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# POLY-SUMP IN CITYREGION PARKSTAD LIMBURG

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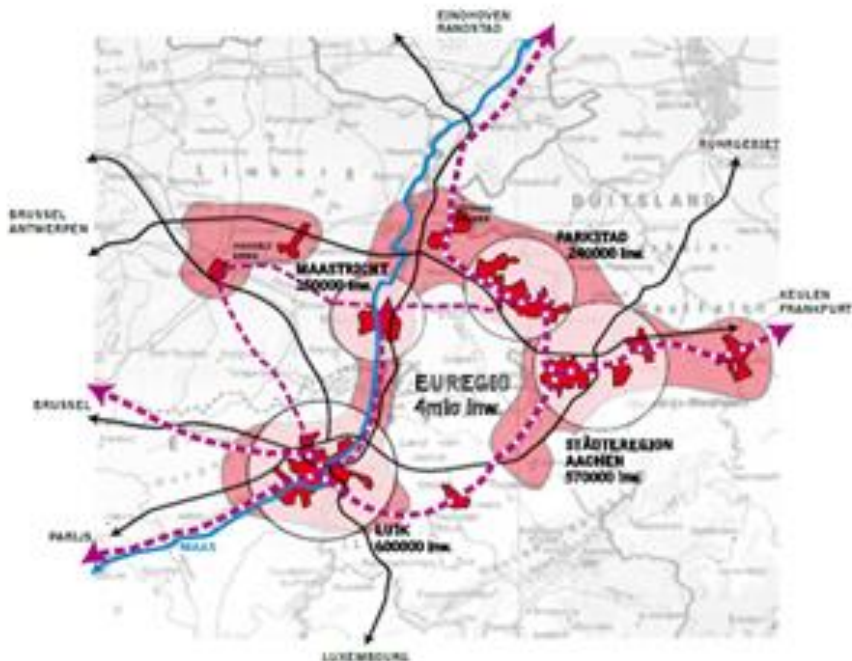


## Parkstad Limburg

- Part province Limburg in southern part of the Netherlands
- Region Parkstad Limburg brings 8 municipalities together
- Very attractive green (former mining) region to live and to work
- 255.000 inhabitants and 90.000 jobs
- Focus on improvement of economic structure



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## Current mobility situation in the region

- Transport policy focuses on:
  - infrastructure (inner ring en outer ring road)
  - Euregional public transport
  - cycling
- Car preferred mode of transport in region (50% car, 10% PT, 15% bike, 25% walking)
- Congestion no issue, environmental quality and liveability are challenges
- Good availability of infrastructure (road, rail and cycling)





## SUMPs in the regions

- National government, provinces, cities and Parkstad Limburg have transport planning documents
- Research by KPVV in the Netherlands indicates that these plans for cities and provinces can in many cases be considered as well developed SUMP's (differences in details)
- However, integration can be improved and different sectors should be better involved (stakeholders)





## Poly-SUMP in Parkstad Limburg

- Parkstad Limburg is a polycentric region (region with more centers)
- Project partners Poly-SUMP: Regione Marche (It), Central Alentejo (P), Central Macedonia (Gr), The Heart of Slovenia (Sl), Rhine Alp (Sw)
- **Proces Poly-SUMP:**
  - Comparison of regions on characteristics (polycentric profile)
  - Future Search Workshop (partners and regional)
  - Evaluation of proces
- **Info and guidelines Poly-SUMP on [www.poly-sump.eu](http://www.poly-sump.eu)**





## Local Future Search Workshop overview

- 10/11 September 2013
- 18 participants with different backgrounds: cities (mobility department), public transport operator, KPVV, province of Limburg, Dutch Railways, cycling union, union of elderly)
- Sharing views on past, present and future





## Shared diagnostic on mobility

### Past

- Looking back was considered very useful
- At personal level, learning how to drive, to walk and to cycle were important events
- People travel further but cheaper
- Closure of mines important event for region
- Cycling serious alternative

### Now

- Decreasing population
- Cycling makes people proud
- Public transport is of good quality

### Future

- People liked to use imagination here
- Fossil fuel free transport
- Much expected from ICT and technology



# The future we want

## Shared Values

- Freedom of choice and independency
- Every person has the right to have access to a certain level of mobility
- Sustainable development and lifestyle

## Shared Goals

- Sustainable mobility
- Increase choice of freedom in mobility: allow different transport systems
- Cross border systems
- Mobility for all (accessible to all), and mobility depending on individual needs

## Milestones

- Clustering of logistic streams
- High quality cycle infrastructure
- Completion ring road Buitenring
- Improved bus connections







# LFSW Process – Analysis and Evaluation

## Participants view (questionnaire distributed at the LFSW)

- The participants are positive about the workshop, it did meet their expectations
- They liked to discuss in an open atmosphere
- The majority of the respondents considered the actions (vision on first steps to future mobility) to be clear
- Sharing of values leads to public support





## What has happened after the LFSW? (follow up)

- participants are informed with minutes and listings of LFSW
- a proposition/plan for follow up has been made (SUMP vision)
- the board of Parkstad has agreed on the plan (SUMP as regional policy)
- Plan is part of overall plan of energy transition (PALET; energy neutral 2040)
- Parkstad makes regional policies, communities realise within
- Parkstad joined REFORM to improve SUMP with concrete action plan (end 2018)

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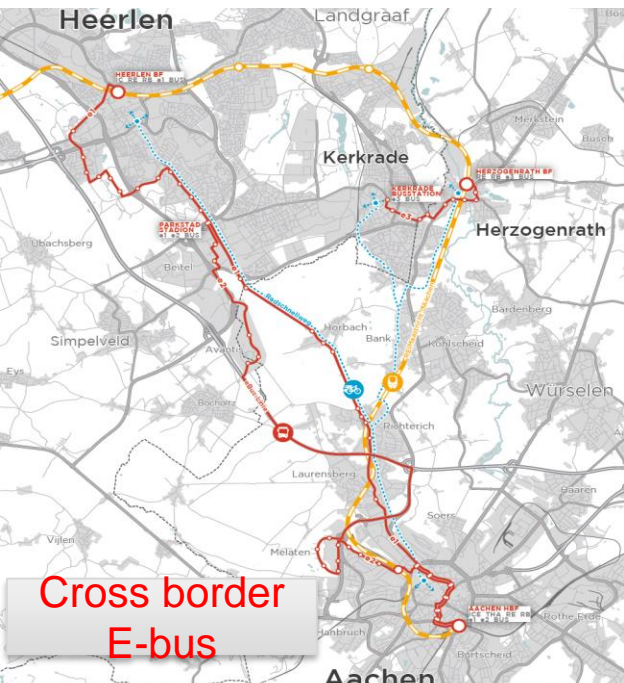
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## Some actions till now:

- Cycle related measures (infrastructure network, high speed cross border route, thematic recreational cycling routes and support of e-cycling)
- E-mobility (e-bus, e-car sharing at companies, support cities and companies to use electric vehicles in their own fleet, out roll of charging facilities)
- Public transport improvement (cross border connections, station improvements)
- Raise awareness to support sustainable mobility (media, sites, some)





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Questions welcome



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