

## **LP3LP Public Event 14.05.2014 – SPEAKERS**

### **Patrick van der Broeck, Regional Minister of the Province of Limburg**

Born in 1966 (Kerkrade), he studied Soil and Water Management from 1986-1990 at the International School for Agriculture and Forestry Larenstein (Velp) and graduated in Environmental Sciences at the University of Utrecht from 1990-1993. After a career of project leader and team leader in several governmental and non-governmental organisations he became alderman of Venray municipality between 2006 and 2011. From 2011 till present he is Regional Minister in the Provincial Executive of Limburg (political party: CDA). Main fields of attention in his portfolio are spatial planning, water management, infrastructure and nature. He is (among other) member of the Steering Committee of Three Countries Park.

Patrick van der Broeck will welcome the participants of the LP3LP Symposium on behalf of the Province of Limburg (lead stakeholder of the LP3LP project), the other stakeholders, the observers and the LP3LP project.

### **Prof. Dr. Frank Lohrberg, RWTH Aachen University**

Born in 1964, studied landscape management at the TU Hanover, worked in a variety of planning offices, and was the 1990 winner of the Peter Joseph Lenné Award. In 1994 he became an assistant at the Institute for Landscape Planning and Ecology at the Universität Stuttgart's Faculty of Architecture and Urban Planning. In 2001 he received his doctorate after writing a dissertation entitled Urban Agriculture as a Subject of Urban and Open Space Planning. In 2002 he founded the office stadtdlandschaftsarchitektur, which focuses on the landscape architecture of regional open space. The office has worked on projects for the Emscher Landschaftspark (Masterplan 2010), the Regionalpark Saar and the Regionale 2010 Cologne/Bonn. From 2002 to 2003 he was a visiting professor for landscape history and aesthetics at the University of Kassel. In 2009 he became a member of the German Academy for Urban and Regional Spatial Planning and was appointed to the chair of landscape architecture at the RWTH Aachen. His research focuses on landscape architecture at a regional level and on urban agriculture and forestry.

Frank Lohrberg will introduce the LP3LP project, its reference to the European Landscape Convention and its overall goal to protect and to develop "quality landscapes" in the Three Countries Park. Regarding the latter, Frank Lohrberg will explain how the Three Countries Park is facing favorable conditions, covering e.g. the region's heritage or its pioneering efforts regarding cross-border landscape policy in Europe.

### **Marc Nielsen, Université libre de Bruxelles-ULB**

Marc Nielsen is a geographer, graduated in 2003 at the University of Brussels (Université libre de Bruxelles-ULB). He started working 2003 in a private office where he contributed to the elaboration of various documents in the field of territorial development. He progressively specialized in landscape planning by working on large scale landscape strategies for public bodies. In 2008, he joined IGEAT (Spatial Planning and Environment-ULB) where he brought his contribution to the

elaboration of Landscape Atlas for the Walloon Region. More recently, he joined the ESPON programme through dissemination activities as Contact Point for Belgium.

Marc Nielsen will compare the Three Countries Park area with other regions using cross-border landscape policy in Europe and position the park in its wider geographical context.

### **Annet Kempenaar, Wageningen UR**

Annet Kempenaar graduated as a landscape architect at Wageningen UR in 1994. She started her career as an assistant to the American artists Helen en Newton Harrison at their Green Heart project. In the years following, she did a second master in Land and Water Management and worked at Grontmij on diverse projects as a landscape architect and project leader. At the beginning of the 21st century she switched over to Staatsbosbeheer, the largest nature conservation organization of the Netherlands. Here she worked as a strategic policy advisor on the conservation, preservation and development of both landscape and cultural heritage. After a short period as financial and project-manager at the Vereniging Nederlands Cultuurlandschap, Annet became team-leader of the Urban-Regional-Development team at Alterra, a research institute part of Wageningen UR. Since the summer of 2011 she works at the chairgroup of Landscape Architecture of Wageningen UR on several research projects. In September 2012 she started her PhD on regional design in strategic spatial planning.

Annet Kempenaar will introduce the Landscape Perspective for the Three Countries Park and its 13 guiding principles for the conservation and development of the landscape.

### **Anja Brüll, RWTH Aachen University**

Anja Brüll studied landscape planning at the TU Berlin. After her graduation as Diplom-Engineer in 1999 she completed a post-graduate training in project management and business leadership at the European Academy for Women in Politics and Economy Berlin e.V. In 2002 she founded the office Aquitectura and since works as an independent landscape designer on diverse local to international projects in the fields of sustainable landscape development, renewable energies and integrated water, land and resources management. Projects included European research, trainings for the UN Convention to Combat Desertification as well as a joint venture in the USA. She further served as a board member and consulting expert of the International Ecological Engineering Society. In 2012 she joined the team of the chair of landscape architecture at the RWTH Aachen to work as a researcher on the LP3LP project. Presently, she is about to finish her PhD on Landscape Quality Management and complementary biomass production at the Institute of Sustainability Governance, Leuphana University Lüneburg.

### **Matti Wirth, RWTH Aachen University**

Matti Wirth is an architect and urban designer that graduated from Karlsruhe University (TH) in 2006. He started his professional career in London at David Chipperfield Ltd and Gustafson Porter Ltd,

where he worked both on architectural as well as large-scale landscape projects as junior and project architect. As a DAAD scholar between 2009 and 2011, he pursued his interests in regional landscapes under the influence of intensive urban and agricultural utilization, in a postprofessional Master program at MIT/Cambridge USA. Since 2011, Matti Wirth works as a research associate for the chair of landscape architecture at the RWTH Aachen, including being the project manager for the LP3LP project. He will start his PhD in fall 2014 at the RWTH - related to the qualification of resource-provisioning landscapes by informal planning and design. The applied research will investigate the the Rhenish Mining Area (located at the Eastern edge of the Three Countries Park), as a case study facing dynamic transition.

Anja Brüll and Matti Wirth will present policy strategies that the LP3LP has developed for the Three Countries Park. Special attention will be given to the possibility to start off with a Green Infrastructure Strategy, including measures, pilot project areas and key EU instruments. Finally, next steps for the coming years will be suggested to the Three Countries Park – being interpreted as an "EU quality landscape partnership" in the making.

### **Peter Mehlbye, ESPON Coordination Unit**

Peter Mehlbye is Director of the ESPON Coordination Unit since the start in 2002.

ESPON is the European observation network on territorial development and cohesion established by the European Commission, the Member States and Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland. The role of ESPON is to support policy development with pan-European territorial evidence that covers all European regions, cities and larger territories. The territorial evidence is produced through applied research that provides new knowledge on territorial structures, trends, perspectives and impacts of EU policies within the European territory. Based on the evidence ESPON delivers targeted analyses to stakeholders interested in a European perspective as well as a database and a range of tools that policymakers can access freely.

By education Peter holds a master degree in Economics and a master degree in Architecture, specialised in national and regional development and planning. Before starting up ESPON, Peter worked at the European Commission, DG Regional Policy, where he was involved in the conceptual development of EU regional policy, including the development of Interreg and the test phase leading to ESPON. As background for entering in European cooperation he worked for more than 10 years in a Danish Ministry as Head of Unit for national spatial development and planning, regional policy and international cooperation, most of this period attached to the cabinet of the Minister. Here he played a particular role in promoting cooperation and developing long term territorial strategies for Denmark and the Baltic Sea Region.

Peter Mehlbye will speak about possible linkages between European landscapes, their development and the objectives of the Europe 2020 Strategy of smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. He will from the relevant European policy context focus on the relevance of landscapes in development across-borders and give a short insight on the supporting European territorial evidence made available by the ESPON Programme.

**Karl-Heinz Lambertz****President of the Euregio Maas-Rhine and Minister-President of the German-speaking Community in Belgium**

Born in 1952 (Schoppen, Belgium), Karl-Heinz Lambertz studied law at the Catholic University of Louvain-La-Leuve (UCL) and the University of Heidelberg. After a career as an assistant professor at the faculty of law at UCL, consultant and several ministerial posts, he became Minister-President of the German-speaking Community of Belgium in 1999. His political activities and mandates on European Level include intensive participation at the Committee of the Regions of the European Union since 1999 and, furthermore, he is involved at the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe since 2000. From 2010 to now he is the head of the Belgian delegation at the CLRAE and holds the Plenary Chair of the Governance Committee at the CLRAE. In addition, Mr. Lambertz is the President of the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR) since 2010. Since 2013 he is the President of the Euregio Maas-Rhine (EMR).

Karl-Heinz Lambertz will provide the closing speech of the event.