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Rosendael castle, Rozendaal. Photo: Erwin Zijlstra.

Programme Summary

25-28 June 2019

TUESDAY 25 JUNE 2019

- Check in at own hotel/ B&B
- 18.15-21.00: Pre-dinner drinks and dinner at Memento restaurant

WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE 2019

- 8.45-10.15: Steering group meeting
- 10.30-18.00: Grand Tour with visit to Middachten, Reuversweerd, Hackfort and De Wiersse.
- 18.00-20.00: Dinner at De Wiersse

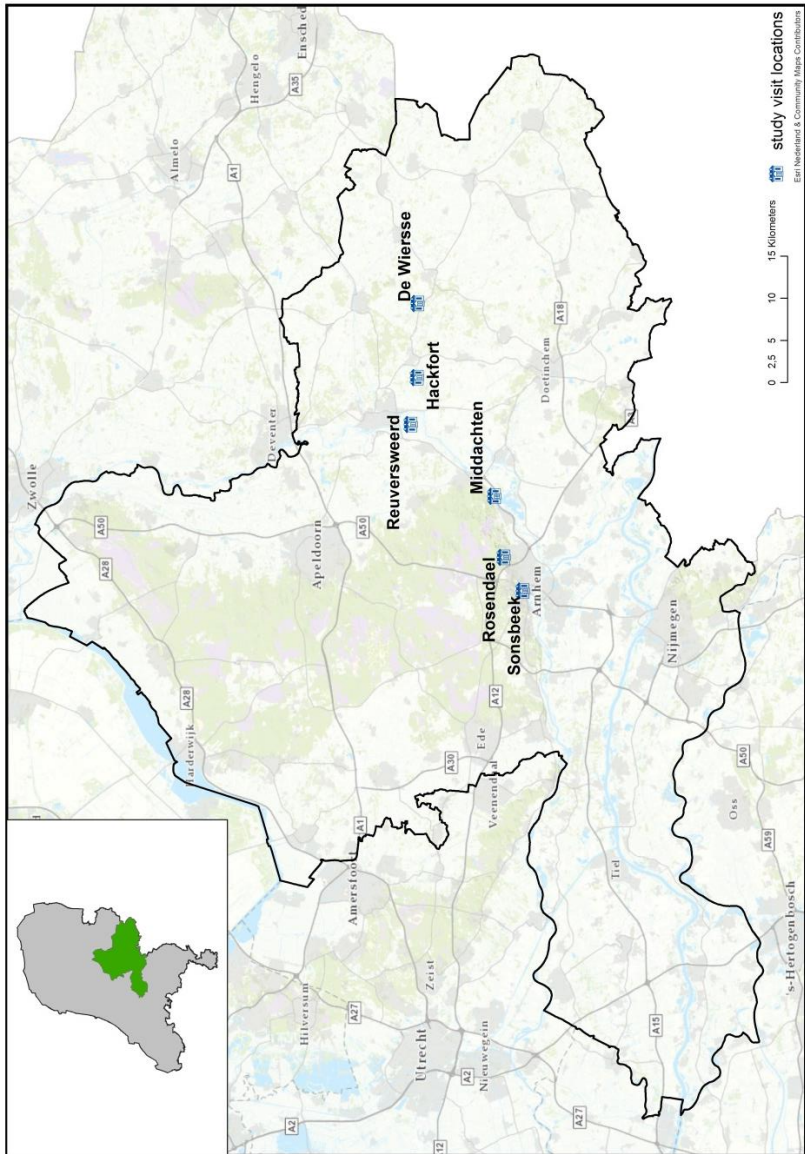
THURSDAY 27 JUNE 2019

- 11.00-17.30: International symposium at Villa Sonsbeek, Arnhem
- 19.00-21.00: Dinner at Café Verheyden, Arnhem

FRIDAY 28 JUNE 2019

- 8.45-9.45: Cycle tour from Arnhem to Rozendaal (6 km)
- 10.00-13.00: Thematic seminar at Rosendael castle
- 13.00-14.00: Cycle tour from Rozendaal to Arnhem (6 km)

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Map of Gelderland with country estates visited during study visit.



Map of Arnhem with study visit locations.

TUESDAY 25 JUNE 2019

Afternoon

Partners and stakeholders arrive in Arnhem. Check in at hotel or B&B they have booked.

18.15 Pre-dinner drinks at Memento restaurant Partner and stakeholder introductions

Location: Memento is situated in Rozet building, Oude Oeverstraat 98, 6811 JZ, Arnhem. Tel: 0031-26-7600300; www.memento-arnhem.nl/

19.00 Dinner at Memento restaurant

WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE 2019

8.45-10.00: Steering group meeting 5

House of Province of Gelderland, Markt 11, 6811 CG Arnhem

08.45 Welcome with coffee

09.00 Presentation - reporting semester 2 - management, financial, communication

09.30 Baseline survey & good practices selection

10.00 Next steps over the summer

10.15 End, walk to the bus

10.30-17.30: Grand Tour, guided by Elyze Storms-Smeets

10.30 Departure from House of Province.

Bus tour via various estates: Bronbeek, Angerenstein, Daalhuijzen, Rosendael, Posbank, Rhederoord, Middachten. Explanation in bus.

11.00 Arrival at **Middachten** estate, owned by Zu Ortenburg family. Landgoed Middachten 3, 6994 JC De Steeg, www.middachten.nl
Guided tour through the gardens with Municipality of Rheden (Marjolein Sanderman) and a Middachten volunteer. One of the issues we will discuss is the cooperation between private owners and governments. NB: owner Franz zu Ortenburg and estate manager Age Fennema will be present at the symposium on 27 June.

12.30 Lunch in bus

13.00 Arrival at **Reuversweerd** estate, owned by Fred Janssen Piepenbeltweg 5, 6971 JH Brummen.

Welcome by owner Fred Janssen and advisor Jos van der Zanden
Tour through house and park. Restoration with sustainable solutions, after long period of desolation (since WWII). We will discuss about quality in restoration, involvement of students and vocational trainees
<https://visitbrummen-eerbeek.nl/landgoed-reuversweerd/>

14.30 Departure. Tour via Zutphen and Vorden

15.00 Arrival at **Hackfort**, coffee/ tea with cake.

Baakseweg 6, 7251 RH Vorden

www.natuurmonumenten.nl/natuurgebieden/landgoed-hackfort

Welcome by manager Udo Hassefras.

15.30 Guided tour at Hackfort, owned by Dutch Society for Nature Conservation (*Natuurmonumenten*).

Issues of new functions, heritage tourism, quality in restoration (buildings and landscape), volunteers.

16.30 Departure

16.45 Arrival at **De Wiersse**, owned by Gatacre family.

Wiersseralee 9, 7251 LH Vorden

www.dewiersse.com/

Tour through De Wiersse gardens and estate. Issues of historic park management, climate adaptation, water control.

18.00 Dinner at **De Wiersse**

20.00 Return to Arnhem

21.00 Arrive in Arnhem



De Wiersse estate, Vorden. Photo: Hielkje Zijlstra, TU Delft.

THURSDAY 27 JUNE 2019

9.00 Opportunity to look around Arnhem



Villa Sonsbeek is the location for the symposium. Photo: Erwin Zijlstra.

Symposium for European partners and Dutch stakeholders

Villa Sonsbeek, Tellegenlaan 3, 6814 BT Arnhem

11.00 Arrival and registration

11.20 Welcome and opening by chair **Jeanine Perryck**, *Gelderland Trust/ Geldersch Landschap and Kasteelen*

11.25 Introduction 'Innocastle' by **Paul Thissen**, Province of Gelderland, and short introduction film

11.40 Historic country houses and landed estates as a regional quality, by dr. **Elyze Storms-Smeets**, country house expert of *Gelders Genootschap* (Gelderland Society)

11.55 Brief on afternoon programme

12.00 Lunch with poster presentations

Several partners from Gelderland are present to tell more about their work, experiences and goals in the field of conservation and development of castles, country houses and landed estates:

- Local country house partnership *Bronckhorster Kroonjuwelen Beraad*
- Regional country house partnership Gelders Arcadia
- Local policies of municipality of Voorst
- Middachten, a working estate
- Private landownership
- Garden archaeology at Zypendaal estate
- A regional approach to the historic interiors of country houses
- A national network of castles, country houses and estates

13.00 Working, talking, walking together. Going into depth in parallel work sessions.

1. Workshop: Climate adaptation and landscape design (*Steffen Nijhuis, TU Delft*);

2. Workshop: Heritage tourism and spatial quality (*Ciska van der Genugten, Gelderland Trust*);

3. Workshop: Spatial fragmentation and multiple-ownership (*Elyze Storms-Smeets and Sazya Zeefat, Gelderland Society*);

4. Workshop: Policy and the role of governments (*Paul Thissen, Province of Gelderland, and Marlieke Damstra, Gelderland Society*);

5. Walk: Tourism and events at Sonsbeek estate (*park manager Jeroen Glissenaar, Municipality of Arnhem*);

6. Walk: Public country estates in Arnhem (*Simon Klingen, chairman of the Advisory Group Sonsbeek, Zypendaal and Gulden Bodem estates*)

14.30 Gathering together. Short tea break

15.00 Province of Gelderland and Innocastle, by **Paul Stein**, on behalf of the provincial deputy.

15.10 Lessons learned from working together – plenary feedback from workshops.

16.00 Reflection by **Eric Luiten**, professor Landscape Architecture at TU Delft

16.15 An international reflection by **Catherine Leonard**, the National Trust and INTO (International National Trust Organisation, secretary-general)

16.30 Questions and discussions

16.45 Networking drinks

17.30 End of symposium

Innocastle group only

19.00 Evening dinner at Café Verheyden, Arnhem
Wezenstraat 6, 6811 CR Arnhem

FRIDAY 28 JUNE 2019: THEMATIC SEMINAR

‘A spatial approach for conservation and innovation at castles, country houses and estates’

8.45 Gather together outside House of Province

9.00 Departure. Via Sonsbeek and Klarenbeek (**cycling/** slow tourism!)

9.45 Arrival at **Rosendael estate**, owned by the Gelderland Trust.
Rosendael 1, 6891 DA Rozendaal
<https://rosendael.glk.nl/>

Welcome by **Jeanine Perryck**, Gelderland Trust (www.glk.nl)

Thematic seminar addressing the spatial approach chosen by Province of Gelderland in relation to heritage tourism, climate adaptation and spatial fragmentation.

10.00 Presentation on spatial approach by **Elyze Storms-Smeets**

10.20 Questions and discussion

10.40 Short presentations (5 minutes each) by the Partners and/ or stakeholders on working with a spatial approach at a local estate, addressing a challenge and/ or opportunity on each spatial level, including the role of the government at every level.

11.00 Discussions moderated by **Paul Thissen**

12.00 Closure of study visit by National Trust, with lunch

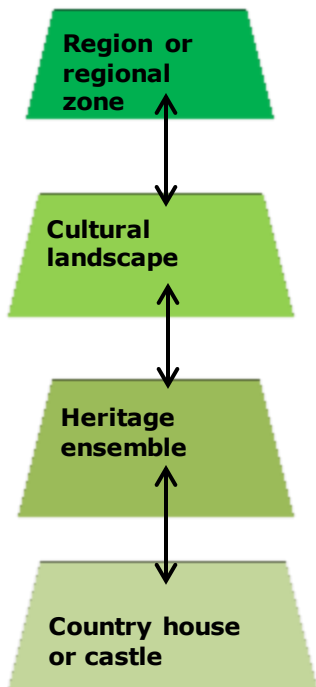
13.00 Cycling back to House of Province

Circa 14.00 Dropping off bikes; end of study visit

A SPATIAL APPROACH

For this project we use a spatial approach, analysing challenges/ opportunities/ stakeholders on various spatial levels:

1. The **country house or castle** as the main building, the core of the country or landed estate;
2. The country or landed estate as a **heritage ensemble** (including a country house or castle, side buildings, parklands, woodlands, farms, etc);
3. The country or landed estate as a part of a wider **cultural landscape** (including neighbouring country and landed estates, villages, etc.);
4. A **region** or regional zone to which the country/ landed estate belongs to.



Study Visit Locations

The Dutch province of Gelderland is known for its many castles, country houses and estates. During the Study Visit we will visit various historic castles and estates, owned and managed in differing ways.

Middachten

The first mention of Middachten appears in the year 1190, and although the castle dates from the early Middle Ages, the house in its present form was built towards the end of the 17th century and still includes some medieval parts. Middachten is unique in that it is still a real, working estate of circa 1000 hectares. Besides the castle, park and gardens, the estate also includes farms, woods and agricultural land. Middachten has never been sold but has always passed from one generation to another. As a result of this, the interior of the castle is complete and still has many of the original household effects, including a large collection of portraits and much 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th century furniture. The castle also has the original cupboards filled with collections of china, silver and glass-ware, and antique linen. The management of the estate is in the hands of the 25th Lord of Middachten, Count zu Ortenburg.



Middachten. Photo by Ad van Beurden.

The Middachten gardens came into existence at the beginning of the 18th century. Shortly after the rebuilding of the castle was completed in 1697, a formal baroque garden was laid with box hedge parterres. In the second half of the 18th century fashions and the taste of the inhabitants changed and the gardens were altered. The parterres gave way to glowing slopes and winding paths. At this time the English Landscape style was in fashion. The gardens as you see them now came into being around 1900 when the garden architect, Hugo Poortman, brought back elements of the former baroque style into the landscaped gardens, keeping trees, as far as possible, in his “neo” baroque garden.

Together with the municipality of Rheden (Marjolein Sanderman) and one of the Middachten volunteers we will visit the gardens and talk about the planned restoration works of the garden. We will also talk about Middachten as test case for better collaboration between an estate owner and the various government bodies.



Stakeholders (owners, governments, heritage consultants, etc.) at a Gelders Arcadia meeting. Photo by Erwin Zijlstra.



Reuversweerd. Photos by Elyze Storms, Gelders Genootschap.

Reuversweerd

Reuversweerd was built in 1830 for the entrepreneur family Colenbrander. After the marriage of Henriëtte Egbertine Colenbrander with Maurits Pico Diederik baron van Sytzama the country estate was owned by the Van Sytzamas. Their son J.G.H.H. baron van Sytzama took over in 1933. After the baron was shot by Dutch SS members in WWII and the country house was heavily damaged in early 1945, the family decided to literally 'close the door'. Since April 1945 the country house was empty. In 2017 the Van Sytzama family sold the country house and estate to Fred Janssen, who is making development and restoration plans.

After a tour through the country house and park with owner Fred Janssen and his advisor Jos van der Zande, we will discuss about the restoration plans, including quality of restoration, sustainable solutions and new economic functions (business diversification), including student involvement.



Students of Technical University Delft discuss restoration issues w ith Jos van der Zande at Reuversweerd. Photo by Hielkje Zijlstra, TU Delft.



Hackfort. Photo by Elyze Storms, Gelders Genootschap.

Hackfort

Hackfort is located on the west side of Vorden, somewhat hidden by tree-lined avenues. It is located near the Hackfortse Beek, a brook that powers a still existing water mill. The castle was first mentioned in the 14th century. At the end of the 16th century the Van Westerholt family became the owners of Hackfort for about 375 years. In the middle of the 17th century - after the peace of Münster - the house was completely rebuilt, creating all kinds of new rooms, including the still existing large hall. The first traces of construction of a garden or park at the Hackfort estate probably date from the end of the 17th century when two oak avenues were planted. During the major renovation of the country house (1788), the canals around the house grounds were filled in and the linear formal construction on the south side was replaced by a landscape park on both sides of the stream. The house has hardly changed in appearance since the late 18th-century renovation and consists of an almost rectangular building with two round towers. After the death of the last members of the Van Westerholt family (in the period 1964-1981) the house with the estate came to *Natuurmonumenten* through testamentary dispositions. The estate is approximately 800 hectares large and includes 44 estate farms.

Natuurmonumenten welcomes us at Hackfort to explore the recent restoration and refurbishing project to change the castle in tourist and conference accommodations. The business plan involved adding a lift in one of the towers to ensure the castle was accessible for all visitors. A challenging solution that was deeply discussed with national, provincial and municipal heritage experts and governments. Also controversial, for a nature protection organisation, was the new parking space for 140 cars, which was greatly needed as people were parking basically everywhere. Together we talk about new developments, needed to ensure the future of the estates, while protecting and preserving the heritage. *Natuurmonumenten* has chosen Hackfort as the location that can welcome a relative large number of tourists, opposed to other nearby country estates of *Natuurmonumenten*.



De Wiersse. Photo by Erwin Zijlstra.

De Wiersse

To the east of Vorden lies the moated manor house of De Wiersse, surrounded by its farmland and woods. It's owned by the Gatacre family. With 38 acres of garden and 74 acres of landscape park, the house and its surroundings have been lived in, designed and managed by the family since 1678. In this historic and beautifully kept garden a sequence of surprises awaits the visitor – avenues and pergolas, fountains and statues, meadows and formal parterres, bridges over a gently flowing stream and a serpentine tunnel of beech. It has been described as 'One of the best kept estates in the country'.

Together with owner Mary Gatacre we walk the grounds, exploring the historic gardens and discussing the ways of maintaining and managing the gardens and parklands. With climate change the extremely dry summers have become a great problem. The owner will talk about working together with the waterboard and neighbouring estate owners to find solutions in water management.



Sonsbeek. Photo by Erwin Zijlstra.

Sonsbeek

Sonsbeek is Arnhems most famous and loved park. It started as a group of smaller estates along the brook Sint Jansbeek: Sonsbeek, Hartgersberg, Wildbaan and Gulden Spijker. In 1742 Hartgersberg, the current core of Sonsbeek, was purchased by Adriana van Bayen, who was born in Batavia. She built a simple country house on the hill designed by architect A. Viervant and expanded her possessions. A formal system of intersecting straight lanes was laid to the north of the country house. In 1790 the Hartgersberg was sold to Jan Frederik Diemer, who further enlarged the property, carried out various exploits and grew tobacco there. In 1797 and 1808 it changed hands once again. In 1808 Hartgersberg was purchased by baron Theodorus de Smeth, who had acquired the neighboring outside of Sonsbeek two years earlier (including Wildbaan and Gulden Spijker). Subsequently the two were merged into the Sonsbeek estate. The current villa Sonsbeek dates back to the Hartgersberg country house built in 1742. Under the following owner (1821), baron Van Heeckeren van Enghuizen, Sonsbeek reached its largest size: more than 800 hectares. The St. Jansbeek was partly transformed into ponds, cascades and even a grotto. At the end of the 19th century the Van Heeckeren family was forced to sell Sonsbeek due to financial problems. Various land plots were sold to private individuals and developing companies. Various residential areas were built, including Burgemeesterswijk and the Sonsbeekkwartier. To prevent further fragmentation of the estate, the municipality of Arnhem bought parts of the estate in 1899. It survived as a city park until now.

Villa Sonsbeek is the venue for our international symposium on 27 June.



Rosendaal. Photo by Erwin Zijlstra.

Rosendaal

Rosendaal, situated in a 19th century landscaped park was once one of the most important ducal residencies in Gelderland. The shell gallery, water fountain follies, the garden tea house, the suspended chain bridge and other water features have attracted local and foreign visitors alike through the ages. The castle is known for its medieval keep. The round tower is the largest of its kind that has been preserved in the Netherlands. The castle and the park can both be visited.

The last private owner was the Van Pallandt family. Due to succession taxes, higher expenses and lower incomes the family sold parts of the estate since the 1930s to National Forestry Agency (*Staatsbosbeheer*) and the Dutch Society for Nature Conservation (*Natuurmonumenten*), whereas other parts became the property of the municipalities of Rozendaal and Rheden. In 1977 the family donated the last part, the centre of the historic estate with the castle and park to the Gelderland Trust. Restoration work to the park and castle, both damaged during WWII, started by the Van Pallandts was continued and completed by the Gelderland Trust. Rosendaal is a much visited castle, although only few people realise that the estate used to be much larger.

Our thematic seminar at Rosendaal, 28 June, will focus on the spatial approach chosen by the Province of Gelderland. How can such an approach help to better understand the past, but also the future of country estates such as Rosendaal? Together we will look at issues of heritage tourism, climate adaptation and spatial fragmentation.

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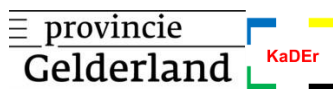
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