



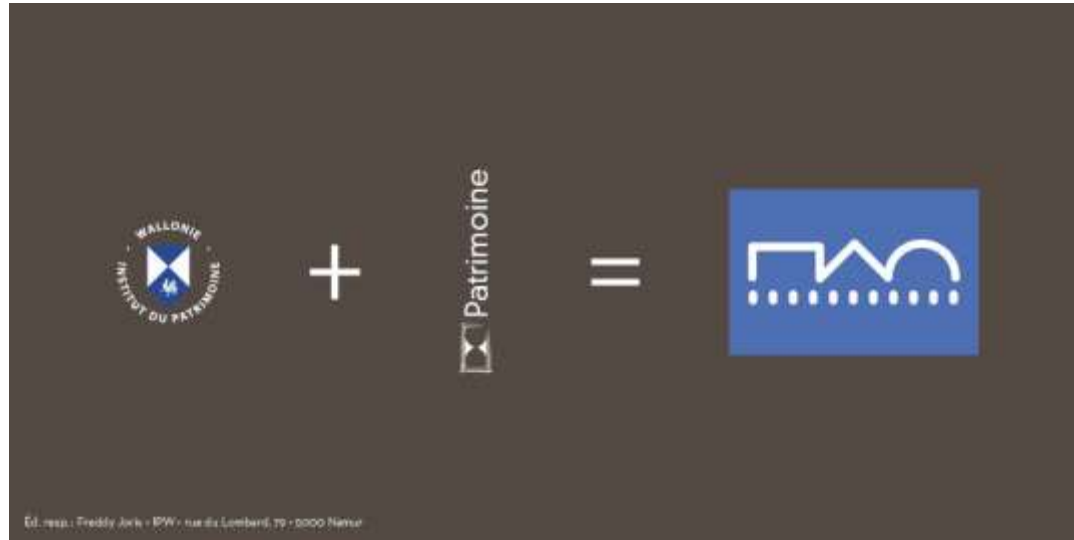
# The Wallonia Heritage Agency and the World Heritage Sites in Wallonia



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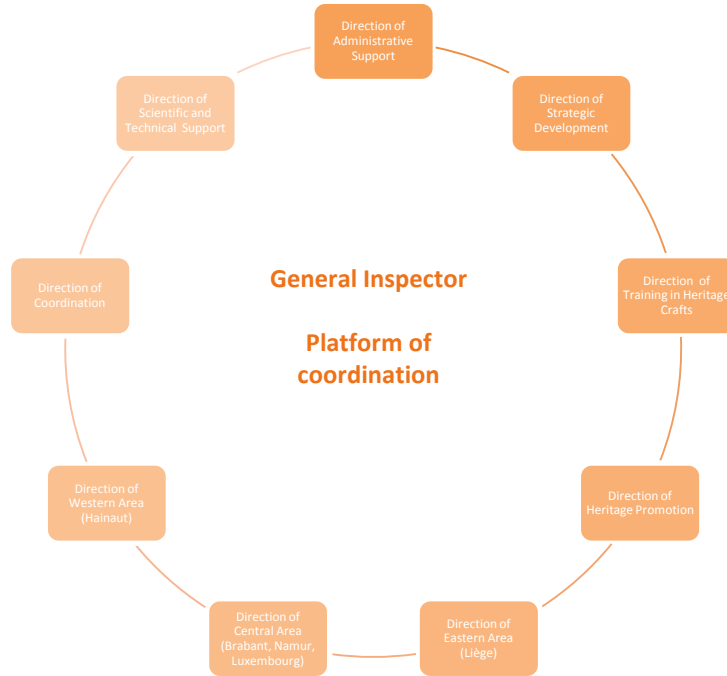
# The Wallonia Heritage Agency

A new Agency : on 1 January 2018, the Heritage Department of the Public Service of Wallonia and the Wallonia Heritage Institute merged to create the Wallonia Heritage Agency



# The Wallonia Heritage Agency

9 directions



and 22 missions which resume those carried out by the 2 former institutions

# The Wallonia Heritage Agency missions



To make  
archaeological  
excavations



To train in Heritage  
crafts

To protect  
and to  
restore  
Heritage

Évaluation - Niveau de l'Etat de conservation	
Identification de l'élément	
Localisation	
Caractéristiques de l'élément	
Etat de conservation	
Observations	
Recommandations	
Date de l'évaluation	
Nom de l'évaluateur	
Signature	
Date	



To raise awareness about Heritage



Service public de Wallonie **territoire logement patrimoine énergie**

# The Wallonia Heritage Agency missions in detail

- To implement measures to **protect monuments and sites** with a recognized Heritage interest
- **To inventory, preserve, study and enhance Heritage** including objects and archaeological sites
- To organize and manage a **unique portal** in Heritage matters
- To achieve **Heritage reports** of listed or about to be listed monuments and sites
- To preserve and organize **documentary sources** related to Heritage, providing their accessibility
- **To help** listed monuments **owners** during their reassignment, maintenance or restoration projects
- To make **recommendations** related to monuments and sites of Heritage interest and to issue authorizations for building works on listed monuments and to follow up the implementation of them
- To manage the granting of **subsidies** related to the study, the preservation, the restoration and the enhancement of Heritage
- To coordinate the restoration and maintenance works on the “**Little Popular Heritage of Wallonia**”
- To manage, preserve, restore and enhance **properties and collections** entrusted to the Agency or bought by it
- To develop and manage specific **financial and legal arrangements** to fund complex Heritage projects in cooperation with the administrations and stakeholders concerned

# The Wallonia Heritage Agency missions in detail

- To achieve and organize **archaeological researches**, related in particular to preventive archaeology and to building archaeology
- To manage the requests and grant archaeological excavations **authorizations**
- To manage the requests, grant and control the **recognitions** referred to by the Heritage Code
- To manage the requests, accredit the **archaeological repositories** and control their management
- **To manage the proposals for new inscriptions of monuments and sites on the UNESCO World Heritage List, coordinate and collaborate to their Management Plans**
- To disseminate and develop the knowledge, the skills and techniques through promoting and organizing training in **Heritage crafts**
- To organize and manage the **reception facilities** in the Heritage-related professions
- To raise the **awareness** of the whole public in Heritage
- To assume the **representation** of Wallonia Heritage internationally, in cooperation with Regions and Communities within the Belgian Representations
- **To establish and promote the Wallonia Heritage reputation at international level**
- To pursue the **complaints** in Heritage matters

# World Heritage Sites in Wallonia

- 5 cultural sites inscribed in 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2012
- 1 natural site inscribed in 2017



# The Four Lifts on the Canal du Centre and their Environs, La Louvière and Le Roeulx (Hainaut)





# Belfries of Belgium and France

Binche  
Charleroi  
Gembloux  
Mons  
Namur  
Thuin  
Tournai



# Notre-Dame Cathedral in Tournai



# Neolithic Flint Mines at Spiennes



# Major Mining Sites of Wallonia



Le Grand-Hornu  
Bois-du-Luc  
Le Bois du Cazier  
Blegny-Mine



# Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and other Regions of Europe

Parts of the Sonian Forest



# The Management Plans

Management systems prepared, updated and managed by all the stakeholders involved in the preservation and the enhancement of these sites through a management committee, a scientific committee and a steering committee, with the help of AWaP :

- Articles 108 to 118 of the *Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention*  
*Each nominated property should have an appropriate management plan or other documented management system which must specify how the Outstanding Universal Value of a property should be preserved, preferably through participatory means (art.108).*  
*The purpose of a management system is to ensure the effective protection of the nominated property for present and future generations (art.109).*
- Articles 4 to 10 of the Wallonia Heritage Code  
*Every inscribed or nominated property on the World Heritage List has a management plan consistent with the Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention (art.7).*  
The Region is involved in these matters through the Wallonia World Heritage Committee

# Common activities

Beside the implementation of the Management Plans, several activities are organized by stakeholders with the help of AWaP and other Administrations :

- Celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of several inscriptions :
  - belfries in 2019, Notre-Dame cathedral in Tournai and Neolithic flint mines of Spiennes in 2020
- New signalling system of World Heritage sites
- Technical symposiums for sites managers
- ...



**Thank you for your attention**