

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES: Canada and Belgium

LEAD CANADIAN AGENCY: Parks Canada (INA)

OTHER INTERESTED CANADIAN AGENCIES: DPW, MSUA

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FOREIGN AGENCY (KNOWN OR POSSIBLE): Belgian Ministries of Cultural Affairs (both Flemish and Walloon)

PROJECT TITLE: Canada-Belgium Committee on Historic Conservation

PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF PROJECT: To develop a system of exchanges of information, technical reports and where desirable and feasible, personnel.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Exchanges could cover the following fields of historic conservation, amongst others:
Techniques of building restoration
Training of restoration architects, restoration engineers and artisan-craftsmen (e.g. carpenters, stonemasons, ironworkers, etc.)
bilingual interpretation techniques
historic resource inventory techniques
conservation of historic areas of cities and towns
exchanges of personnel
exchanges of technical papers and reports.

The Committee could meet once a year or as required with each country in turn hosting a meeting.

ACTION PROPOSED: Meetings between appropriate senior Canadian and Belgian personnel to discuss committee concept in more detail, establish its terms of reference and examine fields of historic conservation in which it might usefully operate.