

Living rivers: a driver for sustainable regional development

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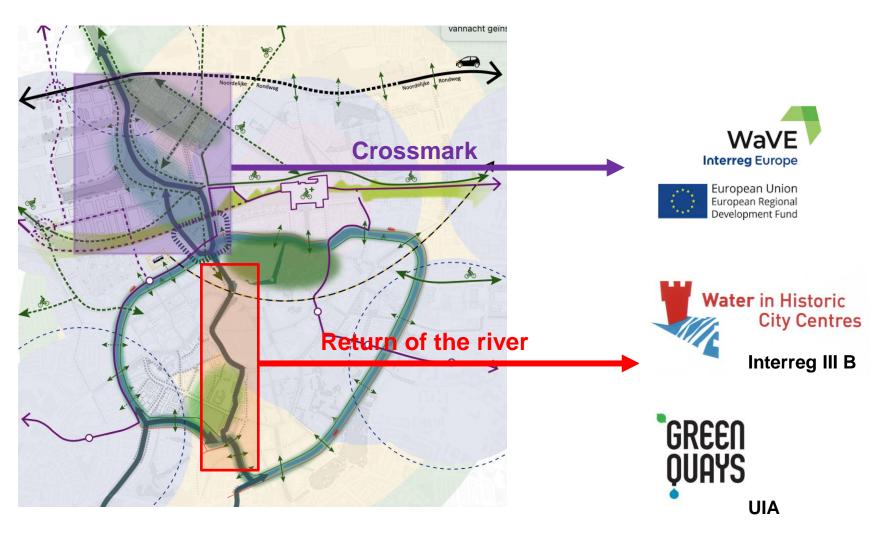
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River Mark driver for urban regeneration







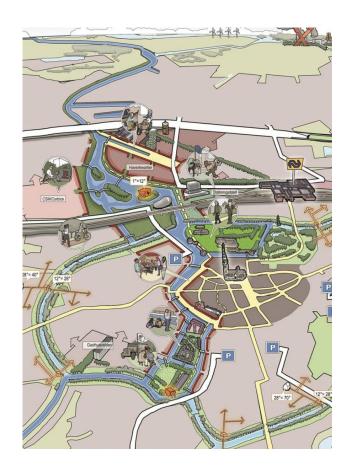
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Return of the river Mark

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Description

- Water as a catalyst for inner city regeneration
- River and harbour in inner city covered in 1941/ 1964
- Phase 1: Reinstated harbour opened in 2007
- Phase 2: Part of the river opened in 2008
- Phase 3: New park and last part river in stage definite design

Results

- Rise of spendings in inner city by appr. 15 %
- Job creation: > 300 pp
- Private investments along the river > 200 million Euros

Timing

Start process 2000, finalization 2026

Budget

- Realized 29,5 million, planned 30 million
- Responsible organization
 - City of Breda



Return of river and harbour Breda

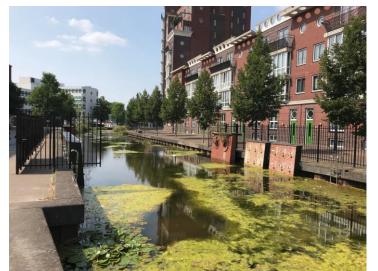














Transformation Crossmark area

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Description

- Transformation former industrial area
- Water as a catalyst for ecosystemic approach
- Mixed use: housing, enterprises, leisure
- Revalidation of the relation water and heritage

European Union European Regional Development Fund

Results

- Redefinition of "City Center Breda"
- Placemaking
- Purchase of land by city and province
- Development & realisation strategy

Timing

- Start realization 1st phase: 2022
- Finalisation: 2040

Budget

- Public investment > 110 million
- Responsible organization
 - City of Breda, Province Noord-Brabant



Crossmark on the way









Thank you!





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