Netherlands Forum for UNESCO Global Geoparks, the Netherlands

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Members (please list all UGGp’s followed by external partners involved in your Forum/Committee):

- Hondsrug UGG
- Netherlands National UNESCO Committee
- TNO/Geological Survey Netherlands
- NBTC Holland Marketing
- Netherlands Cultural Heritage Agency
- Royal Netherlands Geological Mining Association
- Independent expert
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Gretha Roelfs; Forum-representative in EGN/GGN
Marike Bontenbal, secretary
Michiel van der Meulen
Angélique Vermeulen
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Jan Stafleu
Hugo Bouter (expertise: fysical geography)
Hans Renes (expertise: social geography, landscape history)
Harry van Zon, independent chair (expertise: public administration and fysical geography)

Observers
- Flemish UNESCO Committee
- LHP-HWRP committee

Robert Missotten
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 seperate 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


- 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
  On the agenda:
  - 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