

Netherlands Forum for UNESCO Global Geoparks, the Netherlands

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Netherlands National UNESCO Committee	Marike Bontenbal, <u>secretary</u>
TNO/Geological Survey Netherlands	Michiel van der Meulen
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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 and Maasvallei (before called 'Peelrandbreuk')
- Krijtland

Schelde Delta might apply this year, although their progression is delayed because of the Covid-pandemic.

Krijtland only just showed their interest in the concept

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

All the mentioned activities have been digital meetings, due to the Covid-19 measurements

- 18-06-2020: Consultation of geoparkinitiative Heuvelrug-Gooi en Vecht
- 10-11-2020: Consultation of geoparkinitiative Schelde Delta
- 28-11-2020: Attending digital lecture-series of geoparkinitiative Peelhorst
- 30-11-2020: Consultation of geoparkinitiative Heuvelrug-Gooi en Vecht
- 04-12-2020: Consultation of geoparkinitiative Peelhorst
- 25-01-2021: Forum-meeting

On the agenda:

- Progression of geoparkinitiatives
- Reflection on the consultations
- Progress Hondsrug UGG
- National Parks-policy
- Green energy and spatial quality in geoparks
- Organisational affairs, progress report
- Nomination of a representative to the Youth Forum
- 23-03-2021: Virtual Field-Mission to Schelde Delta, in preparation of their application.
- Ongoing: Different contacts (email, telephone) with initiatives and actors
- Ongoing: observing developments in National Parks-policy