

# SPECIAL SESSIONS

**Tuesday / 14:30 – 16:00**

**Room: Philips Hall**

**NRA in the spotlight  
Collaborating in harmonizing “green”  
and “grey” infrastructure**

A special session will be held on the first day of the IENE 2018 International Conference, 11th September, aimed at national road authority (NRA) personnel or organizations closely related to NRA's, such as delegated administrators or environmental departments. All of these organizations have knowledge, experience and/or responsibility to improve or

manage biodiversity while creating and maintaining transport infrastructure (i.e. road, railway, waterways and powerlines) on a daily basis.

The focus of the session will be on collaboration between these organizations on a European and national level and how the networks of professionals within the EU, such as IENE, Conference of European Directors of Roads (CEDR) and national networks, can provide support. By presenting and discussing challenges and substantive measures from different perspectives, the session will have the potential to define practical steps for a

more efficient and effective collaboration within the European transport infrastructure area.

The Organization Committee is pleased to announce that Stefan Leiner, Head of Unit Biodiversity of the DG Environment, European Commission, will provide a presentation at the session and Steve Philips, Secretary-General of CEDR, will act as the session's moderator. The six pitches will be provided by different colleagues of national infrastructure and/or environment agencies in Europe.

## Program in short

Time	What
14:30	Opening: goal and form of session
14:35	Short presentation of EU strategy DG Envir. And necessity of transnational cooperation
14:45	Short presentation of CEDR: method and results/added value of CEDR programs
14:55	Pitch #1
15:01	Pitch #2
15:07	Pitch #3
15:13	Pitch #4
15:19	Pitch #5
15:25	Pitch #6
15:31	Panel discussion
15:50	Summing up: conclusions and agreements
16:00	End

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**Thursday / 17:15 - 18:45**

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## **Completion Dutch Defragmentation Program (MJPO)**

From the perspective of transportation ecology, 2018 is a special year for the Netherlands: the MJPO (Multi-Annual Defragmentation Programme) will be completed. This nation-wide, region-oriented programme in which the central government and provincial governments, often in consultation with municipalities, water management boards and nature conservation organizations, worked together to resolve 178 bottlenecks between the existing national transport infrastructure and the national ecological network. More than 500 wildlife measures have been taken thanks to the close cooperation between the MJPO task group and its partners.

The IENE 2018 International Conference is an excellent occasion to share the results of this programme with

colleagues from Europe and beyond and to festively conclude the programme with both the many parties involved and the attendants of the conference. For this purpose a special session has been prepared, immediately preceding the conference dinner.

During this session we will look back at the results and achievements of the programme with a presentation of programme manager Adam Hofland and through a short movie that presents some highlights of the MJPO. Prof. dr. Louise Vet, director of the Netherlands Institute of Ecology (NIOO) and professor of Evolutionary Ecology at Wageningen University, will be the keynote speaker. Furthermore, prof. dr. Vet is also the chair of the national plan for biodiversity restoration. In her presentation she will promote a good marriage between economy and ecology and positively encourage the attendees to take action in their profession. Her background and focus makes her a perfect keynote for this event since the MJPO symbolizes this positive contribution to the synergy

between 'grey' (economy) and 'green' (ecology) infrastructure, although with retroactive effect.

In the second part of the session a symbolic start will be given to the Community of Practice 'Ontsnippering' (= Defragmentation). With the end of the MJPO the network of involved organizations and professionals will not be lost. Within this community of practice researchers, practitioners and consultants of private companies, governments and research institutes can meet up, share and discuss the state of the art knowledge on defragmentation and its subtopics that need more focus and development. This will be the IENE network on a national level. With the start of this community, the MJPO task group hopes to extend its value after the end of the programme.

The session will be hosted by Lodewijk Hoekstra. Lodewijk is the Dutch best-known TV gardener, presenter, garden designer, entrepreneur and especially promotor of a sustainable world in which people and nature are in balance.

### **Program in short**

Time	What
17:00	Walk in with drinks and refreshments
17:15	Opening by host Lodewijk Hoekstra
17:20	Results of 15 years of MJPO by Adam Hofland
17:40	Short movie about 15 years of MJPO
17:50	Keynote presentation by Prof. Dr. Louise Vet
18:10	Official start of the Community of Practice 'Ontsnippering'
18:45	Wind up