

Country: Belgium (Flemish Region)

1. Institution(s) in charge of gardens

a) Public bodies:

- **Agentschap Natuur en Bos** (Nature and Forestry Agency) (www.natuurenbos.be): **Dag van het Park** (Parks Day), mainly public parks and gardens (always held on a Sunday in May, for the past 19 years).
- **Agentschap Onroerend Erfgoed** (Flemish Heritage Agency) (www.onroerenderfgoed.be) (info@onroerenderfgoed.be): **Open Monumentendag** (Heritage Day) (www.openmonumenten.be), among the properties open to the public there are always a number of privately-owned gardens and parks (always held on the second Sunday in September, for the past 28 years).

b) Private organisations:

- **Open Tuinen van België / Jardins Ouverts de Belgique**, (non-profit-making association) (www.open-tuinen.be / www.jardinsouverts.be) (info@open-tuinen.be / info@jardinsouverts.be) Between early April and the end of November, 196 privately-owned gardens (109 of them in the Flemish region) open their doors to the 4,640 people who sign up to the scheme by purchasing the latest guide.
- **Landelijke Gilden** (www.landelijkegilden.be/Home/Open-tuinen/Deelnemende-tuinen): 214 public and privately-owned gardens are open to the public from 15 May. The guide is on sale in the shops runs by AVEVE (a company that is part of the *Organisation Agricole Chrétienne*)
- **Arboretums**
 - i) **Arboretum Kalmthout** (www.arboretumkalmthout.be) (member of the Morton Register of Arboreta www.arbnet.org), a famous arboretum formerly owned by the De Belder-Kovacic family and which now belongs to the province of Antwerp.
 - ii) **Arboretum Hemelrijk** in Essen (Antwerp province): a famous arboretum owned by the De Belder-Kovacic family. Open to groups of 20 people or more for guided tours.
 - iii) **Arboretum Herkenrode** in Wespelaar (Flemish Brabant): (member of the Morton Register of Arboreta www.arbnet.org) a famous arboretum owned by the Spoelberch family. Open to groups of 20 people or more for guided tours.

2. Other actors: professional associations, networks, civil society, etc.

- **Park van Beervelde** (www.parkvanbeervelde.be): Courson-style open days the first weekend in May and the first weekend in October.
- **Tuindagen van Hex** (www.hex.be): Courson-style open days the first weekend in June and the first weekend in September.

3. Relevant legislation:

- **Onroerenderfgoeddecreet van 12 juli 2013** (Heritage Decree of 12 July 2013) (www.onroerenderfgoed.be/nl/beleid-en-regelgeving/decreten/huidige-regelgeving): maximum

protection

- **Vastgestelde Inventaris van Tuinen en Parken van Vlaanderen** (the inventory of Flemish parks and gardens is re-published every year) minimum protection

4. Protection: number of gardens, levels of protection, status (public/private), inventories, etc.

- a) Protected gardens: **yes**
- b) Level of protection: **statutory protection as heritage** (monument, landscape or urban or rural site) under the Heritage Decree of 12 July 2013
- c) Number of gardens protected: **615 are protected as monuments, 439 as urban or rural sites and 165 as landscape** (as at March 2016)
- d) System of protection: **see above**
- e) Status of gardens (protected or not): public/private
- f) Inventory(ies) of parks and gardens: yes. The inventory of Flemish gardens and parks is still being compiled and features 989 sites to date.

5. Online information: inventories, databases, mapping systems/tools, photographs, etc.

- www.inventaris.onroerenderfgoed.be, www.beschermingen.onroerenderfgoed.be

6. Training: existing provision, levels of training, opportunities for specialised training, etc.

- a) Name of course: **Tuin- en landschapsarchitectuur** (garden and landscape architecture)
- b) In-service training: **no**
- c) Initial training: **Vocational bachelor's programme**
- Other opportunities for specialised training:
 - a) **Academische master in de Monumenten- en Landschapszorg** (Master's in monument and landscape conservation) (regional) (University of Antwerp) www.uantwerpen.be/nl/onderwijs/opleidingsaanbod/master-erfgoedstudies/profiel/
 - b) **Master of Science in Conservation of Monuments and Sites** (international) Raymond Lemaire International Centre for Conservation (<http://sprecomah.eu/rlicc/>)

7. Awareness raising:

- a) Name of event: **Dag van het Park, Open Monumentendag**
- b) Level: **Regional**
- c) Dates: **see 1 a.**
- d) Target groups: **interested members of the public**
- e) Websites: www.natuurenbos.be/activiteiten/het-park-gelukkig-dichtbij;
www.openmonumenten.be

8. Existing terminology tools

- a) Glossary/thesaurus: **yes, monolingual** (www.inventaris.onroenderfgoed.be/thesaurus)