PRESENTATION OF HET CANDIDATE
The Regional Lanscape Kleine en Grote Nete and its landscape-related achievements

The Regional Landscape Kleine en Grote Nete is one of 18 Regional Landscapes in the Flemish Region. Each regional landscape develops a cross-cutting landscape approach within its area of operation. Participation, inter-administrative and cross-sectoral cooperation are in the DNA of every Regional Landscape. In this way, they work with many partners to enhance the quality of the landscape.

THE REGIONAL LANDSCAPE KLEINE EN GROTE NETE

As Regional Landscape Kleine en Grote Nete, we have been the heart, head and hands of the Kempen region since 2009:

- HEART: We want to inspire our residents with a passion for the unique Kempen spirit and our regional identity.
- HEAD: With our own expertise and that of our partners, we work together on constructive and sustainable projects. This is to continue to strengthen the landscape, biodiversity, nature, recreation, and our heritage.
- HANDS: We roll up our sleeves and get to work to make the Kempen even more beautiful through numerous landscape projects!

Our organization was founded in 2009 and has since become one of the 18 regional landscapes in Flanders. We are active in four regional landscapes within the province of Antwerp. Our Regional Landscape works in the heart of the Kempen, with an office in Oud-Turnhout.

What's more, we are not alone in this. We are a partnership between authorities (municipalities, province, Flanders) and civil society organizations from the sectors of nature, agriculture, tourism and recreation, hunting, and heritage. We carry out concrete projects to make the region more beautiful, more biodiverse, and more accessible.

For example, together with the regional landscapes, we plant countless new wooded edges, hedges, and (fruit) trees every year, dig ponds, and maintain slow roads. In addition, we work on larger area-specific projects to arrive at a shared landscape vision with all stakeholders and then implement it. Think, for example, of our projects around the Kleine Nete or the Kempense Heuvelrug.

We operate in the territory of 25 municipalities: Arendonk, Baarle-Hertog, Balen, Beerse, Dessel, Geel, Grobbendonk, Herentals, Herenthout, Herselt, Kasterlee, Laakdal, Lille, Meerhout, Merksplas, Mol, Olen, Oud-Turnhout, Ravels, Retie, Rijkevorsel, Turnhout, Vorselaar, Vosselaar & Westerlo.

https://www.rlkgn.be/over-ons

LANDSCAPE-RELATED ACHIEVEMENTS

A complete overview of all projects can be found on the website:
https://www.rlkgn.be/projecten

Each project (ongoing or completed) has its own project page, where the project is explained and more information can be found.

ONGOING PROJECTS

- **Additional forest and nature playground in the heart of Turnhout**
  https://www.rlkgn.be/projecten/nieuw-stadsbos-de-wieltjes
- **Is the AIRCOW in your pasture on? Free shade trees for farmers in Flanders.**
  https://www.rlkgn.be/projecten/airkoe
- **Hedges, hedgerows, wood edges**
  https://www.rlkgn.be/projecten/hagen-heggen-houtkanten-rlkgn
- **Discover the Kempen from the underground: Geotourism on the Kempen Ridge and Valleys**
  https://www.rlkgn.be/projecten/ontdek-de-kempen-vanuit-de-ondergrond
- **Natura 2000 projects**
  https://www.rlkgn.be/projecten/topnatuur
- **Design of Bels square**
  https://www.rlkgn.be/projecten/inrichting-van-bels-pleintje
- **Wild Allies: Together against pests**
  https://www.rlkgn.be/projecten/gewilde-bondgenoten-samen-tegen-plaagdieren
- **Pools**
  https://www.rlkgn.be/projecten/poelen-rlkgn
- **Resilience in the valley of Kleine Nete**
  https://www.rlkgn.be/projecten/vallei-van-de-kleine-nete
- **Kempense Heuvelrug**
  https://www.rlkgn.be/projecten/kempense-heuvelrug
- **Rake wasp**
  https://www.rlkgn.be/projecten/harkwesp
- **Swallows**
  https://www.rlkgn.be/projecten/zwaluwen-rlkgn
- **Nature in your neighbourhood**
  https://www.rlkgn.be/projecten/natuurinjebuurt
- **Climate-resilient food landscape**
  https://www.rlkgn.be/projecten/klimaatrobuust-voedsellandschap-rlkgn
- **Slow roads**
  https://www.rlkgn.be/projecten/trage-wegen-rlkgn
- **Landscape management for municipalities with the Rural Maintenance Desk**
  https://www.rlkgn.be/projecten/lob-rlkgn
- **Functional Ecological Network**
  https://www.rlkgn.be/projecten/functioneel-ecologische-netwerk

- **Green Oases at School: Your path to a green playground**
  https://www.rlkgn.be/projecten/groene-oases
- **Dreaming about Put van Rauw**
  https://www.rlkgn.be/projecten/dromen-over-put-van-rauw
- **Sheep GPT promotes knowledge about sheep grazing**
  https://www.rlkgn.be/projecten/schaap-gpt

COMPLETED PROJECTS

- **Butterfly Farmland: Counting moths on farms**
  https://www.rlkgn.be/projecten/nachtvlinders
- **Investigating food forests in the Kempen region**
  https://www.rlkgn.be/projecten/lekker-eetbaar-groen
- **Climate guardians: grassland management for carbon storage among farmers**
  https://www.rlkgn.be/projecten/klimaathoeders
- **The notch-eared bat at home in the landscape**
  https://www.rlkgn.be/projecten/ingekorven-vleermuis
- **Natural surroundings for healthcare centers**
  https://www.rlkgn.be/projecten/buitenzorg
- **Connecting Landscape: Agriculture and landscapes in Grobbendonk and Vorselaar**
  https://www.rlkgn.be/projecten/verbindend-landschap
- **Landscape volunteers**
  https://www.rlkgn.be/projecten/landschapsvrijwilligers
- **Free-roaming cattle: Virtual fences replace livestock fencing**
  https://www.rlkgn.be/projecten/loslopend-vee
- **Woody heritage**
  https://www.rlkgn.be/projecten/houtig-erfgoed-rlkgn
- **Recapturing the fortified towns**
  https://www.rlkgn.be/projecten/projecten/landschap-en-erfgoed/herover-de-vestingsteden/stakeholdersmeeting-herentals/6233
- **Royal Kempen**
  https://www.rlkgn.be/projecten/koninklijke-kempen
- **Greening up youth movements with Groenkapoen**
  https://www.rlkgn.be/projecten/groenkapoen
- **Opportunity plots: Opportunities for tomorrow's open spaces**
  https://www.rlkgn.be/projecten/kansenkavels
- **Green Meeting Places Mol: Greening Mol's playgrounds**
  https://www.rlkgn.be/projecten/groene-ontmoetingsruimten-mol
- **A sustainable future for the Colateur**
  https://www.rlkgn.be/projecten/colateur