

Netherlands Forum for UNESCO Global Geoparks, the Netherlands

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Netherlands National UNESCO Committee	Marieke Bontenbal, <u>secretary</u>
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Independent expert	Hans Renes (expertise: social geography, landscape history)
Independent expert	Harry van Zon, independent <u>chair</u> (expertise: public administration and physical geography)

Observers

Flemish UNESCO Committee	Robert Missotten
LHP-HWRP committee	Emilie Broek

Active Applications in your country (name, year of application submission):

None

Interested territories that you are advising:

- Schelde Delta
- Gooi en Vecht – Heuvelrug (before 2 separate initiatives)
- Peelhorst (before called 'Peelrandbreuk')

Most of them are in an early stage, not ready to apply yet.

Committee/ Forum Activities (bullet points your activities for the last 12 months):

- 16-04-2019: Consultations of geoparkinitiatives:
 - Schelde Delta
 - Peelhorst
- 16-04-2019: Forum-meeting
On the agenda:
 - Progression of geoparkinitiatives
 - Reflection on the consultations
 - Progress Hondsrug UGG
 - Organisational affairs, progress report
- 19-06-2019: Fieldmission to geopark-initiative Schelde-Delta: fieldtrip, information on approach, exchange of visions, advise from the forum.
- 05-09-2019: Contribution in the Expert-group for determining the joint Gooi en Vecht/Heuvelrug area
- 07-11-2019: Consultations of geoparkinitiatives
 - Gooi en Vecht/Heuvelrug
 - Schelde Delta
- 07-11-2019: Forum-meeting
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 - Progression of geoparkinitiatives
 - Reflection on the consultations
 - Reflection on the UNESCO Global Geoparks-conference
 - Progress Hondsrug UGG
- Ongoing: Different contacts (email, telephone) with initiatives and actors
- Ongoing: observing developments in National Parks-policy