areas, with activities focused on the south, north and west of the city.

Nature development and water were important elements in the construction of this zone.



How was this achieved?

- Developing policies and investment schemes for the urban fringe in Enschede and the surrounding area.
- Working with Saxion University on a study on the financial benefits of investment in the urban fringe in Enschede.
- Creating a regional strategy on urban fringes with neighbouring cities in the Twente Region and establishing a common vision and implementation programme.
- Participating in a pilot project for the city government to take over rural control from the provincial government, bringing more control on urban fringe matters.
- Using art, sport and cultural engagement activities to build awareness and use of new route Rondje Enschede (Round Enschede), a recreational route around the outskirts of the city.

About Enschede

Population

City of Enschede: 160,000

Background

Enschede is the main city in the Twente Region.

The predominant industry was textiles until the mid 70's. After a period of transition the city has been able shift focus and develop as a "technology valley". This is based on knowledge from the city university and a growing number of high tech industries.

The green quality of Enschede and its region is invaluable for attracting people to live and work in the area. Enschede has worked with neighbouring cities Hengelo and Almelo to optimise the use and value of their urban fringe.

