

The Hillside of the Citadel in Liège: 1999-2010.
From an Enclosure to a Network,
 City of Liège

Lying on the edge of the historic city centre, the hillside of the Citadel covers approximately 86 hectares of the southern slopes of one of the steepest hills lining the Meuse valley. Hidden away in this extensive, uninterrupted ensemble of terraces, orchards, woods, paths and gardens is an outstanding heritage of almost 70 monuments and five listed sites. For almost 20 years, the public and the authorities have been working together to protect and enhance the whole area. The project has focused on confirming the public use of these outstanding sites, while conserving them and implementing innovative and integrated management methods. In 2010, a collection of 18 developed sites, linked by 13 kilometres of footpaths, was laid out and made available for tourists to discover this historic and natural heritage, and as a leisure area for city centre residents.



The Committee of Ministers conferred a special mention for “Public participation” of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe’s European Landscape Convention, for the 5th Session of the Award 2016-2017 to the organisers of the project. “The Hillside of the Citadel in Liège: 1999-2010. From an Enclosure to a Network” is a conservation and development project with public involvement, focusing on the redevelopment of an urban landscape composed of historical, cultural and natural heritage, and ensuring easier access to the site. From the outset, the project benefited from considerable public participation.