

# **Industrial Heritage 2007**

Second European contact weekend for industrial heritage volunteers and associations  
**Kortrijk - Zwevegem, 25 - 26 - 27 May 2007**

E-FAITH, the European Federation of Associations of Industrial and Technical Heritage is a young platform promoting contacts and co-operation between non profit volunteer associations, the place where those can meet, exchange experiences, learn from each other and support each other's activities and campaigns.

After a successful first meeting last year in October, attended by representatives from 11 countries, E-FAITH is now going to organize a second European contact weekend for volunteers and non profit organisations that are engaged in the research, the preservation, the interpretation and/or the presentation of the industrial and technical heritage.

It will again be an open and stimulating meeting where organisations and individuals can present and compare their ideas, projects and results - and find out where cooperation or common projects can grow, how they can support the aims of colleagues and how colleagues can support their objectives. This will be possible by lectures and oral presentations, leaflets, information stands, posters and small exhibits. Each participant is allowed to use the presentation techniques that to him/her seems to be the most appropriate.

The main themes of the meeting will be:

- European bordercrossing cooperation between industrial and technical heritage associations
- twinning between associations
- exchanging experiences from the field

This second contact weekend is organised on May 25th and 26th in Kortrijk and Zwevegem (Belgium). Both towns are situated on the French-Belgian border, less than 30 km from Lille (France)

This second European Industrial and Technical Heritage Weekend will take place in the former electrical power station of Zwevegem (protected by law and now being transformed into a multifunctional cultural, music, meetings and business center) and in the National Flax Museum in Kortrijk. The power station of Zwevegem holds turbo generators and other machinery of Belgian, French, Swiss, Swedish, Hungarian, etc. origin and offers a real 'European' story of electricity production.

Participants will have the opportunity to visit the power station in detail.

On Sunday May 27th there will be a facultative bus tour in the region, visiting the flax heritage (e.g. retting and scutching), windmills (oil and grain mill, and the last flax scutching windmill of Europe recently restored by a volunteer association), steam engines, etc.

Additional information on the Second European Industrial and Technical Heritage Weekend is available and will be regularly updated

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