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Industrial Heritage in Flanders

Why is industrial heritage important?



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- These sites were the building blocks of the **economy** of the past.
- They tell **the story of the labour** of the past.
- Regeneration means adding a **new chapter** to the site
- It connects us with the **working lives** of our ancestors.

Outline

C-Mine



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1. Richness
2. Challenges
3. Three Cases
4. Lessons learned

1. Richness

The image shows a vast, industrial interior space, likely a factory or a large-scale workshop. The most striking feature is the high, vaulted ceiling, which is constructed from a complex network of dark wooden beams and trusses. Large, multi-paned skylights are integrated into the roof structure, allowing natural light to illuminate the space. The floor is covered in a prominent red and white checkered tile pattern, which recedes into the distance, creating a strong sense of perspective. On either side of the central walkway, there are elevated walkways or platforms with dark metal railings. In the background, various pieces of industrial machinery, including a large blue cylindrical tank and other complex equipment, are visible. The overall atmosphere is one of a well-maintained, functional, and architecturally rich industrial environment.

1. Richness in topics and in “shapes”

- Food and drink
- Mining and raw materials
- Harbours and shipyards
- Utilities and production

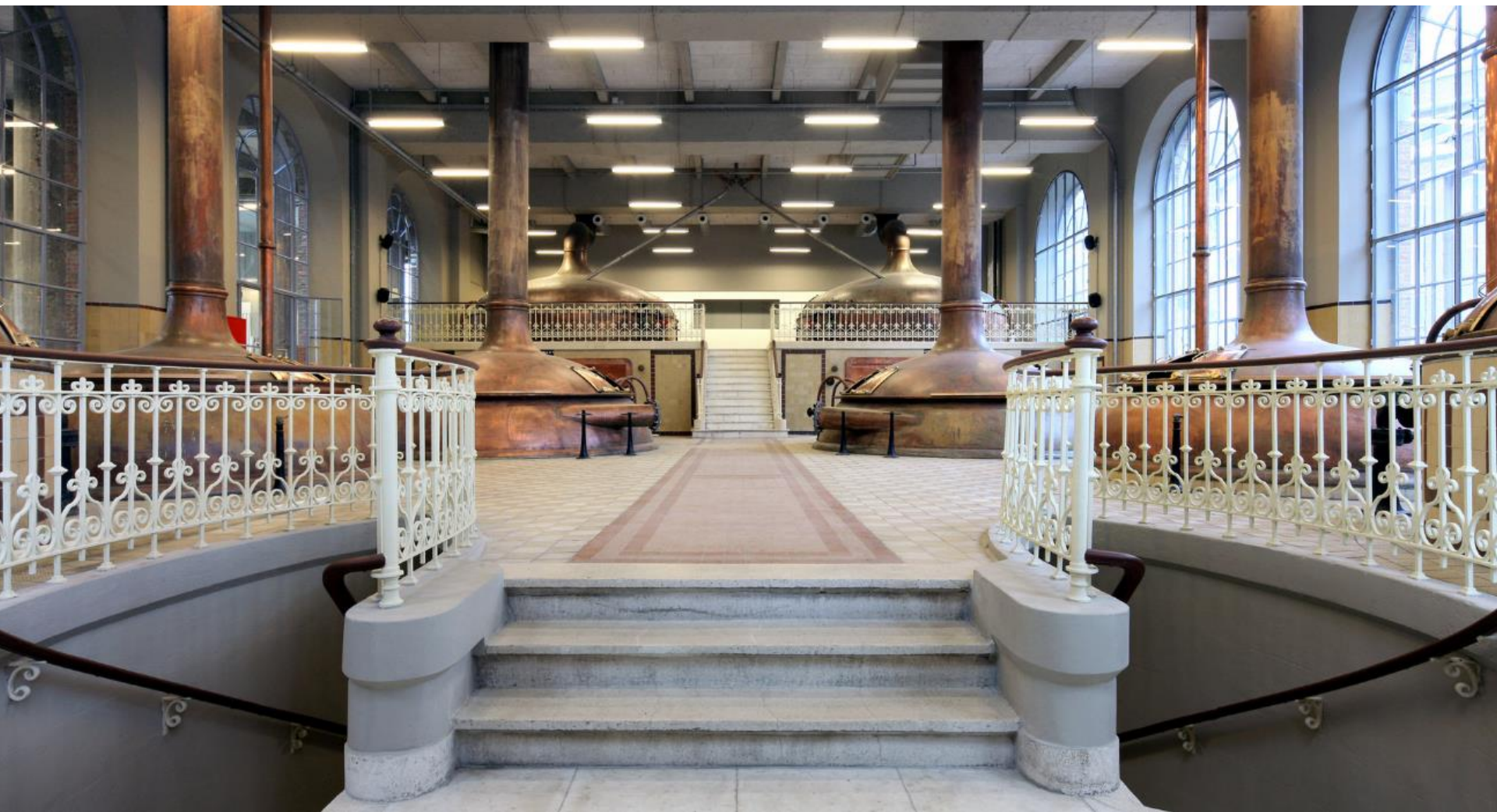
- Breweries and distilleries
- Mills and coal mines
- Port infrastructure, bridges and railways
- Brickyards and warehouses
- Factories and cottage industries

1. Richness: examples

























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2. Challenges



2. Challenges

- Law and policy making:
 - environmental constraints
 - personal and fire safety
 - energy conservation
- Spatial planning and (re)development of sites
- Lack of occupancy
- ‘Something new is better’
- Budgetary possibilities and constraints

3. Three cases





1. Diamond polishing factory Lieckens in Nijlen























Provincie Antwerpen

basistracjet: 52 km
verkorting: 43 km en 77 km

Nijlen - Berlaar - Lier - Grobbendonk

Diamantroute

Een tour door het Kempense diamantverleden

Antwerpen werd een wereldpleier in de diamant dankzij de arbeid van tienduizenden rooiste Kempense arbeiders. Ruim honderd jaar diamantgeschiedenis in de Kempen levert heel wat kleine verhalen op. Je ontdekt ze op deze Diamantroute.

Het Kempens Diamantcentrum en de gerenoteerde Sijpers Leekens - de laatste vooroorlogse slijpers - lift de streek - vertellen je meer over de laatste vooroorlogse slijpers uit de streek - van tien tot vijftien schitterende steentjes. Een simpele druk op de knop van de audiopaal levert de eerste boeiende verhalen op. De Diamantroute voert je van Nijlen door de vallei van de Grote en Kleine Kieze richting Lier en het charmante dorpje Gestel.

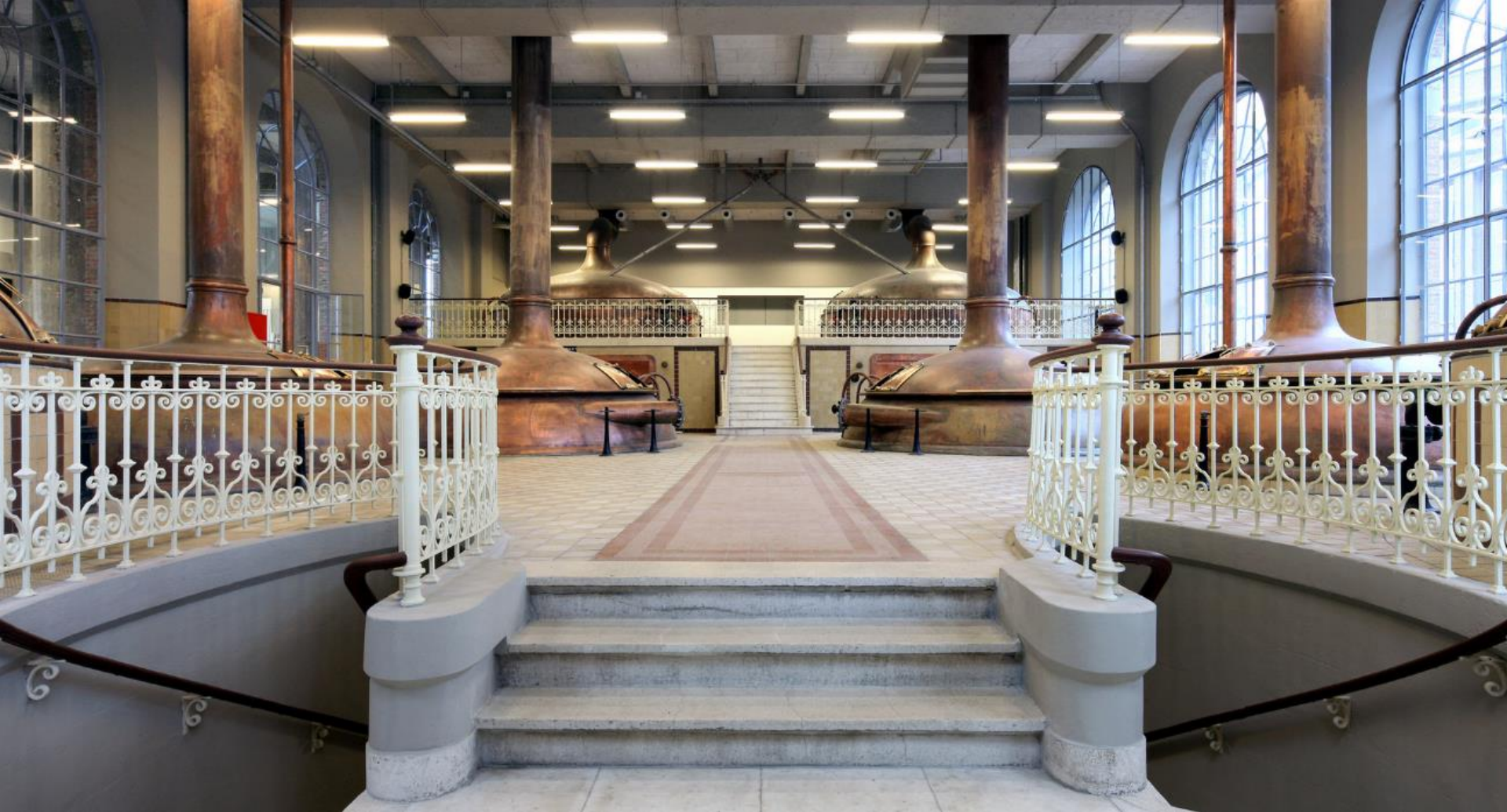
De vier audiopaal onderweg belichten diverse facetten van het diamantverleden. Van de lastige arbeidsomstandigheden tot de plaziante steer op en naast de werkvloer.

- Diamantroute
- Keurroute verkorting
- Keurpunt
- Audiopaal met een verhaal

Opmerking i.v.m. de beweging op het netwerk of de staat van het wegdek! Vull het meldingsformulier in op www.muteelaten.be

KEMPEN





2. Beer brewery De Hoorn in Leuven



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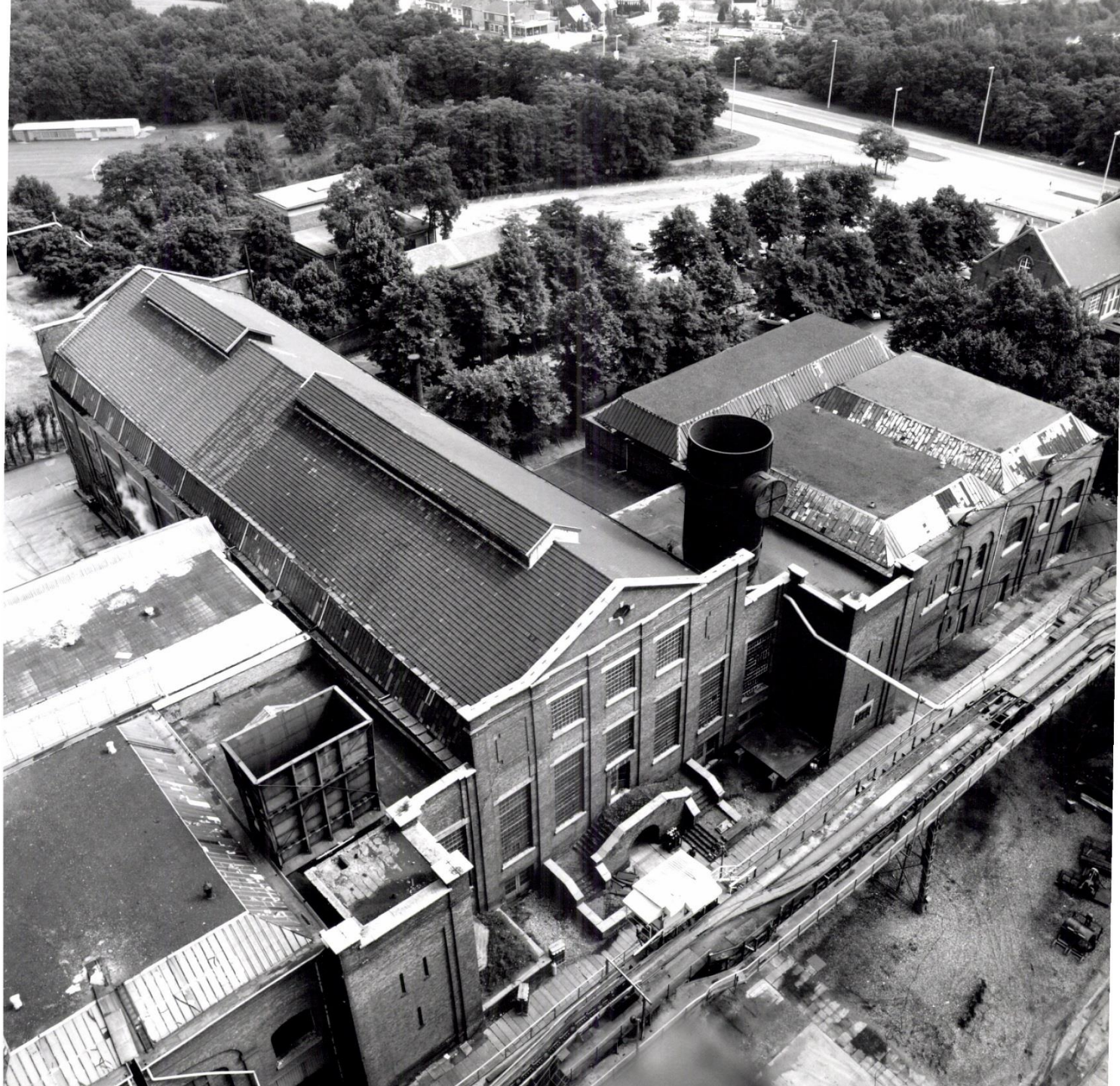


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3. C-Mine in Genk

















C-mine

Een ander woord voor creativiteit is durf

C-Mine Genk

4. Lessons learned





You need:

- **An enthusiastic inspirer and investor**
- **Innovative and creative ideas**
- **Expert knowledge**
 - To identify the heritage value
 - To ensure the readability of the industrial process
 - To select and conserve the machinery
- **A tailor-made approach**
- **Time**
- **Public support and participation**
- **Economic viability, it must be “used”**

My final and personal message



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Thank you