



## **How to reconcile archaeology with urban development?**

In the framework of Work Package 3 of the PORTICO project, 'Connecting: optimizing spin-off (of investments in heritage) for urban development', Gent commissioned Visual Dimension for the organization of an expert master class on archaeology minded spatial development.

Some twenty local and international experts in various fields, including urban planning, engineering and architecture, archaeology, heritage presentation, tourism, marketing and communication, were invited to reflect upon four cases of future spatial development projects, one for each of the PORTICO partner cities, in which archaeological and built heritage was at stake. The cases include the Gerard de Duivelsteen site in Gent, Dee House site in Chester, Vredenburg site in Utrecht and the Ubian Monument in Köln.

Aim of the master class was to share experience, ideas, and insights, in order to generate some general principles and guide lines for incorporating knowledge and remains of the past in the reconstruction of historical and archaeological important urban sites.

Two 2 days-sessions were held, one in Gent in September, the other in Utrecht in October 2010. Preliminary results were presented and commented upon on the PORTICO-conference in Gent on 24th November 2010.

The output will be a generic Code of Practice for public dissemination, and four case study reports for internal use by the Portico partners.