The project was completed in a very short time thanks to the positive cooperation between the different partners.

The construction of the bike trail was combined with nature conservation projects in the surrounding ponds. This resulted in improvement in the water quality and a significant increase in the habitat of amphibians.

‘Cycling through Water’ provides qualitative improvements to the larger environment. The project not only stimulates the nature reserve and open-air museum Bokrijk, but also the future tourist development of the De Wijers site, a 700 hectare network of ponds. This bicycle attraction is a clear reason for tourists to come and share.

The great success of ‘Cycling through Water’ makes it clear that the bicycle route network in Limburg offers a very strong grid for incorporating innovative tourism projects.

Through this and similar cycling experiences, Limburg is taking a place on the international map as a cycling region, where beautiful landscapes and unique heritage are strung together. In addition, these projects can be a stimulus for future development on and next to the bicycle route network.

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