

# A2 MAASTRICHT WINS SCHREUDERS PRIZE 2017

06-11-2017



Groene Loper [A2 Maastricht](#) is the winner of the **Schreudersprijs (Schreuders Prize) 2017**, the prize for innovative underground construction projects. A2 Maastricht wins the award with the design and opportunities that the Groene Loper (Green Carpet) brings. The jury praised the innovative underground double layer solution for the traffic, and the aboveground possibilities offered for the healing of Maastricht-East, where the city was once split into two by the A2 national motorway.

**The design of Groene Loper** ensures good accessibility of the city and Euregio, the A2 intersection at the crossing of Geusselt and the junction of Europaplein, and now the tunnel is completed, more than 80% of the traffic goes underground, adjacent neighborhoods gain also opportunities for new development.

Michèle Blom, Genreal Director of Rijkswaterstaat, Bauke Lobbezoo of Strukton Civiel, and Louis Prompers of Projectbureau A2 Maastricht represented the whole project team to receive the prize on November 3 2017 at the COB congress.

Jury praised the A2 Maastricht Project Team to have executed this complex project with highly skillful engineering capacity. Consider that the project runs an extraordinary high level of risk and complexity that it involved, "they paid particular attention on good communication with the residents and stakeholders of the surrounding area. This project shall become an example for other municipalities when they consider to put the option of underground undertaking on their agenda."

Governor John Aarts, Chairman of the Steering Committee A2 Maastricht: "The contours of the Green Carpet are becoming increasingly visible. Smart technical solutions create a new piece of city with a very pleasant living environment. The fact that this approach gains also recognition of professional experts, it is more pleasurable for the client, engineers and the city."

Other entries of this year's Schreudersprijs included Kustwerk Katwijk, Zutphen Underpasses and Lammermarkt Leiden Parking Park.

## About the Schreudersprijs

Every two years, the COB (Center for Underground Construction, Knowledge Center for Underground Construction and Underground Space Use) issues the Schreuders Prize. This prize is handed over to a company or institution for a project using an innovative and responsible way of using the underground.

West 8 together with Humblé Architecten won in 2009 the competition for the design of the tunneling of the A2 highway in Maastricht, the Netherlands, prepared for the Consortium "Avenue2".

Other recent news regarding realisation of A2 Maastricht Groene Loper:

- [Green Arches in place on Groene Loper \(Green Carpet\) A2 Maastricht](#)
- [Maastricht's Groene Loper Materializes](#)

more information: [Groene Loper-A2 Maastricht](#)