



## Forum Nature Euregio Meuse-Rhine

– 11<sup>th</sup> Klever Treffen –

**28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

### Theme

**Jointly meeting biodiversity targets: Cross-border cooperation  
on habitat quality, nature conservation, and connectivity in the landscape**

Organizers: Three Countries Park/EMR, NABU-Naturschutzstation Aachen, City of Aachen

Location: Thursday - **Forsthaus Schöntal, Kornelimünsterweg 101, 52066 Aachen**

Friday and Saturday - **Mensa Academica, Pontwall 3, 52062 Aachen, Germany**

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Objective: Knowledge exchange, networking and alliances for future projects

Target group: Professionals and volunteers active in nature conservation (with interest in cross-border activities)

Language: EN, DE, NL (no translation provided)

### Organization- & moderation team

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## Program - Overview

Thu 28th		Friday 29th	Saturday 30th	
9:00		Registration & Coffee	9:00	Registration & Coffee
9:30		Welcome & Introduction	9:15	Summary & Introduction
			9:20	“Blossom power” goes Interreg V
			9:40	<b>Specific knowledge</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mega herbivores as nature conservationists - Extensive long-term grazing in cultural landscapes</li> <li>▪ How far can toads go? – Network system of a <i>Bombina variegata</i>-metapopulation</li> <li>▪ Possibilities for the hamster in the Euregio Meuse-Rhine</li> </ul>
9:50		<b>Policies &amp; Projects</b> Keynote 2: Ministry for Climate Protection, Environment, Agriculture, Conservation & Consumer Protection NRW		
10:10		Keynote 3: European Commission, DG Environment		
10:30		Official signing of Three Countries Park cooperation agreement and opening of the NABU-Naturschutzstation		
10:45		Break	10:55	Break
11:15		Project “Green Border Network“	11:20	What kind of Natural Park would you like in the future? A co-construction approach.
11:35		Accompanying research “Green Border Network“		
11:55		<b>Specific knowledge</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The return of the beaver – River valleys as network structures across the borders</li> <li>▪ Red Kite in East Belgium</li> </ul>	11:40	<b>Discussion &amp; Closing</b> Impulses Project Habitat Euregio
			11:50	Mapping/Brainstorming – future cross-border projects?
			12:40	Closing words
12:45		Lunch	12:45	Lunch
13:45		<b>Excursion</b> Around Aachen (D)	13:45	<b>Excursion</b> In the Three Countries Park (D-B-NL)
17:30			17:00	
18:00	Welcome	Informal Dinner		
18:30	Keynote 1: Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process			
19:00	Informal Dinner			

## Detailed Program

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>

Forsthaus Schöntal, Kornelimünsterweg 101, 52066 Aachen

18:00 Welcome

18:30 Keynote 1: **Natura-2000 Biogeographical process** [EN]  
Mark Snethlage, European Centre for Nature Conservation (ECNC)

19:00 Informal Dinner at Forsthaus Schöntal (own expenses)

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Mensa Academica, 52062 Aachen, Please use the entrance TURMSTRASSE**

9:00	Registration & Coffee
9:30	Welcome & Introduction [EN, DE] Dr. Anja Brüll, Three Countries Park; Dr. Manfred Aletsee, NABU-Naturschutzstation Aachen; <b>Dr. Markus Kremer</b> , Dezernent of Aachen
Moderation: Anja Brüll	
9:50	Keynote 2: <b>Johannes Rimmel</b> , Minister for Climate Protection, Environment, Agriculture, Conservation & Consumer Protection NRW (nature conservation act and biodiversity strategy NRW, cross-border biotope network) [DE]
10:10	Keynote 3: <b>Stefan Leiner</b> , Head of Unit Biodiversity, DG Environment, European Commission (Biodiversity/ fitness check Natura 2000/ cross-border strategies) [EN]
10:30	Official signing of Three Countries Park cooperation agreement with greetings by <b>Patrick van der Broeck</b> , Gedeputeerde Provincie Limburg [NL/DE]
10:40	Opening of the NABU-Naturschutzstation (Johannes Rimmel, Jochen Schumacher, Elmar Wiezorek)
10:45	Break
Moderation: Leo Reyrink	
11:15	<b>Green Border Network – four biotope network projects along the border</b> [EN] Dietrich Cerff, NABU-Naturschutzstation Niederrhein, D
11:35	<b>Accompanying scientific research “Governance and applied ecology” regarding the Green Border Network</b> [DE] Prof. Dr. Ulrike Grabski-Kieron, University of Muenster, D
11:55	<b>The return of the beaver – River valleys as network structures across the borders</b> [DE] Dr. Lutz Dalbeck, Biologische Station im Kreis Düren, D
12:20	<b>Red Kite in East Belgium</b> [DE] Gerhard Reuter, Aves-Ostkantone, B
12:45	Lunch
13:45	<b>Excursion around Aachen</b> Natura 2000 Brander Wald, NSG Indetal, NSG Schlangenberg with the themes: toads, reptiles, beaver, invasive species, cultural landscape, heavy metal vegetation Dr. Manfred Aletsee, NABU-Naturschutzstation Aachen, Elmar Wiezorek – Fachbereich Umwelt, Stadt Aachen, Christoph Vanberg, Biologische Station für die StädteRegion Aachen
17:30	Arrival Mensa Academica
18:30	Informal Dinner at Brauhaus Aachen, Kapuzinergraben 4

[in brackets] = language of the speech

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>**

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9:00	Registration & Coffee
9:15	Summary of the previous day & Introduction [DE/EN] Claus Mayr, NABU Deutschland, Director European Politics
Moderation : Claus Mayr	
9:20	<b>“Blossom power” goes Interreg V</b> [NL/EN] Prof. Cees Kleinmann, Stichting Ondernemend Bloesemlint, NL
9:40	<b>Mega herbivores as nature conservationists - Extensive long-term grazing in cultural landscapes</b> [EN] Anke Brouns – Stichting Ark, NL
10:05	<b>How far can toads go? – Network system of a <i>Bombina variegata</i>-metapopulation</b> [DE] Dr. Manfred Aletsee, NABU Naturschutzstation Aachen, D
10:30	<b>Possibilities for the hamster in the Euregio Meuse-Rhine</b> [DE] Gerard Muskens, Alterra Wageningen, NL
10:55	Break
Moderation : Aad Blokland	
11:20	<b>What kind of Natural Park would you like in the future? A co-construction approach</b> [EN] Fabienne Nyssen, Parc naturel Hautes Fagnes-Eifel, B
11:40	<b>Impulses and recommendations from the Interreg IV project Habitat Euregio</b> [NL] Frans Hornesch, Provincie Limburg, NL
11:50	<b>How should we develop future cross-border projects?</b> Mapping/Brainstorming using the example of green infrastructure in the Three Countries Park
12:40	Closing words
12:45	Lunch
13:45	<b>Excursion in the Three Countries Park</b> Vaals, Wolfshaag, Vijlenener Bosch, agricultural landscape Limburg with the themes: megaherbivores, cultural landscape, ornithology, wilderness in the forest  Anke Brouns, Stichting Ark, Manfred Aletsee NABU-Naturschutzstation Aachen, Gerard Muskens, Alterra Wageningen
17:00	Return via train station (17:00) and arrival Mensa Academica

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