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Country: Belgium-Flanders **Summary:** COMPETENT GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES

In Flanders, the governmental responsibility for cultural heritage is divided:

(1) The Flemish minister for Immovable heritage is in charge of the immovable heritage policy (archaeology, monuments and landscapes). This is supplemented with two smaller responsibilities, namely heraldry and heritage fleet.

The Flemish immovable heritage policy and legislation are prepared and carried out by the Flanders (Immovable) Heritage Agency.

The Flanders (Immovable) Heritage Agency is an autonomous entity, linked to the ministery of Town Planning, Housing Policy and Immovable Heritage.

The Flanders (Immovable) Heritage Agency is divided in 4 services, covering different aspects:

(-) Heritage policy: responsible for political and legal advice, carries out policy-linked research, prepares legislation, is responsible for follow-up of international affairs (Council of Europe, UNESCO, European Union ...);

(-) Research and listing: responsible for inventories, listing procedures and scientific research concerning heritage conservation, and for the management of the agency's heritage depository;

(-) Heritage management: the 'face' of the agency; handles management plans, permits, grants, recognition of experts;

(-) Information and communication.

The follow-up of compliance and law-enforcement are not carried out by the Flanders (Immovable) Heritage Agency, but by the inspection service of the Department of Town Planning, Housing Policy and Immovable Heritage.

(2) The Flemish Minister of Culture is competent for movable and intangible heritage (i.e. artifacts, archives, traditions and customs ...).

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The development and implementation of the Flemish government's cultural heritage policy regarding movable and intangible heritage is carried out by the Department (ministry) of Culture, Youth, Sport and Media.

For Flanders, the content of the HEREIN-database is limited to the information concerning the immovable heritage only. For information about the movable and intangible heritage, see www.culturalpolicies.net.

PARTNERS

Apart from the Flanders Heritage Agency and its cultural counterpart, different partners are active in the field of immovable heritage:

(1) the Flanders Heritage Agency cooperates with different government partners:

(-) ministries covering different aspects of spatial planning and management: the Flemish department for spatial planning (Ruimte Vlaanderen) and the Flanders Nature and Forests Agency;

- (-) Visit Flanders (the tourism ministry);
- (-) The heritage sites managed or supervised by Flemish ministries.

(2) certain tasks performed by the Flanders Heritage Agency can be taken over by 'third parties', which have to be officially recognized by the agency: immovable heritage cities, inter-communal immovable heritage services, immovable heritage depositories, archaeologists, metal-detector users and immovable heritage entrepreneurs. The department of Culture, Youth, Sport and Media also recognizes 'third parties' (museums, archives, libraries, centers of expertise) which sometimes cover immovable heritage aspects.

(3) the government interacts with a large and heterogeneous group of governmental, private, professional and voluntary organizations, carrying out a wide range of heritage-related functions:

- (-) heritage research, documentation and interpretation;
- (-) (assistance in) heritage conservation, management and public relations;
- (-) representation of interest groups (professionals, owners or other private instances).

Some organizations are pure heritage organizations, sometimes with a thematic focus, for others heritage issues fit into a larger picture.

Three major umbrella organizations are considered preferential partners and are financially supported by the Flanders Heritage Agency:

(-) Herita (www.herita.be): organization specialized in heritage management, heritage interpretation and heritage public relations. As 'Flemish National Trust' is responsible for the day-to-day running of 13 Flemish heritage sites and setting up a much larger network of 'open monuments' (visitable heritage

locations) in Flanders. Herita also organizes the European heritage days, the biggest cultural event in Flanders (400.000 visitors in 2014). It also represents 260 smaller heritage organisations (the Flemish historic mill associations, organisations running 'open heritage' ...);

(-) Monument Watch Flanders (www.monumentenwacht.be): assists heritage owners (6.213 paying members in 2014) with conservational advice;

(-) the Centre for Religious Art and Culture (www.crkc.be): center of expertise in the field of religious heritage (immovable and cultural) and acts as (religious) heritage depository.

The website www.erfgoedkaart.be provides an interesting overview of heritage organizations at different levels.

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1.1.A Overall responsibility for heritage situated in the government structure.

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Ministry's name: Flemish Ministery of Spatia	al Planning and Housing and Immovable Heritage
Overall responsibility:	Overall responsibility
Ministerial remit:	Environment
	Heritage
	Planning
Other (please specify):	Housing

1.1.B Competent government authorities and organisations with legal responsibilities for heritage policy and management.

Name of organisation:	
Flanders Heritage Agency	Koning Albert II Joon 10
Address:	Koning Albert II-laan 19
Post code:	1210
City:	Brussel
Country:	Belgium / Flanders
Website:	www.onroerenderfgoed.be
E-mail:	info@onroerenderfgoed.be
Approx. number of staff:	: 314.00
No. of offices:	7
Organisation type:	Agency with legal responsibilities
	Government
	Governmental agency
Approach	
Integrated approach	
Main responsibility:	Yes
Heritage management:	Designation
	Financial support
	Permits
	Security
	Spatial planning
Policy and guidance:	Advice to governments/ministers
	Advice to owners

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Research:	Conservation/maintenance	Properties:	Properties
	Documentation	Ownership and/or	No Archaeological Heritage
	Field recording (photogrammetry	, management) (maintenance/visitor	hendge
	Inventories	access) of heritage	
	Laboratories	properties: Learning and	Communication
	Post-excavation analysis	communication:	Publication
	Restoration	Other (please specify):	
Nautical Heritage Policy	ain responsibility: Yes		
Heraldry			
Ownership and/or management of heritag properties: Architectural Heritage	No je		
Main responsibility:	Yes		
Ownership and/or management (maintenance/visitor access) of heritage properties: Landscape Heritage	No		
Main responsibility:	Yes		
Ownership and/or management (maintenance/visitor access) of heritage properties:	No		

Name of organisation:

Name of organisation: Flanders Nature and Forests	s Agency (Agentschap Natuur en Bos)
Website:	www.natuurenbos.be
Approach	
Integrated approach	
Main responsibility:	No
Properties:	Properties
Ownership and/or management (maintenance/visitor access) of heritage properties: Archaeological Heritage	Yes
Main responsibility:	No
Ownership and/or management of heritage properties: Architectural Heritage	No
Main responsibility:	No
Ownership and/or management (maintenance/visitor access) of heritage properties: Landscape Heritage	No
Main responsibility:	No
Ownership and/or management	Νο

Name of organisation: Herita vzw	
Address:	Oude Beurs 27
Post code:	2000
City:	Antwerpen
Country:	Belgium / Flanders
Website:	www.herita.be
E-mail:	info@herita.be
Approx. number of staff:	33.00
No. of offices:	1
Other (please specify):	Subsidized partner organisation
Approach	
Integrated approach	
Main responsibility:	Yes
Policy and guidance:	Support to the sector
Research:	Conservation/maintenance
	Restoration
Properties:	Properties
Ownership and/or	Yes
management (maintenance/visitor access) of heritage properties:	
Number of properties:	13
Learning and	Communication

Name of organisation: Intercommunal immovable	heritage services
'Immovable Heritage Cities	1
local governments	
Country:	Belgium / Flanders
Other (please specify): Approach Integrated approach	Local government
Main responsibility:	No
Heritage management:	Financial support
	Permits
	Security
	Site monitoring
	Spatial planning
Policy and guidance:	Advice to governments/ministers
	Advice to owners
	Advice to professionals
	Legislation
	Support to the sector
Research:	Conservation/maintenance
	Documentation
	Inventories
	Restoration

Name of organisation: Kempens Landschap	
Website: Approach	www.kempenslandschap.be
Integrated approach	
Main responsibility:	No
Ownership and/or management (maintenance/visitor access) of heritage properties: Archaeological Heritage	No
Main responsibility:	No
Ownership and/or management of heritage properties: Architectural Heritage	No
Main responsibility:	No
Ownership and/or management (maintenance/visitor access) of heritage properties: Landscape Heritage	No
Main responsibility:	No
Ownership and/or management (maintenance/visitor access) of heritage	No

Name of organisation: Regionale Landschappen (Re	egional Landscapes)
Website:	www.regionalelandschappen.be
Approach	
Integrated approach	
Main responsibility:	No
Ownership and/or management (maintenance/visitor access) of heritage properties: Archaeological Heritage	No
Main responsibility:	No
Ownership and/or management of heritage properties: Architectural Heritage	No
Main responsibility:	No
Ownership and/or management (maintenance/visitor access) of heritage properties: Landscape Heritage	No
Main responsibility:	No
Policy and guidance:	Support to the sector
Research:	Conservation/maintenance
Ownership and/or	No

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Botanic Garden Meise

Website:	www.plantentuinmeise.be
Organisation type:	Governmental agency
Approach	
Integrated approach	
Main responsibility:	No
Ownership and/or management (maintenance/visitor	No
access) of heritage properties: Archaeological Heritage	
Main responsibility:	No
Ownership and/or management of heritage properties: Architectural Heritage	No
Main responsibility:	No
Ownership and/or management (maintenance/visitor access) of heritage properties: Landscape Heritage	No
Main responsibility:	No
Ownership and/or management	No

Name of organisation: Gaasbeek Castle	
Website:	www.kasteelvangaasbeek.be
Approach	
Integrated approach	
Main responsibility:	No
Ownership and/or management (maintenance/visitor access) of heritage properties: Archaeological Heritage	No
Main responsibility:	No
Ownership and/or management of heritage properties: Architectural Heritage	No
Main responsibility:	No
Ownership and/or management (maintenance/visitor access) of heritage properties: Landscape Heritage	No
Main responsibility:	No
Ownership and/or management (maintenance/visitor access) of heritage	No

Website:	www.alden-biesen.be
Approach	
ntegrated approach	
Main responsibility:	No
Ownership and/or management (maintenance/visitor access) of heritage properties: Archaeological Heritage	No
Main responsibility:	No
Ownership and/or management of heritage properties: Architectural Heritage	No
Main responsibility:	No
Ownership and/or management (maintenance/visitor access) of heritage properties: Landscape Heritage	No
Main responsibility:	No
Ownership and/or management (maintenance/visitor access) of heritage	No

Website:	www.bokrijk.be
	www.bokiijk.be
Approach	
Integrated approach	
Main responsibility:	No
Ownership and/or management (maintenance/visitor access) of heritage properties: Archaeological Heritage	No
Main responsibility:	No
Ownership and/or management of heritage properties: Architectural Heritage	No
Main responsibility:	No
Ownership and/or management (maintenance/visitor access) of heritage properties: Landscape Heritage	No
Main responsibility:	No
Ownership and/or management (maintenance/visitor access) of heritage	No

Name of organisation: **Recognised Immovable Heritage Depositories** Website: https://www.onroerenderfgoed.be/nl/erkenningen/erkenningen/erkende-onroerenderfgoeddepots/ **Organisation type:** Agency with legal responsibilities Approach Integrated approach Main responsibility: No **Research:** Conservation/maintenance Documentation **Ownership and/or** No management (maintenance/visitor access) of heritage properties: Archaeological Heritage Main responsibility: No **Ownership and/or** No management of heritage properties: Architectural Heritage Main responsibility: No **Ownership and/or** No management (maintenance/visitor access) of heritage properties: Landscape Heritage

1.1 Commentary

Commentary (click to collaps)

Integrated Approach

NOTE ON THE RECOGNIZED 'THIRD PARTIES'

(-) The possiblity to be recognized as a 'heritage city', and to take over certain tasks of the Flanders Heritage Agency has only recently been introduced. Up till now only 10 cities are officially recognized 'heritage cities'. For a graphic overview, see: www.onroerenderfgoed.be/assets/files/content/downloads/erkende_OEG_situa...

(-) Many cities (for instance the 'Art Cities' Antwerp, Bruges, Ghent, Mechelen, Leuven ...) have a local heritage service, responsible for the management of the local public heritage, assisting inhabitants with heritage issues, interacting with the Flanders Heritage Agency and sometimes developing complementary heritage policies;

(-) Intercommunal immovale heritage services are created at the initiative of different cities, that have decided to work together on certain immovable heritage issues. The Flanders Heritage Agency provides subventions for intercommunal services. The instrument is not entirely new, but is a development of the older 'intercommunal archaeological services'. At this moment 16 intercommunal immovable heritage services are active: www.onroerenderfgoed.be/assets/files/content/downloads/erkende_IOED_17-0...

(-) The Flemish immovable heritage decree defines 'immovable heritage depositories' as controllable storage and research facilities where archaeological ensembles, archaeological artifacts or parts of listed heritage from all over Flanders can be stored and conserved. Apart from the Flanders Heritage Agency, 10 regional or local depositories are officially recognized.

Archaeological Heritage

(-) Link to the database of officially recognized archaeologists: http://erkenningen.onroerenderfgoed.be/

1.2.A Professional membership organisations or professional research institutes (not indicated under 1.1) whose activities are..

Name of organisation: Centre for Religious Art and Culture (CRKC vzw)			
Address:	Abdij van Park 7		
Post code:	3001		
City:	Heverlee		
Website:	www.crkc.be		
Organisation type:	NGO		
Other (please specify):	Subsidized partner organisation		
	Heritage depository		
	Research institute		
	Recognized Center of Expertise		

Name of organisation:

Monument Watch Flanders (Monumentenwacht Vlaanderen vzw)

Address:	Oude Beurs 27
Post code:	2000
City:	Antwerpen
Website:	www.monumentenwacht.be
E-mail:	info@monumentenwacht.be
Membership type:	Voluntary
Organisation type:	NGO

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Order of Architects

Address:	Koningsstraat 144
Post code:	1000
City:	Brussels
Website:	www.ordevanarchitecten.be/
E-mail:	vlaamse.raad@ordevanarchitecten.be
Membership type:	Compulsory
Other (please specify):	Umbrella organisation
Type of activity of members:	Architectural conservation
	Building/Construction industry
	Heritage management
Approximate number of members:	14 000

Name of organisation: Flemish Construction Confederation (VCB)

Address:	Lombardstraat 34-42
Post code:	1000
City:	Brussels
Website:	www.vcb.be/
E-mail:	info@vcb.be
Membership type:	Voluntary

Name of organisation:

Flemish federation of the SMEs of the construction (Bouwunie)

Address:	Maria-Theresialaan 35
Post code:	1800
City:	Vilvoorde
Website:	www.bouwunie.be
E-mail:	info@bouwunie.be
Membership type:	Voluntary
Organisation type:	NGO
Other (please specify):	Umbrella Organisation
Type of activity of members:	Architectural conservation
	Building/Construction industry
Approximate number of members:	8 000

Name of organisation: Flemish Association of Archaeologists (VONA)		
Address:	Laagstraat 12	
Post code:	9140	
City:	Temse	
Website:	www.vona.be	
E-mail:	info@vona.be	
Membership type:	Voluntary	

Name of organisation: Center for Flemish Architect	ural Archives (CVAa)
Country:	Belgium-Flanders
Website:	www.cvaa.be
Type of activity of members:	Research institute
Other (please specify):	Recognized Center of Expertise

Name of organisation:

Center of Expertise for Technical

Scientific and Industrial Heritage (ETWIE)

Country: Belgium-Flanders

Website: www.etwie.be

Other (please specify): Recognized Center of Expertise

Name of organisation:

Center of Agrarian History (CAG)

Website: www.hetvirtueleland.be/

Other (please specify): Recognized Center of Expertise

Name of organisation:

Antwerp Zoo (KMDA)

Website:

www.zooantwerpen.be

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Website:	www.kikirpa.be
Name of organisation: Association of art restoration	on and conservation professionals (BRK/APROA)
Website:	www.brk-aproa.org/
Organisation type:	NGO
Type of activity of members:	Conservation (objects/artworks)
Approximate number of members:	150
Name of organisation: International Council of Mu	seums (ICOM) - Flanders
Website:	www.icom-vlaanderen.be/
Type of activity of members:	Museums
Name of organisation: Gorduna	
Gorduna	http://www.gorduna.be/
-	http://www.gorduna.be/ NGO

1.2 Commentary

Commentary (click to collaps)

Integrated Approach

(-) Different Flemish ministeries are responsible for heritage sites. The Flanders Nature and Forests Agency manages 243 resorts and estates, the Culture Department is responsible for a few museums housed in/on heritage locations, the botanic garden in Meise (listed heritage) is run by a seperate government agency ...

(-) The Flemish immovable heritage sector closely interacts with the moveable and intangible heritage field. Although on a 'ministerial' level the competences are strictly seperated, this is not necessarily the case on the field. Many institutions (museums, centers of expertise ...) officially recognized by the department of Culture, Youth, Sport and Media (the Flemish 'ministery of culture') also concern immovable heritage. Some of them are mentioned above. Moreover, many museums are housed in listed monuments and also have immovable heritage management responsabilities.

(-) The Flemish immovable heritage sector also interacts with the nature field, adding a cultural landscape dimension to the 'green' policy. The Flemish Nature and Forests Agency manages natural estates, some of whom contain listed immovable heritage or overlap with listed areas. The Flemish government also recognizes 'regional landscapes', where a broad range of activities are developed by public and private parters, and which also have a very strong cultural landscape focus.

1.4.A Legislation that regulates the heritage-related activities of voluntary organisations / NGOs

Yes

1.4.B Main heritage-related voluntary organisations/ NGOs

Name of organisation: Natuurpunt vzw	
Address:	Coxiestraat 11
Post code:	2800
City:	Mechelen
Website:	www.natuurpunt.be
Organisation type:	NGO
Approximate number of members:	95 000
Name of organisation: Flemish Mill Platform (Moler	nforum Vlaanderen)
Website:	http://mfv.molenforumvlaanderen.be/
Name of organisation: Industrial Heritage in Fland	ers (VVIA)
Website:	www.industrieelerfgoed.be/
Name of organisation: National Orchard Foundatio	n (Nationale Boomgaardenstichting)
Country:	Belgium-Flanders
Website:	www.boomgaardenstichting.be
Organisation type:	NGO

Name of organisation:	
Epitaaf (Association for F	Funeral Heritage)
Website:	www.epitaaf.org
Type of activity of	Architectural conservation
members:	

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	Conservation (objects/artworks)
	Heritage management
	Museums
	Research institute

Name of organisation:

Flemish Association for Natural and Urban Beauty (KVNS)

Website: http://www.kvns.be/kvns-in-english/

Name of organisation:

Simon Stevin Flemish Fortress Center (VVC)

Country: Belgium-Flanders

Website: www.simonstevin.org/home.html

Name of organisation:

Open Tuinen van België

Website:

www.open-tuinen.be/nl

Website:	www.levendemolens.be/
Name of organisation: Molenzorg Vlaanderen vz	
Website:	www.molenechos.org/molenzorg/index.php
Name of organisation: Het orgel in Vlaanderen	
Website:	www.orgelinvlaanderen.be/
Name of organisation: Forum Vlaamse Archeolo	
Website:	www.f-v-a.be/
Name of organisation: Open Churches (Open Ke	
Website:	http://openkerken.be/

Commentary (click to collaps)

Integrated Approach

(-) The above list of heritage-related voluntary organisations/NGO's is a non-limitative overview of organizations that operate on a 'Flemish' level. Their range of activities vary from lobbying, awareness-rising, research, voluntary work, site management ... Sometimes different organizations have a comparable focus (eg. mill organizations). Sometimes a Flemish thematic organization serves as en umbrella for different smaller organizations;

(-) Apart from the 'Flemish' organizations, many more organizations operate on a regional or local level, for instance managing a specific heritage site. The Flanders heritage agency can officially recognize 'open heritage' organizations, with a focus on site management and public relations.

1.5.A Formal heritage collaboration networks

Yes Integrated approach Archaeological Heritage Architectural Heritage Landscape Heritage

1.5.B Partners in these networks.

Approach			
Integrated approach			
Government			
Government Agency			
Local Authorities			
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1	.5	Commentary	
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Commentary

Integrated Approach

All the actors mentioned in the chapter interact in different projects and activities: restoration, awareness-rising ... Heritage often is an ingredient of big infrastructural of spatial projects ...

1.6.A Training bodies

Name of organisatio Raymond Lemaire Inte	on: ernational Centre for Conservation (RLICC)	
Website:	http://sprecomah.eu/rlicc/	
Responsibility:	Integrated approach	
	Archaeological Heritage	
	Architectural Heritage	
	Landscape Heritage	
Main role:	Providing training	

Name of organisation:

Name of organisation: Eucora vzw	
Website:	www.eucora.be/
Responsibility:	Architectural Heritage
Main role:	Providing training
Name of organisation: Vrije Universiteit Brussel	
Name of organisation: Department of Art	
Music and THeatre Sciences	
Ghent University	
Website:	www.ugent.be/lw/kunstwetenschappen/en
Name of organisation: Department of Archaeology	
Leuven University	
Leaven oniversity	www.arts.kuleuven.be/archaeology/archaeology

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1.6 Commentary

Commentary (click to collaps)

Integrated Approach

(-) In Flanders the major universities cover heritage education and research in specialized history, history of arts and archeology departments;

(-) 2 institutions offer a formal body of heritage management, conservation and restoration courses: RLICC (linked to the architecture department of Leuven University) and the master monuments and landscape architecture at Antwerp University;

(-) Eucora offers trainings for aspirant craftsmen;

(-) many of the above mentioned organizations offer thematic training on an occasional or permanent basis.

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Country: Belgium-Flanders **Summary:** INVENTORIES

The Flanders Heritage Agency manages 5 different sorts of heritage inventories:

- (1) the inventory of the built heritage;
- (2) the atlas of cultural landscapes;
- (3) the inventory of archaeological zones;
- (4) the inventory of heritage trees and shrubs;
- (5) the inventory of historical parks and gardens.

All these inventories are integrated in the online inventory of the immovable heritage: https://inventaris.onroerenderfgoed.be/.

Heritage items are included in these inventories on the basis of the following criteria (the last 2 being specific criteria for archaeological heritage):

(-) rarity;

- (-) identifiability;
- (-) representativity;
- (-) value of the ensemble;
- (-) value of the context;
- (-) archaeological value;
- (-) probability of on-site conservation.

The heritage minister can formally establish these inventories or parts of them. These decisions are regularly updated. The general legal effects of a formal

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(-) local authorities have to give the good example when handling inventory items and they have to motivate their actions;

(-) when inventory items are object of real estate transactions their status has to be formally mentioned.

Each type of inventory also has specific legal effects:

(-) Legal effects for items in the officially established inventory of the built heritage are closely linked to the system of building permits: (1) (positive) exceptions on the general building energy norms, (2) (positive) exceptions on the norms for social housing, (3) demolition permits handled by local authorities have to be strongly motivated;

(-) Legal effect for items in the officially established inventory of archaelogical heritage are closely linked to the system of building permits: (1) general obligation of archaeological survey and delivery of an archaeological report by an officially recognized archaeologist, (2) depending on the findings of the report: full-scale excavation;

(-) Legal effect for items in the offically established inventory of heritage trees and shrubs: permits handled by local authorities have to be strongly motivated.

LISTING

The new decree distinguishes four listing statutes: (1) protected monuments, (2) protected cultural landscapes, (3) protected town- or village-scapes, (4) protected archaeological sites.

The protected area can include a transition zone. Any heritage of any ownership type can be listed. Listing campaigns are usually linked with the process of inventorising. An overwiew of the listed heritage can be consulted via the online inventory https://inventaris.onroerenderfgoed.be

Heritage is listed by ministerial decree, which includes a thorough motivation, a description of the heritage elements, characteristics and included movable properties and mentioning of the different legal effects. The listing procedure initiates with a period of temporary protection, during which all the parties concerned (owners, local governments, ...) and the necessary advisory bodies are consulted or are given the possibility to comment on the hanging decision. The temporary protection period has a maximum duration of 9 months, within which the minister has to decide make the listing permanent. The public consultation data can influence his decision. Once permanent, a listing decision can only be revised by starting a specific procedure.

The general legal effect of listing is that heritage owners and users have to undertake passive and active conservation. Passive conservation stands for the general obligation to keep the location in good shape and the prohibition to mutilate, damage or destroy it or to any act negatively affecting its value. Active conservation stands for all the measures to be taken in order to keep the location in good shape: regular maintenance, occasional restoration, protection ...

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Listing means a permit is necessary for any action concerning heritage locations: some permits are handled directly by the Flanders heritage agency or officially delegated local authorities, other are integrated in the system of building permits etc. The complete demolition of listed heritage is absolutely forbidden. When listed items are object of real estate transactions their status has to be formally mentioned.

IMMOVABLE HERITAGE DEPOSITORIES

The Flemish immovable heritage decree defines 'immovable heritage depositories' as controllable storage and research facilities where archaeological ensembles, archaeological artifacts or parts of listed heritage from all over Flanders can be stored and conserved. Apart from the Flanders Heritage Agency other instances can be officially recognized as Immovable heritage depository and they are supposed to enter into a network. Qualification criteria are: (1) being a permanent, official organization located in Flanders, (2) offering the necessary infrastructure and means to receive and safeguard heritage items on a permanent or temporary base, (3) offering content and eye for public relations, (4) active networking and active participation in national, regional and local depository policies, (5) offering long term service guarantees.

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2.1.A Description of the inve	entory
Teventondo nomo	Thursdam, of the built beritage (Inventorie you bet be unlyindig orfered)
Inventory's name:	Inventory of the built heritage (Inventaris van het bouwkundig erfgoed)
Year:	2 015
Total number of iten	ns 99 868
/ inventory objects:	
Is inventory closed of	or Open
open ?:	

1.A Description of the inve	entory		
Inventory's name:	Atlas of the cultur	al landscapes (Landschap	satlas)
Area (KM2):	2 996		
Year:	2 015		
Total number of iten	15 381		
/ inventory objects: Is inventory closed o open ?:	or Closed		
1.B Extent of coverage			
Approach (click to collaps)			
Archaeological Heritage Architectural Heritage			
Buildings still largely	complete and/or hab	itable	
Groups of buildings st	ill largely complete a	and/or habitable	
Maritime and waterwa	ays heritage (that te	nd not to be associated w	ith archeological heritage)

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nd all		
2.1.A Description of the inv	entory	
Inventory's name: Inventory of heritage	trees and shrubs (Inventaris van houtige beplantingen met erfgoedwaarde)	
Area (KM2):	3	
Year:	2 015	
Total number of iter / inventory objects:		
Is inventory closed open ?:	or Open	
2.1.B Extent of coverage		
Approach (click to collaps)		
Archaeological Heritage		
Architectural Heritage		
Landscape Heritage		
2.1.C Legal status		
Does it have 'procedural'	Yes	
implications?:		

	inventory	
Inventory's name Inventory of histori	e: ical parks and gardens (Inventaris van historische parken en tuinen)	
Area (KM2):	23	
Year:	2 015	
Total number of i / inventory objec Is inventory close open ?:	cts:	
2.1.B Extent of coverage	9	
Approach (click to collap)5)	
Archaeological Heritage		
Architectural Heritage		
Buildings still larg	gely complete and/or habitable	
	gs still largely complete and/or habitable	
Groups of building		

2.1.A Description of the inve	ntory
Inventory's name:	Inventory of Archaeological Zones
Area (KM2):	69
Year:	2 015
Total number of item / inventory objects: Is inventory closed o open ?:	
2.1.B Extent of coverage	
Approach (click to collaps)	
Archaeological Heritage	
Areas with arhaeologi	cal heritage in situ
Architectural Heritage	
Landscape Heritage	
2.1.C Legal status	
Is this inventory required by law?:	Yes

2.1.A Description of the inve	ntory
Inventory's name:	Central Archaeological Inventory (Centrale Archeologische Inventaris)
Year:	2 015
Total number of item / inventory objects: Is inventory closed o open ?:	IS 37 249
2.1.B Extent of coverage	
Approach (click to collaps)	
Archaeological Heritage	
Architectural Heritage	
Landscape Heritage	
2.1.G Finance	
What type of financi does it receive?:	ngStructural
What type of funding is used?:	Public

1 A Description of the invo	nton		
.1.A Description of the inve	псогу		
Inventory's name:	Beschermingsdatabank		
Year:	2 013		
Total number of item / inventory objects: Is inventory closed o open ?:			
.1.B Extent of coverage			
Approach (click to collaps) Archaeological Heritage			
Protected archaeologi	cal sites		15
Architectural Heritage			
Protected town- and v	villagescapes	1	. 521
Protected monuments		1	.1 117
Landscape Heritage			

21 A Description of the invent		
2.1.A Description of the invent	lory	
Inventory's name:	Inventory of nautical heritage	
Year:	2 015	
Total number of items / inventory objects: Is inventory closed or open ?:		
2.1.B Extent of coverage		
Approach (click to collaps)		
Archaeological Heritage		
Nautical heritage (schip	os)	
Architectural Heritage		
Landscape Heritage		
2.1.C Legal status		
Is this inventory required by law?:	Yes	
Does it have	Yes	

Expa	nd all	
	2.1.A Description of the inv	entory
	Inventory's name:	Inventory of the Immovable Heritage
	2.1.B Extent of coverage	
	Approach (click to collaps)	
	Archaeological Heritage	
	Architectural Heritage	
	Landscape Heritage	
	2.1.D Maintenance	
	Organisation responsible for the maintenance of this inventory: Flanders Heritage Age	ncy (Agentschap Onroerend Erfgoed)
	2.1.E Content	
	What type of	Scientific
	inventory is it?:	Topographic

2.1 Commentary

Commentary (click to collaps)

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(-) The inventory of Immovale heritage also includes the inventory of nautical heritage, which is the basic instrument for the Flemish nautical heritage policy (listing, ...) and includes all the 'floating' heritage from the late 19th century until the 1970's.

Architectural Heritage

(-) The Central Archaeological Inventory is an inventory of the locations of archaeological finds (so concerning archaeological heritage that is already excavated). It is of indirect importance for site management.

2.2.A Legal regulations for the creation and/or maintenance of storage areas for the documentation of the heritage.

Yes

Approach (click to collaps)

Integrated Approach

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2.2.B Archaeological finds and documentation kept together

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Yes

2.2.D Organisation(s) which have responsibility for storage of documentation or archaeological finds

Agentschap Kunsten en Erfgoed Agentschap Onroerend Erfgoed Recognised Immovable Heritage Depositories

2.2.E Research and/or documentation centre(s) for heritage that are not part of government or university systems

Yes

Approach (click to collaps)

Integrated Approach

Center for Agricultural History (CAG) Center for Flemish Architectural Archives (CVAa) Centre for Religious Art and Culture (CRKC vzw) ETWIE Flemish Mill Platform (Molenforum Vlaanderen) KADOC Levende Molens Molenzorg Vlaanderen vzw Sint-Lucasarchief

2.2 Commentary

Commentary (click to collaps)

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Integrated Approach

NOTE ON PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS WITH A RESEARCH AND DOCUMENTATION FOCUS

Research and documentation is carried out by the governmental agencies, public bodies, universities and a wide array of private organisations. Research carried out by private organisations is very often paid service (by order or via subventions).

Different private umbrella and network organisations carry out research and documentation functions, often with a thematic focus and often bridging immovable and cultural heritage aspects, which at Flemish government level are treated as separate competences.

The above list is not restrictive. Heritage organizations Herita (www.herita.be) and Faro (www.faronet.be) perform an important role as 'umbrella organization of heritage umbrella organizations'. The website www.erfgoedkaart.be provides an interesting overview of heritage organizations at different levels.

Some umbrella organizations, like the Centre for Religious Art and Culture (Centrum voor Religieuze Kunst en Cultuur- CRKC) are financially supported by the Flemish government. Some of them, like the Center of Expertise for Technical, Scientific and Industrial Heritage (Expertisecentrum voor Technisch, Wetenschappelijk en Industrieel Erfgoed – ETWIE) are officially recognized by the Flemish Government.

Archaeological Heritage

Immovable heritage depositories are supposed to receive and keep archaeological artifacts as well as archaeological ensembles (meaning the artifacts and the research data associated to them).

2.	3 Syste	ems of protection	
		Expand all	
		2.3.A Heritage legislation/ protection systems:	

2.3.A Heritage legislation/ p	
Category's name / Name of level: Number of items:	Townscape or villagescape
Year:	2015
Items:	1571
CoE Conventions to which it r	relates
- Visible remains	
- Buried remains	
Granada Convention or	n Architectural Heritage:
- Monuments (building	is / structures)
- Groups of buildings	
- Sites (cultural landsc	apes)
2.3.B Inventory(ies) in which	n this category/protection scheme is recorded.
Inventory of the Immo	ovable Heritage

2.3.A Heritage legislation/ p	protection systems.
Category's name / Name of level: Number of items:	Cultural landscape
Year:	2015
Items:	685
CoE Conventions to which it	relates
- Visible remains	
- Buried remains	
Granada Convention of	n Architectural Heritage:
- Monuments (building	js / structures)
- Groups of buildings	
- Sites (cultural landsc	apes)
Convention on Landsca	ape Heritage:
2.3.B Inventory(ies) in which	n this category/protection scheme is recorded.
Inventory of the Immo	ovable Heritage

2.3.A Heritage legislation/ pi	rotection systems:
Category's name / Name of level: Number of items:	Archaelogical site
Year:	2013
Items:	26
CoE Conventions to which it r	relates
Valletta Convention on	Archaelogical heritage:
- Visible remains	
- Buried remains	
2.3.B Inventory(ies) in which	n this category/protection scheme is recorded.
Inventory of the Immo	vable Heritage
2.3.C Organisation(s) respor	nsible for this category / protection scheme
Flanders Heritage Ager	ncy (Agentschap Onroerend Erfgoed)

2.3.A Heritage legislation/ p	protection systems:
Category's name / Name of level: Number of items:	Nautical heritage
Year:	2015
Items:	28
2.3.C Organisation(s) respo	nsible for this category / protection scheme
Flanders Heritage Age	ncy (Agentschap Onroerend Erfgoed)

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2.3	Commentary		
2.4	.A Mandatory reporting	g to the competent authorities, by the finder of the cl	nance discovery of heritage elements
	Competent authori	ities:	
	Organisation	Agentschap Onroerend Erfgoed	Archaeological heritage
2.4	Commentary		
	Commentary (click to co	ollaps)	
	Integrated Approach		
	Within 3 days after	n the new general immovable heritage decree, de r the find, finders have to consult the Flanders He out a field evaluation.	claration of chance discoveries is mandatory. eritage Agency. ithin 10 days after the declaration
2.5	.A Specific legal respor	nsibility concerning illicit circulation of elements of he	ritage
	Yes		
2.5	.B Illicit trade of herita	ge governed by a specific law	

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Yes

2.5.C Police unit dedicated to the illicit antiquities trade

Yes

2.5.D State action to identify material suspected of coming from illicit excavations or unlawfully from official excavations in

2.5.D State action to identify material suspected of coming from illicit excavations or unlawfully from official excavations in other States party to the Valletta convention

2.5.E Parties involved in the following activities for identifying illicit archaeological excavations (including the illegal use

2.5.E Parties involved in the following activities for identifying illicit archaeological excavations (including the illegal use of metal detectors, treasure hunting)

2.5 Commentary

Commentary

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On 31 March 2009 Belgium has adopted the UNESCO-convention on the means of prohibiting and preventing illicit import, export and transfer of ownership of cultural property (the 'UNESCO 1970 Convention'). In the same year a platform was created, bringing together all the relevant actors of the different government levels concerned, such as the Flanders heritage agency and the Flemish department of culture. The platform is preparing the implementation of the convention. Source URL: http://www.herein-system.eu/knowledge-and-protection-belgium-flanders?field_country1_1_tid=125

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Country: Belgium-Flanders **Summary:** MANAGEMENT

Owners and users of listed heritage are responsible for the passive and active conservation of their properties and can be sued if they neglect these tasks. Passive conservation stands for the general obligation to keep the location in good shape and the prohibition to mutilate, damage or destroy it or to any act negatively affecting its value. Active conservation stands for all the measures to be taken in order to keep the location in good shape: regular maintenance, occasional restoration, protection against theft, fire, ...

The Flemish government doesn't pro-actively monitor the conservational status of the Flemish heritage. The monitoring has to be carried out by the owners and users themselves, but they can seek assistance from heritage professionals or service organizations like Monument Watch Flanders.

When action is necessary, the owner has to start an application procedure in order to receive the (written) permit required for any listed heritage location (privately or government owned). Only temporary measures in response to emergencies can be carried out without a permit. Permits are granted on the basis of a more or less detailed application file or within the framework of larger building application procedures. Applications are handled by the Flanders heritage agency or officially delegated local authorities. Refusals can be revoked by the heritage minister in response to a formal appeal.

To pro-actively frame the conservation, improvement and restoration initiatives to be undertaken in a period of 20 years, heritage managers can draw up a heritage management plan, to be officially certified by the Flanders Heritage Agency.

Heritage management operations can be carried out by the owners themselves, but in some cases the involvement of certified professionals is required. A certificate is systematically required for archaeological research and metal detection, for architects and for building contractors. The certification of archaeologists, metal detection specialists and specific heritage entrepreneurs is handled by the Flanders Heritage Agency. More general specialists like architects and building contractors are certified following the specific procedures for their profession.

Private and public owners wishing to do so, can apply for financial support for the carrying out of certain heritage management tasks. The Flemish government grants financial support within the limits of the budget. In many cases a heritage management plan is required in order to receive funding.

INTEGRATION IN PLANNING POLICY

The new decree includes 2 instruments specifically designed to fit heritage management in planning policies:

(-) the Flemish government (inter-ministerial level) can decide to draw and officially recognize immovable heritage orientation plans for designated geographical areas or specific themes (e.g. heritage & social housing), in order to derive custom solutions for heritage management in the areas or cases concerned. Immovable heritage orientation plans can be revised. Immovable heritage orientation plans can be revised plan of action.

(-) Spatial planning authorities can decide to delimit heritage landscapes with specific planning regulations for the heritage aspects concerned.

The following heritage statutes have an impact on planning decisions and permits:

(-) For items in the officially established inventory of the built heritage: (1) (positive) exceptions on the general building energy norms, (2) (positive) exceptions on the norms for social housing, (3) demolition permits handled by local authorities have to be strongly motivated;

(-) For items in the officially established inventory of archaeological heritage: (1) general obligation of archaeological survey and delivery of an archaeological report by an officially recognized archaeologist, (2) depending on the findings of the report: full-scale excavation;

(-) For items in the offically established inventory of heritage trees and shrubs: permits handled by local authorities have to be strongly motivated;

(-) For listed items: compulsory consultation of the Flanders heritage agency or officially delegated local authorities. The complete demolition of listed heritage is absolutely forbidden. The instance handling the permit can choose to deviate from the heritage point of view, but this has to be strongly motivated.

Heritage has to be taken in consideration when environmental impact assessments are required. Specific directives have been issued in 2006 and are currently being updated.

Expand all

31A Balanced strategies for the protection, conservation and enhancement of heritage sites included in general planning policies

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Y	es	
	Approach (click to collaps)	
	Integrated Approach	
	Flemish government	
3.1.B	3 Specific regulations required in order to reconcile and combine the resp	pective needs of heritage and development plans.
Y	es	
	Approach (click to collaps)	
	Integrated Approach	
	Flemish government	
3.1.C	CKnown heritage sites ignored by the planning process	
N	lo	
31D	How categories are integrated into planning policy. Regulations for the c	ifferent activities. Who provides regulatory advice
	Monument	
	Changes in ground level	Non-biding advice
	Changes in appearance	Non-biding advice

Changes in ground level	Non-biding advice	
Changes in appearance	Non-biding advice	
Demolition	Non-biding advice	
New constructions	Non-biding advice	
Changes in volume	Non-biding advice	
andscape		
andscape Changes in ground level	Non-biding advice	
Changes in appearance	Non-biding advice	
Changes in appearance Changes in volume New constructions	Non-biding advice	
Changes in volume	Non-biding advice Non-biding advice	
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3.1.E Is information available on the number of heritage sites (all types of heritage) destroyed or severely damaged (without ...

3.1.E Information available on the number of heritage sites (all types of heritage) destroyed or severely damaged (without the permission of the authorities) due to development projects.

Approximate number of sites destroyed or severly damaged in the year

3.1.F Is information available on the number of heritage sites destroyed or severely damaged due to any of the activities listed

3.1.F Information available on the number of heritage sites destroyed or severely damaged due to the activities listed below, which are outside the spatial planning system but can impact on heritage sites (e.g. agriculture, natural erosion)

Please give the approximate number of sites affected per year and specify if other activities affect heritage in your context

3.1 Commentary

Commentary (click to collaps)

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On January 1st 2015 a new general immovable heritage decree, bundling and updating all the legislation concerning the built heritage, landscapes and archaeology, has entered into force.

The new decree includes 2 instruments specifically designed to fit in planning policies:

(1) The Flemish government (inter-ministerial level) can decide to draw and officially recognize immovable heritage orientation plans for designated geographical areas or specific themes (e.g. heritage & social housing), in order to derive custom solutions for heritage management in the areas or cases concerned. Immovable heritage orientation plans can be revised. Immovable heritage orientation plans can be translated into an immovable heritage plan of action.

(2) (Spatial) planning authorities can decide to delimit heritage landscapes with specific planning regulations for the heritage aspects concerned.

The following heritage statutes have an impact on planning decisions and permits:

(1) For items in the officially established inventory of the built heritage: (-) (positive) exceptions on the general building energy norms, (-) (positive) exceptions on the norms for social housing, (-) demolition permits handled by local authorities have to be strongly motivated;

(2) For items in the officially established inventory of archaeological heritage: (-) general obligation of archaeological survey and delivery of an archaeological report by an officially recognized archaeologist, (-) depending on the findings of the report: full-scale excavation;

(3) For listed items: compulsory consultation of the Flanders heritage agency or officially delegated local authorities. The complete demolition of listed heritage is absolutely forbidden. The instance handling the deicision or permit can choose to ignore the heritage point of view, but this has to be strongly motivated.

3.2.A For each category/level of heritage listed in 2.3, please indicate which party (state, owner or other) carries out conserv

ategory and level: Monu	ment	
nservation (click to collaps)		
egular maintenance		
Who does conservation?	Regulation	Who oversees this conservation work?
	Permit	Heritage professional

Category and level:

Townscape/villagescape

Conservation (click to collaps)

Regular maintenance

Who does conservation?	Regulation	Who oversees this conservation work?
Owner	Permit	Heritage professional

Can public authorities can carry out conservation on this category if the owner fails to do so?:	Yes
Who pays?:	Owner

Restoration

Who does conservation?	Regulation	Who oversees this conservation work?
Owner	Permit	Heritage professional

Can public authorities can carry out conservation on this category if the owner fails to do so?:	Yes
Who pays?:	Owner

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3.2.B Can owners or the regulatory body contract the conservation to other organisations?

3.2.B Owners or the regulatory body contracting the conservation to other organisations:

Yes

Are there general regulations for selecting contractors?:

Yes

Is there an official selection procedure for contractors?:

Yes

Do contractors require specific authorisation or accreditation to qualify?:

Yes

3.2.F What criteria are used to establish the priority for publicly funded works to the heritage?

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Integrated approach
Urgency:
2
Budget:
1
Governmental decision:
2
Other criteria:
Criteria:
Type of project
Priority:
2
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3.2.G Do permits or licences for archaeological work include specific conditions that include requirements to carry out non- des

3.2.G Do permits or licences for archaeological work include specific conditions that include requirements to

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carry out non- destructive methods of investigation, such as those listed below, as part of the project? :

Yes

Preventative archaeology

32G Preventative archaeology:

Preventative archaeology: Field walking Aerial photography Photogrammetry and other detailed metric survey techniques Geophysical survey

Non-preventative archaeology

32G Non-preventative archaeology:

Non-preventative archaeology: Field walking Aerial photography Photogrammetry and other detailed metric survey techniques Geophysical survey

3.2.H Do permits or licences for excavation include specific requirements for the preservation, conservation and management of a

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32H options:

Preventiv / rescue excavation: Preservation Conservation Management

3.2.J Are there procedures in place for the conservation and maintenance of the archaeological heritage in situ?

Are there procedures in place for the conservation and maintenance of the archaeological heritage in situ?: Yes

Please specify when these procedures are applicable:

3.2 Commentary

Commentary:

Commentary (click to collaps)

Integrated Approach

For public funding, priority is given to projects:

(-) in application of certified heritage management plans or heritage management agreements;

(-) with a physical urgency;

(-) concerning the primary residence of the applicant;

(-) co-financed by the European Union or other government agencies;

(-) heritage management part of larger developments and not exceeding 1/3 of the total project cost.

Apart from individual applications, the Flemish government supports a limited nominatim list of major heritage development projects (eg. the big cathedrals, mining sites, ...).

Archaeological Heritage

The Flemish legislation stimulates the in situ conservation of archaeological heritage. The Flanders government agency tries to monitor the probability of archaeological presence in the field, by drawing inventories (the Central Archaeological Inventory, which maps archaeological finds, and the inventory of archaeological zones, which maps archeological presence) and indicating 'archeology-free' areas. In case an archeologically valuable area is to be developed, the developer has to run through a process of archaeological follow-up and research. If possible, digging-up the heritage is avoided. Coincidental finds have to be reported and finds have to be properly stored.

3.3.A Is maintenance guided by a specific policy?

3.3.A Is maintenance guided by a specific policy?:

Yes

Approach:

Integrated approach Archaeological heritage Architectural Heritage Landscape heritage

3.3.B Is there a monitoring system in place?

Is there a monitoring system in place?:

Yes

Approach:

Integrated approach Archaeological heritage Architectural Heritage Landscape heritage 3.3.C Who is responsible for the maintenance of the heritage (both the categories/levels previously listed in Theme 2.3 and unprotected heritage) and is this enforceable?

Heritage categories:

Heritage category	Who is responsible?	Enforceable?
Unprotected heritage	Owner	Νο
Unprotected heritage	Owner	
monuments	Owner	Yes
town and villagescapes	Owner	Yes
Landscapes	Owner	Yes
archaeological sites	Owner	Yes

3.3.D If maintenance is the responsibility of owners, but they fail to do it, are there measures in place for public authorities to intervene, ultimately involving compulsory purchase or expropriation?

If maintenance is the responsibility of owners, but they fail to do it, are there measures in place for public authorities to intervene, ultimately involving compulsory purchase or expropriation?:

Yes

Please estimate this budget::

3.3 Commentary

Commentary:

Commentary (click to collaps)

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On January 1st 2015 a new general immovable heritage decree, bundling and updating all the legislation concerning the built heritage, landscapes and archaeology, has entered into force.

In application of the new decree, the offender is always financially responsible for the restoration of the damage caused by neglect or conscious actions. The necessary measures can be enforced by law courts or the governmental heritage inspection agency. In extreme cases the government can act on behalf of the offender, afterwards presenting him the restoration bill.

3.4.A Are there specific policies on use and re-use of heritage?

Are there specific policies on use and re-use of heritage?:

Yes

Approach:

Architectural Heritage

3.4.B Is there a policy covering the development of 'Management Plans'

Is there a policy covering the development of Management Plans?:

Yes

Approach:

Integrated approach Archaeological heritage Architectural Heritage Landscape heritage

3.4.C Are there specific regulations which cover consolidation and reconstruction?

Are there specific regulations which cover consolidation and reconstruction?:

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Yes

Approach:

Integrated approach Archaeological heritage Architectural Heritage Landscape heritage

3.4.D Is there a specific policy on insertion of contemporary creative works?

Is there a specific policy on insertion of contemporary creative works?: No

3.5.A Is responsibility for post-disaster55 action to sustain/maintain heritage (both the categories listed in theme 2.3 and unprotected heritage) allocated to anyone?

If yes, who is responsible and is this enforceable?:

3.6.A ls there a transversal policy on sustainable development?

Is there a transversal policy on sustainable development?:

Yes

3.6.B Is heritage a specific theme or actor within the policy, or is heritage indirectly connected to sustainable development?

Is heritage a specific theme or actor within the policy, or is heritage indirectly connected to sustainable development?:

Yes

3.6. C Is sustainable development a policy responsibility within the governmental organisation(s) responsible for heritage?

Is sustainable development a policy responsibility within the governmental organisation(s) responsible for heritage?:

Yes

3.6.D Is the legislation for the protection of the natural environment separate from that for heritage protection?

Is the legislation for the protection of the natural environment separate from that for heritage protection?: Yes

3.6.E Are there regulations that require Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) and/or Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEAs) to be carried out?

Are there regulations that require Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) and/or Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEAs) to be carried out?: Yes If yes, which aspects of heritage?: Integrated approach Archaeological heritage Architectural Heritage Landscape heritage

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Country: Belgium-Flanders

Summary:

The new immovable decree includes a system of grants and subventions to stimulate good heritage management and offer financial support/compensation to heritage owners.

(1) Grants

The general goal of grants is to support the owners and users of specific heritage locations in specific conservation or revalorization activities concerning their property .

All applications are handled by the Flanders heritage agency. The agency attributes the smaller grants, bigger grants are attributed by ministerial decree.

There are 2 kinds of grants: research grants and heritage grants.

Research grants are attributed by the Flanders Heritage Agency for the draught of heritage management plans, or maintenance and restoration research up to 25.000 Euro.

Heritage grants are attributed following 2 procedures:

(-) The standard procedure: for basic or periodical maintenance projects amounting up to 25.000 Euro; the grant is attributed by the Flanders heritage agency after a 'quick' procedure;

(-) The special procedure: for more complex restoration works amounting 25.000 Euro and more; the grant requires a more elaborated an thoroughly motivated restoration file; the grant is attributed by the heritage minister.

The amount of the grants differs according to the kind of heritage, the kind of owner or the kind of activity:

(-) The basic fee amounts to 40% of the maintenance or restoration costs;

(-) For 'heritage without economic purpose' (eg. historic street furniture ...), school and university buildings it amounts to 60%;

(-) For heritage with a religious purpose, publicly owned heritage, 'open heritage' (heritage managed as a visitor attraction) and heritage management research it amouts to 80%.

For all non-basic grants the owner has to provide and respect a heritage management plan for the site concerned.

In theory the number of applications is unlimited, but the number of actual grants is determined by the annual budget. Once an application file is approbated, it is parked on a waiting list until the grant can be attributed.

For a limited list of long term heritage development projects long term engagements are formalized, guaranteeing well defined annual grants with welldefined intervals for well-defined periods of time. This list is drawn by the Flemish government a can be updated.

(2) Subventions

The general goal of subventions is to support a broad range of partners for a broad range of activities:

(-) inter-communal heritage services and heritage depositories can receive subventions within the framework of cooperative agreements;

(-) heritage managers can receive subventions on the basis of heritage management agreements for specific heritage locations;

(-) a small range of subventions aims at supporting specific educational and PR-related projects and individual research activities.

(3) Fiscal incentives

The existing tax deduction is linked to the personal income tax and is limited to 30% of a maximum amount of 38.180 Euro. The system of tax deduction is undergoing a thorough update.

(4) Archaeology

Archaeological research (carried out in accordance with a building permit) is not financially supported. Owners are treated in accordance with the polluterpays principle.

Only in case of excessive research costs a special grant can be acquired.

The government can also participate financially in solidarity funds for archaeological research, created by cooperating owners and entrepreneurs.

Expand all

4.1.A Nature of public funding and/or tax benefits available for the categories of heritage protection listed in 2.3

Maintenance	Optional	Partial	2015	12 500.00 k€
Restoration	Optional	Partial	2015	55 500.00 k€
Research	Optional	Partial	2015	1 500.00 k€
s there a tax benefi /AT, inheritance or o : Details: ïgures above concern		n cover VAT. For ot	her tax incentiv	es, see below.
/AT, inheritance or o : Details:	other	n cover VAT. For ot	her tax incentiv	es, see below.
AT, inheritance or o : etails:	other	n cover VAT. For ot	her tax incentiv	es, see below.

4.1.C		
Public Development		
Private Development		

4.1 Commentary

Commentary (click to collaps)

Integrated Approach

On January 1st 2015 a new general immovable heritage decree, bundling and updating all the legislation concerning the built heritage, landscapes and archaeology, has entered into force.

The new decree includes a system of grants and subventions, and foresees the creation of a solidarity fund for archaeological research carried out in accordance with a building permit.

GRANTS

The general goal of grants is to support the owners and users of specific heritage locations in specific conservation or revalorization activities concerning their property. The amount of the grants differs according to the kind of heritage, the kind of owner or the kind of activity. The basic fee amounts to 40% of the maintenance or restoration costs, for 'heritage without economic purpose' (eg. historic street furniture ...), school and university buildings to 60%, for heritage with a religious purpose, publicly owned heritage, 'open heritage' (heritage managed as a visitor attraction) and heritage management research.

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The are different kinds of grants:

(1) standard grants a 'quick' procedure for basic or periodical maintenance works amounting up to 25.000 Euro, obtainable by 'quick procedure' and attributed by the Flanders heritage agency;

(2) special grants for more complex restoration works, requiring a more elaborated an thoroughly motivated restoration file. These grants are attributed by the heritage minister;

(3) research grants for the draught of heritage management plans or in orientational maintenance and restoration research up to 25.000 Euro, attributed by the Flanders heritage agency.

SUBVENTIONS

The general goal of subventions is to support a broad range of partners for a broad range of activities:

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- heritage managers can receive subventions on the basis of heritage management agreements for specific heritage locations;

- a small range of subvensions aims at supporting specific educational and PR-related projects and individual research activities.

4.2.A Direct aid (direct budgetary support) system

Yes

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Total budget:

Fixed tax relief	
	Approach
Day to day maintenance costs	Architectural Heritage Landscape heritage
Incentives applicable	ive the total expenditure:
Incentives applicable •. 2.C To whom do incentives apply? Please Individual beneficiary	ive the total expenditure:
2.2.C To whom do incentives apply? Please	ive the total expenditure:

4.3.B Jointly funded projects

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Yes

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Country: Belgium-Flanders **Summary:** SHOWCASING HERITAGE

Showcasing heritage locations is a very important aspect of the 'public relations' in the Flemish heritage sector:

(-) The new general immovable heritage decree defines a specific category of 'open heritage', which is heritage managed as a visitor attraction. Heritage sites recognized as 'open heritage' get the highest level of grants;

(-) Heritage sites can also be officially recongnized as museums;

(-) The Flemish government owns several heritage sites which are open to the public. Some (like the castles of Alden Biesen and Gaasbeek) are managed directly by governmental agencies, others are managed by the heritage organization Herita;

(-) Heritage is one of the major ingredients of Flanders as a tourist destination. The Flemish tourist board (Visit Flanders) invests heavily in heritage development projects, in cooperation with the Flanders heritage agency;

(-) Many heritage sites are owned and (culturally and touristically) exploited by regional (provincial) and local governments and by private organisations.

AWARENESS-RISING AND EDUCATION

Awereness-rising and education in the heritage field is mostly taken up by private organisations.

The major instrument for awareness-rising are open days, which are also important heritage events. The biggest heritage event (and also the most important cultural event) is Open Monumentendag Vlaanderen (Open Heritage Days Flanders). Many organisations organise open days within their focus, like the Open Kerkendagen (Open Churches Days), Vlaamse Molendag (Day of the Flemish Mills), de Dag van het Park (Day of the Park) ... Open days usually

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fit in a broader range of activities of governmental and non governmental organisations, like the Flemish Mill Platform.

Also very popular are network events, with lectures, discussions, ... on certain themes.

Heritage education in the sense of training heritage specialists are taken up by universities an educational organisations mentioned in chapter 1. Some heritage ngo's also organise 'educational' activities (courses, study visits ...): the Flemish Mill Platform organise courses for candidate millers, the Flemish Society for Industrial Archaeology (VVIA) organises introductory courses on Industrial archaeology ...

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5.1.A Specific measures to improve visitor access to heritage sites?

Yes If so, where can information be found for visitors' access to Publicly owned / Privately owned heritage sites?:

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Publicly owned/managed sites:

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Published guides	/docume http://www.onroerenderfgoed.be/assets/files/content/images/downloads /20160705_In http://www.kunstenenerfgoed.be/sites/default/files/uploads
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5.1.B Participation levels in European Heritage days

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Année la plus récente	Nombre de sites participants	Nombre de visiteurs
2015	590	400.000

5.1.C NGOs active in the field of public access

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Centre for Religious Art and Culture (CRKC vzw) Epitaaf (Association for Funeral Heritage) Herita vzw ICOM-Vlaanderen Industrial Heritage in Flanders (VVIA) Levende Molens Vlaamse Vereniging voor Industriële Archeologie (VVIA)

5.1 Commentary

5.1 Commentary:

Commentary (click to collaps)

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(-) The Flanders Heritage Agency has published different guidebooks for site managers, in order to stimulate and

improve public access: a general guidebook on public access, a guidebook on public access of 'war' heritage, and an 'inspiration guide for the touristic development of heritage sites' (published in close cooperation with Visit Flanders, the Flemish 'tourism ministry');

(-) Local authorities (provinces, cities) are often directly responsible for heritage sites and keep them open for public. Most provinces and cities have good websites with an overview of the sites that can be visited (only a few of them are mentioned above);

(-) The Flanders Heritage Agency can formally designate 'open heritage sites', sites that are opened for the public and answer to a set of quality criteria. The agency has provided guidelines for aspiring site managers;

(-) The website Accessible Flanders (Toegankelijk Vlaanderen) gives detailed information on the accessibility of public spaces in Flanders

Architectural Heritage

(-) The organisation Herita manages several heritage sites and keeps them open for the public, building up expertise in the field of touristic heritage development. Herita can also be consulted for advice, and is building a network of open heritage sites. An overview of the whole network (including Herita's own sites) can be found online. Although Herita has a general heritage focus, the majority of the network concerns architectural heritage;

(-) The Flanders Culture Department can give quality labels for heritage organizations (museums, archives, libraries). Criteria also concern public access. The department has provided guidelines. An overwiew of recognized organisations can be found on line;

(-) Some NGO's provide (thematic) overviews of heritage and the accessibility of the sites. 'Levende Molens' offers an online overview of Flemish mills, with the necessary visitor information;

Landscape Heritage

(-) The Nature and Forests agency and the organisation 'Natuurpunt' run several natural resorts, many of which contain listed heritage or are partially or entirely listed. The resort network and the available public services can be consulted online;

5.2.A Initiatives within the field of raising awareness

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5.2.A Are there national initiatives within the field of awareness-rising? :

Yes

Initiative

Archeologisch forum (Forum Vlaamse Archeologie) Target Groups

Approach (click to collaps)

Archaeological Heritage

Higher Education Adults

Initiative

Uit met vlieg Ongoing Target Groups Approach (click to collaps)

Integrated Approach

Preschool School

5.2.B NGOs working in the field of heritage education

5.2.B NGOs working in the field of heritage education:

Flemish Mill Platform (Molenforum Vlaanderen) Industrial Heritage in Flanders (VVIA)

5.2 Commentary

5.2 Commentary:

5.3.A Specific measures (policies or regulations) for the commercial promotion of heritage in the context of tourism

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Yes

	Approach
Flanders Heritage Agency	Integrated approach
Visit Flanders	Integrated approach
Agentschap Kunsten en Erfgoed	Integrated approach

5.3.B Number of visitors who come to the main heritage sites

5.3.B How many visitors come to the main heritage sites of your country / SAU? Is information available on economic return of heritage tourism ? :

Année la plus récente	Nombre de visiteurs	Rentabilité économique (par € dépensé)
2015	10.179.988	

5.3 Commentary

5.3. Commentary:

Commentary (click to collaps)

Integrated Approach

(-) Visit Flanders, as the Flemish Tourism Ministry, is responsible for the general tourism policy for the region and has instruments (legislation, subventions ...) to guide and improve the touristic offer and promotion. 'Heritage' is a major touristic theme and for this Visit Flanders works closely together with the Flanders Heritage Agency and the Flemish Culture Ministry. To this should be added that most provinces and major cities develop local tourism policies (often via local tourism agencies) and often manage themselves one or more heritage attractions;

(-)On Flemish level, (touristic) promotion is often carried out by organisations managing heritage attractions for the government (like HERITA, Gaasbeek Castle ...). Sometimes these organisations are public, sometimes they are private;

(-) Adequate public access and promotion are requirements to be officially recognized as museum, open heritage sites ...

5.3.C Main recurrent heritage events

5.3.C Please list the main recurrent heritage events :

Name of event:	Open Heritage Days Flanders (Open Monumentendag Vlaanderen)
Location:	All over Flanders
Date:	September
Heritage category	
Integrated approach	
Archaeological heritage	
Architectural Heritage	

Name of event: Heritage category	Erfgoeddag
Integrated approach	
Frequency:	Yearly
Web site (URL):	http://www.faronet.be/erfgoeddag/
Name of event:	Mill days (Molendagen)
Location:	Everywhere in Flanders
Heritage category	
Architectural Heritage	
Landscape heritage	
Details	
Frequency:	Yearly
Web site (URL):	http://www.levendemolens.be/?pag=kalender
Organisation:	Flemish Mill Platform (Molenforum Vlaanderen)
	Levende Molens
	Molenzorg Vlaanderen vzw
Brief description:	

In Flanders 'mill days' are organized at different levels and by different organisations: the annual Flemish Mill Day (organized by the Mill Forum), the provincial mill days, open days of individual mills ... Different organisations provide online calendars.

Name of event:	Belgian Open Gardens (Open Tuinen van België/Jardins Ouverts de Belgique)
Location:	All over Belgium
Date:	All year round
Heritage category	
Architectural Heritage	
Landscape heritage	
Details	
Web site (URL):	http://www.open-tuinen.be/
Organisation:	Open Tuinen van België
	an association of garden owners, that open their properties for the public on one or more Every year an agenda is published, with an overview of the participating gardens and
Belgian Open Gardens is a days throughout the year.	
Belgian Open Gardens is a days throughout the year. their opening days. Name of event: Heritage category Architectural Heritage	Every year an agenda is published, with an overview of the participating gardens and
Belgian Open Gardens is a days throughout the year. their opening days. Name of event: Heritage category Architectural Heritage Details	Every year an agenda is published, with an overview of the participating gardens and Vlaams-Nederlandse Ontmoetingsdag voor Industriële Archeologie

Name of event:	Open Churches (Open Kerken)
Location:	All over Belgium, Luxemburg, North of France

Name of event:	Day of the Park (Dag van het Park)
Location:	Flanders
Date:	Last Sunday of May
Heritage category	
Landscape heritage	
Details	
Frequency:	Yearly
Web site (URL):	https://www.natuurenbos.be/activiteiten/het-park-gelukkig-dichtbij
Organisation:	Flanders Nature and Forests Agency (Agentschap Natuur en Bos)

5.4.A Measures (policies or regulations) taken to ensure the creation of systematic scientific (preliminary) reports

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Special reports		
Archaeological Heritage		
Special reports		
rchitectural Heritage		

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Landscape Heritage	
Special reports	
Scientific summary record	ds available as on-line databases
lease provide the main URLs	
Approach (click to collaps)	
Integrated Approach	
Website Name:	Heritage management plans
Archaeological Heritage	https://www.onroerenderfgoed.be/nl/beheer/beheersplannen/
Archaeological Heritage Website Name:	Obligatory archaeological reports
	https://loket.onroerenderfgoed.be/archeologie/notas/
Architectural Heritage	
	Restoration files
Website Name:	https://www.onroerenderfgoed.be/nl/premies/erfgoedpremie/
Website Name:	
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Website Name:	

5.4.F "Official" periodicals on heritage (i.e. published by a governmental organisation)

5.4.F Are there `official' periodicals on heritage (i.e. published by a governmental organisation)? :

Yes

Please specify their target audience

Approach (click to collpas)

Integrated Approach

General public Scientists Heritage professionals

5.4.G "Official" publications on heritage, including series (i.e. published by a governmental organisation)

5.4.G Are there `official' publications on heritage, including series (i.e. published by a governmental organisation)? :

Yes

5.4 Commentary

5.4 Commentary:

Commentary (click to collaps)

Integrated Approach

SCIENTIFIC REPORTS

In Flanders/Belgium policy-bound scientific heritage research is carried out by the Flanders Heritage Agency, the Culture Department and (semi-)private organisations (sometimes as a result of outsourcing). Research agendas and studies can sometimes (but not always) be consulted online.

A lot of policy-linked research is carried out by heritage owners: obligatory archaeological assessment and research linked to building permits, preparatory research in order to get grants (restoration files, heritage management plans ...). Only some of these reports are can be consulted online.

PUBLICATIONS AND PERIODICALS

In Flanders/Belgium there are different(semi-)governmental publications and periodicals:

(-) some of the publications are mentioned above (manuals, guidbooks ...)

(-) some examples of periodicals: M&L (http://menl.be/home#/magazines/2016), Openbaar Kunstbezit Vlaanderen (www.tento.be/), Historische Woonsteden en Tuinen (www.demeures-historiques.be/nl/tijdscrift.php), In De Steigers (www.west-vlaanderen.be/genieten/cultuur/provincialeinitiatieve/paginas/p...) ...

Sometimes the government (at different levels) edits them itself, sometimes this task is outsourced, many magazines (news letters ...)and publications are the result of subventions.

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Summary:

Digitisation is one of the major goals of the Flemish government. The Flanders Heritage Agency is digitizing its services. A lot of information is already available on line:

(-) The website www.onroerenderfgoed.be: offers general information about the Flemish heritage policy and its consequences;

(-) The immovable heritage inventory (integrating all the individual immovable heritage inventories, such as the inventory of the built heritage, and providing information about the listing status of objects);

(-) GIS-data.

The Agency is even more improving the offer, and is working to get all of its services 'radically digitized' by 2020.

The culture ministry also has a large online offer, for instance the inventory of Flemish immaterial heritage, and the same goes for many heritage organisations, such as the overview of open heritage on the Herita-website, or the mill inventory. Some of these have already been mentioned in previous chapter. The list below is not limitative.

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6.1.A Does legislation or policy in the heritage field include specific provisions (policy or guidance) for digitisation?

Yes

Please indicate different policies

Approach (click to collaps)

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Data collected in digital format Data converted in digital format Digital dissemination Digital information management Policy or guidance

6.2.A Do you have information systems and databases such as intranet, extranet and internet sites concerning heritage (i.e. IT-d

Yes

Approach (click to collaps)

Integrated Approach

6.2.A Integrated

Approach:

Internet

Websites:

Immovable Heritage Inventory Listed Heritage Database Immovable Heritage Geoportal Open Heritage Network (HERITA) Archaeological Heritage

6.2.A Archaeological Heritage:

Internet

Websites:

Centrale Archeologische Inventaris Architectural Heritage

6.2.A Architectural Heritage: Internet Websites: Belgisch Molenbestand

Topstukkenlijst

Databank praktijkvoorbeelden herbestemming Lukas Art in Flanders

6.2.B Who are the partners in the IT network(s) mentioned above:

Approach (click to collaps) Integrated Approach **6.2.B Integrated Approach:** Government Government agencies NGOs Universities Regional Authorities Local Authorities Museums Professional membership organisations Research institutes

6.2.C Which topics do these IT systems cover?

Approach (click to collaps)

Integrated Approach

Decision-making
Heritage management (policy)
Heritage management (sites)
Policy and guidance

Research institutes Learning and communication

6.2.D Is there a major (centralised, organisational level) database system that stores information on:

Approach (click to collaps)

6.2.D Inegrated Approach

	Reference
Inventories	https://inventaris.onroerenderfgoed.be/
GIS data	http://www.geopunt.be/catalogus/applicationfolder/geoportaal-onroerend-erfgoed
Inventories	www.kunstenenerfgoed.be/nl/inventaris-vlaanderen
GIS data	https://geo.onroerenderfgoed.be/#zoom=7⪫=6643867.8533&lon=463089.08164& layers=B000TTFTTTF
	www.restauratieambacht.be/

Other (please specify)	Add reference if applicable
Manuals	www.restauratieambacht.be/
Open Heritage	http://herita.be/onze-erfgoedsites

6.2.D Archaeological Heritage

Database	topics	Reference

6.2.D Architectural Heritage

Database topics	Reference
Inventories	https://inventaris.onroerenderfgoed.be/

6.2.D Landscape Heritage

Database topics	Reference
Inventories	http://onroerenderfgoed.github.io/la2001/ankerplaatsen/index.html

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