



Province of West Flanders Stad-Land-schap

Aims

Increase the overall spatial quality of the landscape in the urban area of Roeselare, in connection with the surrounding municipalities, leading to a better interaction and link between urban areas and countryside.

The municipalities, the province and several organisations planned to investigate how they could work together to enhance the attractiveness, recreational potential and landscape nature of the region.



Opening of the first section of the Stroroute



Green Management Workshop

How was this achieved?

- Creating a platform for cooperation and networking in Stad-Land-schap, 't West-Vlaamse hart.
- Working out a green-blue recreational network.
- Reconversion of an old railway track the Stroroute into a safe, green recreational track.
- Implementing innovative green management techniques.
- Realisation of business plans on landscape, especially targeting landscapes and farmers.
- Creating a website, landscape journal and regional brand.
- Holding a transnational "Implementation Lab" to develop ideas and solutions for the project area.
- Improving access to green space.

About Province of West Flanders

Population

Province of West Flanders: 1,164,967
City region 't West-Vlaamse hart
153,000

Background

The city region 't West-Vlaamse hart consist of the city of Roeselare and 8 surrounding municipalities.

This has formed a typical urban scape (stad-land-schap) with high spatial dynamics in open areas.

The founding of stad-land-schap brought a unified approach to urban and rural areas. Previously there was policy for urban development and for rural development but now there is regional governance dealing with spatial quality in the urban, peri-urban and rural areas - with attention to the interaction and links between these areas.

