

# ESPACE EUROPEEN POUR LA SCULPTURE

## Press Release

### RUUP

July 1<sup>st</sup> – September 10<sup>th</sup> 2017

*L'Espace Européen pour la Sculpture asbl presents the exhibition RUUP, designed by the Estonian artist Birgit Õigus and built by students from the Estonian Academy of Arts*



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As every year since 1992, the *Espace Européen pour la Sculpture* organizes an exhibition dedicated to an artist from the country of the rotating presidency of the Council of European Union, in the regional Tournay-Solvay Park in Watermael-Boitsfort.

On the occasion of the Estonian Presidency in the second half of 2017, the time of an exhibition, three giant megaphones made from Estonian wood, will be temporarily placed in the Tournay-Solvay Park.

This is **RUUP**, an artwork designed by the Estonian artist Birgit Õigus, built by students from the *Eesti Kunstiakadeemia*, the Estonian Academy of Arts, looking for a way to help us all notice and listen to the sounds of the forests. **RUUP** offers a place to rest your feet, as well as your thoughts. Sit, sleep, think, and listen.

**RUUP** is an open library with just one book – the nature that has an endless assortment of "audio-books" and it is always renewing itself.

This exhibition will be organized simultaneously with the exhibition "**The Bees of Brussels**" (*Les Abeilles de Bruxelles*) of the French artist Jean-François Fourtou, organized by Out of the Box and Diane Hennebert, from June 23<sup>rd</sup> to September 10<sup>th</sup> 2017.

[www.ruup.ee](http://www.ruup.ee)

[www.ofthebox.be](http://www.ofthebox.be)



The exhibition **RUUP** was established thanks to the support of:

- Mrs Birgit Õigus and the students of the Estonian Art Academy
- Mrs Céline Fremault, Minister for the Environment of the Brussels-Capital Region
- Brussels Environment
- The Brussels-Capital Region and "*Brussels Image*"
- The Commission Communautaire Française of the Brussels-Capital Region
- The municipality of Watermael-Boitsfort
- Eeckman Art & Insurance
- The Permanent Representation of Estonia to the EU
- The Estonian Ministry of Culture

### **Practical information regarding the exhibitions *RUUP* and *The Bees of Brussels***

**Address:** Regional Tournay-Solvay Park, Chaussée de La Hulpe 201 in Watermael-Boitsfort (1170 Brussels)

**Presentation to the Press** in the presence of the artists: Wednesday June 21<sup>st</sup> 2017 from 10:30 AM to 1 PM

**Vernissage:** Thursday June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017 from 6 PM to 9 PM in the presence of Mrs Céline Fremault, Minister of the Environment of the Brussels-Capital Region.

*(The work RUUP is presented as "work in progress" on June 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017, the exhibition opens officially on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2017, beginning of the Estonian Presidency)*

**Exhibition:** Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup> to Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup> 2017

**Free access** to the Regional Tournay-Solvay Park:

- Until August 31<sup>st</sup> 2017: 8 AM – 9 PM
- September 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> 2017: 8 AM – 8 PM

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### **About EES**

EES (Espace Européen pour la Sculpture) is a non-profit association founded in 1989 under the chairmanship of Simon du Chastel. It aims to give visual artists from different countries of the European Union, more visibility in Brussels, the heart of Europe. Every year an artist from the country that holds the rotating presidency, is invited to occupy the Regional Tournay-Solvaypark, one of the most beautiful parks in the Brussels-Capital Region.

The EES, with its headquarters in the "Villa" in the centre of the Park, attempts to establish a dialogue between art and nature. European artists of international acclaim have been placing work here since 1992.