

Tuinhier: Ecologic garden label

In 2015 we started our garden label in Belgium, after being inspired by our northern neighbours AVVN in the Netherlands. The city Torhout and the town Bornem were our 3rd and 4th projects that signed in. After 3 evaluations and a 2 year journey these two projects received in September their final judgement. Our external jury awarded both projects with 3 out of 4 stars. A good score for these two young projects.

Torhout ‘de smallen entrée’:

Evaluation:

There is a good vibe on this park, sociable and cosy. Three gardeners guide the less experienced gardeners, the neighbourhood is involved and invited to activities. There is a good mixture in activities e.g.: BBQs, barter trade, workshops, small competitions,... The neighbours are encouraged to develop their own garden.

There were still underdeveloped projects concerning the design of the park e.g.: a composting toilet was still absent, the green roofs on the large sheds and the demo-garden had to be further developed. For this reason the jury awarded the project with 3 stars.







Bornem:

Evaluation :

In the two years a tremendous amount of work has been done. And the participants grew more and more interested in the project along the way. They attracted people with the right mindset to lead this project with the necessary dynamism. All start advices from the jury were addressed. It is still a 'work in progress' a continuation of the group meetings and schooling is necessary. The demo-garden is still getting shape, but they're heading in the right direction and the delivered efforts were rewarded with 3 stars.



