

The project: Dear Euregio

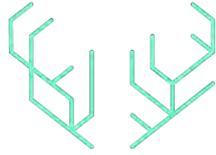
Dear Euregio is a project of two years, it is a journey through the Euregion Meuse-Rhine in which eight cities will be visited and where local studies are realized. Each study is considered as a process, and a large part of this process determined by research, fieldwork and commitment of local and euregional experts on topics related to the study. Dear Hunter will live and work on location for this project in two transformed containers: the 'Studio Euregio' to be able to live and work on site and the 'EuregiHotel', a small hotel room in which on a regular basis various guests participate in the local project or a work on a personal project throughout the EMR. The adventure started in April, 20th 2015 in Aachen (D). Via Hasselt (B), the containers are now situated in Maastricht (NL). In 2016 the first host cities will be Tongeren (B) and Genk (B), agreements with Liège, Heerlen/Parkstad Limburg and Eupen are in the making. The preparations of the project are partly financed through a co-funding by Interreg, People to People, now it is fully supported by the clients of the local studies, mostly cities.

For a complete overview and a blog for every city please have a look at the website: <http://www.deareuregio.eu>.

"We see it as an interesting discovery. Politicians talk a lot about the Euregion, but what does it mean to live from one day to another in a different city? The big advantage is that we discover the city without prejudices. We are architects, but we rather see ourselves as 'hunters' than builders. We first like to see how "the prey" behaves, and make proposals for the public space afterwards. Now often the opposite happens, so the expertise of the city-dweller is not being taken into consideration."



EuregiHotel & Studio Euregio, Photo Elodie Ledure



The EuregiHotel

Within Dear Euregio, we not only share our own experiences, but also the opportunity to live and work on extraordinary locations. That's why we travel with two containers: our own studio, and the EuregiHotel.

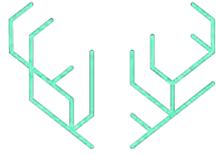
The EuregiHotel functions as a micro-residence. It offers basic but cozy accommodation (bed, bureau and bathroom) on 6^{m2}. Spending one or more nights in it is completely free, but we ask a short written motivation with one or more reasons to spend some time in a particular city. Mind that we offer neither entertainment nor breakfast; interesting discussions, sharing opinions and a unique experience are included.

Are you willing to discover one or more of the cities we're at in the next two years? And are you willing to do this through a short or longer stay in the most awesome hotel of the Euregio Meuse-Rhine? Are you looking for cross-border inspiration, or a retreat to focus on your work? We work on an informal basis, so please contact us if you have questions on the upcoming cities or the availability or just fill in the attached form and return it if you want to apply immediately.

We hope to welcome you soon somewhere in the euregio Meuse-Rhine!



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Planning 2015

Aachen (D): 20/04/2015 - 05/07/2015

In Aachen, we worked on an assignment for the city of Aachen, department of Urban Planning. We mapped the use and perception of the city by the students, in order to gain insights that can be applied in the development of the Campus West-area and the renewal of the Aachen West railway station. On the [blog](#) dedicated to the project in Aachen you'll find an extensive report on this project.

Hasselt (B) 06/07/2015 - 05/10/2015

In Hasselt, we're working on the perception of the 'Groene Boulevard', the inner ring around the city centre. In order to improve the situation, the department of culture of the city invited us to do an extensive research on it, to learn how and where the improvements can be done.

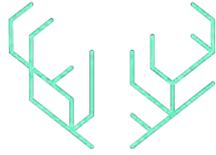
Maastricht (NL) 06/10/2015 - 04/01/2016

In Maastricht, we will work on the neighborhoods adjacent to the new 'Groene Loper': what are the characteristics and what do the neighbors know about each other? Are there opportunities to connect the cut-off neighborhoods across the newly developed area in-between them?

Upcoming cities (* to be confirmed): Tongeren (B) Genk (B), Heerlen (NL)*, Liège (B)*, Eupen (B)*



Studio Euregio in Hasselt. Photo Elodie Ledure



About Dear Hunter

Dear Hunter is a research practice founded in 2014. Located in Liège and Maastricht, Dear Hunter works in the field of architecture, urban- and spatial planning.

At Dear Hunter, we practice the 'art of Hunting': the practice of maintaining an urban tri-formed balance, an ideal state of being within a constant flux of shifting centers of gravity and importance. It's about fulfilling the role of the hunter within the habitat of the hunted, about overseeing the delicate and ever-changing balance between space, actor and intruder and the ability to negotiate in order to deliberately (im)balance the system.

Within Dear Hunter, being architects, we apply 'hunting techniques' in the domain of architecture and (urban) planning. We are aware of the different roles and positions taken within projects: these roles vary from a personal and artistic point of view to projects wherein we position ourselves as external observers to projects in which we turn with all the other factors and parameters in a circular research process. The process mostly results in mappings from which insights are derived.

Because we mediate between user and designer, our clients are (especially) governments, local authorities and design agencies. We also give lectures and workshops for educational and professional purpose. We work with a.o. Staatsbosbeheer, the municipalities De Marne, Almelo, Maastricht, Aachen (D), Genk (B), Liège (B) and Brussels (B), the Masters of Architecture Maastricht, iArts Maastricht and the Faculties of Architecture of KU Leuven University (B) and RWTH University (D)."



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