

A Bridge Too Far?
Teaching Common European History
Themes, Perspectives and Levels

17th EUROCLIO Annual International Professional Development Conference
Nijmegen, the Netherlands
22-28 March 2010

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The 17th Annual International Professional Development Conference will explore themes and perspectives in history education that are common to European countries and transcend the individual national perspectives and discuss the possibilities of common initiatives for the future.

The Conference is co-organized by EUROCLIO and VGN, the Dutch History Teachers Association, and generously sponsored by the Comenius and Grundtvig Programmes of the European Union, the Netherlands Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, Radboud University Nijmegen, Culture Network Nederland, Cito, Entoen.nu., the Netherlands Institute for Heritage, the City of Nijmegen, the City of Arnhem, the City of Cleve and the Province of Gelderland.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Saturday 20 March

Location: Hotel Erica
Molenbosweg 17, Berg & Dal

Arrival of EUROCLIO Board and Secretariat

Sunday 21 March

Location: Hotel Erica, Molenbosweg 17, Berg & Dal

Participants Early Arrivals

Optional programme for early arrivals: Kröller-Müller Museum and Valkhof museum and City of Nijmegen

Monday 22 March

Contextualization / Orientation

Location: Hotel Erica, Molenbosweg 17, Berg & Dal

9:00 **EUROCLIO Board Meeting**

Study visit in the European Region Rijn-Waal: City of Cleve with reception at the town hall by the mayor of Cleve

All Day Participants Arrivals

12:00 **Press Conference**

16:00 **Registration of Participants**

17:00 Coffee break

17:30 **Programme introduction**

18:00 *Dutch Educational System with focus on History Education*

An Overview, **Huub Kurstjens**, Cito, Dutch Assessment Institute, Staff Member, Arnhem and **Ineke Veldhuis-Meester**, Independent Consultant

19:00 *Nijmegen, A Dutch City with a European Past*, **Wijnand Kok**, Municipality of Nijmegen

20:00 Welcome dinner

Morning

Afternoon

Evening

Tuesday 23 March

The Dutch Experience in a European Perspective

**Location : Radboud University Nijmegen,
Comeniuslaan 4, Nijmegen**

Morning

09:00 *Official Welcomes:* **Royalty, representatives of Ministries, Province, City etc**
Welcome by the **Radboud University Nijmegen**
EUROCLIO President: Dr Dean Smart
VGN President:

10:00 *What kind of History for the 21st century: European or Dutch?*, Professor Dr **Peter Rietbergen**,
Department of Cultural History, Radboud University Nijmegen

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 **Six parallel workshops:** *Dutch examples of teaching common European history*

13:00 Lunch

14:30 *The Ten Historical Periods in the Dutch History Curriculum*, **Arie Wilschut**, Lecturer in History and
Didactics of History at the Amsterdam, Faculty of Education

Afternoon

15:00 *The Dutch Canon of History and Culture*, **Prof. Dr Frits van Oostrom**, President of the Dutch Canon
Committee

15.30 Coffee break

16.00 *Presentation results of the EUROCLIO questionnaire 2010*

16.30 *The Dutch Canon as guiding principle for the New Dutch National Historical Museum?*, **Erik Schilp**,
Director of the new Dutch National Historical Museum

17:00 **Panel discussion:** *Is the Dutch model exemplar for Europe?"*

Evening

18.15 Informal Reception, kindly offered by Radboud University Nijmegen

20:00 Dinner

Wednesday 24 March

Teaching European Topics for Different Age Groups and Different School Levels

Locations Morning: Schools in and around Nijmegen

**Location Afternoon: Radboud University Nijmegen,
Comeniuslaan 4, Nijmegen**

Morning

08:30 Buses depart for schools

09:00 **School visits** in and around Nijmegen, including Lunch

13:45-15.15 **Six parallel workshops**

15:15 Coffee break

15:45 –17:15 **Six parallel workshops:** *Teaching European topics in different age groups and different school levels*

Evening

18.30 Free Evening / Alternative Programme

Thursday 25 March

The Historic Environment and Common European History

Location: Study visits and on-site learning in vicinity of Nijmegen

Morning

09:00 Roman and Medieval Heritage: Cleve and Xanten
Industrial Revolution: Duisburg area

Evening

19.00 Civic Reception at the Council House of the City of Nijmegen, hosted by the Mayor of Nijmegen, Mr Thom de Graaf.

Nijmegen by night

Friday 26 March

History and Cultural Heritage in Education

Location: Hotel Erica, Molenbosweg 17, Berg & Dal

Morning

09:00 *History and Plurality in Multicultural Classes: Prof. Dr **Maria Grever**, Professor of Theory and Methodology of History and Director of the Centre for Historical Culture, Erasmus University of Rotterdam*

10:00 Coffee break

10:30 **Six parallel workshops: Teaching European topics in the classroom**

12:00 *The implication of choices in the history curriculum, Dr **Harry Jansen**, lecturer Theory of History, Radboud University Nijmegen*

13:00 Lunch

Afternoon

14:15 *Research on Cultural Heritage Education, Prof. Dr **Carla van Boxtel**, Professor Historical Culture and Education, Centre for Historical Culture, Erasmus University of Rotterdam*

15:15 Coffee break

15:30 **EUROCLIO General Assembly, Annual meeting VGN**

Evening

18:00-22:00 **Dinner** with cultural event with music and entertainment in a nice 16th century Church in Hees

Saturday 27 March

The Second World War as a shared European Narrative!

Location: Second World War sites in the Euregio

Morning

08.45 Departure by Bus

09.00 *Museums for Peace? How European Museums Address World War II, **Wiel Lenders**, Director of the National Liberation Museum, Groesbeek*

Presentations and Tour in Groups

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 World War II: **Battle Field Tour** in Germany and The Netherlands including packed lunch

Afternoon

15.00 “The Canons of Gelderland as stepping stones for a European Canon?”

Photo at the John Frost Bridge and City tour

Evening

17.00 **Reception** in *‘het Provinciehuis’*, Seat of the Provincial Government of Gelderland

Welcome:

Mr Clemens Cornielje, Queens Governor of Gelderland,

Mr Hans Esmeijer, Governor of Gelderland on the Canon of Gelderland,

Ms Sofie Lambrechtsen, Eye Witness on the Battle of Arnhem,

Jan de Vries, Lecturer in History and Didactics of History at the Nijmegen University on the Canon of Arnhem,

Questions and Discussion.

19.30 Dinner and farewell-party hosted by the **“Open Air Museum”** in Arnhem, in cooperation with the City of Arnhem

Sunday 28 March

Morning

09:30 **Optional Study visit:** Kröller-Müller Museum and Valkhof museum and City of Nijmegen

Departure of participants

CONFERENCE SPONSORS

European Union: Comenius and Grundtvig programmes

The Comenius programme focuses on the first phase of education, from pre-school and primary to secondary schools. It is relevant for all members of the education community: pupils, teachers, local authorities, parents' associations, non-government organisations, teacher training institutes, universities and all other educational staff. The Grundtvig programme focuses on the teaching and study needs of those in adult education and alternative education streams, as well as the institutions and organizations delivering these services. Supporting lifelong learning and mobility in this way also tackles Europe's ageing population problem.



Education and Culture DG

Lifelong Learning Programme

Netherlands Ministry of Education, Culture and Science

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Ministerie van Onderwijs, Cultuur en Wetenschap

Radboud University Nijmegen

The Radboud University is situated in the oldest city in the Netherlands. It has nine faculties and enrolls over 17,500 students in 107 study programmes.



Culture Network Netherlands (Cultuurnetwerk Nederland)

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Entoen.nu

Foundation entoen.nu springs from the Committee for the Development of the Dutch Canon. On July 3rd 2007 the Committee presented its final report, a wall chart and this website to the Dutch Minister of Education, Culture & Science.



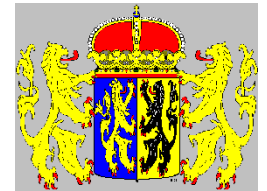
Netherlands Institute for Heritage (Erfgoed Nederland)

The Netherlands Institute for Heritage endeavors to enhance the position of cultural heritage in society; to emphasize the importance and meaning of cultural heritage in general, and of archaeology, archives, historic buildings and monuments, and museums in particular.



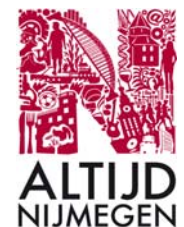
Province of Gelderland

The current province of Gelderland covers about the area of three of the quarters of the historical Duchy of Guelders. Guelders was a county in the late 11th century and then a duchy in the Holy Roman Empire, including also parts of the province of present-day Limburg and the German District of Kleve (Cleves) with the city of Geldern, the city that was the original seat of the dukes.



City of Nijmegen

Nijmegen is oldest city in the Netherlands. It is a city full of culture, sports, events, shopping, the River Waal and a varied countryside of hills, woods and polders that offers many opportunities for recreation! Anyone driving across the bridge into the centre of Nijmegen will understand why its 160,000 citizens are so proud of their city: the waterfront set against the backdrop of the city centre is a splendid sight. Past and present go hand in hand; historic buildings are interspersed with fine examples of modern architecture.



City of Arnhem

Arnhem was first mentioned as such in 893 as Arneym or Arentheym, referring to the many eagles that inhabited the hills and forests of Arnhem back then. Arnhem is the city between nature reserve the Veluwe and the river Rhine. A city of art and culture, fashion and design, energy and environment. It is the capital of the province of Gelderland and located near the river Nederrijn as well as near the St. Jansbeek, which was the source of the city's development.

