News – February 2021

The first version of AEZEL.eu was presented to the general public on 10 October 2020. Hundreds of volunteers have entered millions of genealogical and cadastral data, which are bundled in this website. The Province of Limburg has expressed its appreciation for AEZEL and even nominated AEZEL for the national heritage volunteer prize! The webinar that preceded this go-live with an explanation of AEZEL can still be viewed via this [link](). You can go straight to the start of the webinar by moving the dot to 5.30 minutes.

We are very happy with **the February 2021 update from AEZEL**, which we can now show you. The following improvements have been made.

- The **layout of the homepage** has been adjusted. Not only can you click through to the topic you are looking for from the menu, but also from the "**Featured**" carousel and there is a "**Latest news" button**".
- Under the theme "**Minute plans**", instead of 38 municipalities, **59 of the old cadastral municipalities** are now visible! There is an almost uninterrupted ribbon from North to South Limburg. From now on we no longer have to wait for an update of the website, but after a new municipality is ready, it can also be placed on the website quickly. The number of icons on the map has also been expanded.
- The **set-up of the database** has been simplified, making it easier and clearer to use.
- A number of **improvements** have been made to the theme "Sources", "Cemeteries", "Stolpersteine", and the display of diacritics.
- The problem with **downloading scans** has been resolved.
- The most important **texts** on the site are now in four languages. Press the language button and choose Dutch, English, French or German. Please note: the last selected language will remain.

Of course we are not there yet. We foresee that during the year:

- the scans from All Limburgers have been transferred, after which All Limburgers can be removed from the air.
- a family tree, statistics and collection and correction module will be added. A dataset on authorities in Limburg over the centuries has also been prepared up to and including municipal level. Hopefully this can be made visible on the website this year.
- Addition of the theme of cemeteries.

We have also started the **'archive brigade project'**, a collaboration between the LGGI and the archives, which aims to scan all church registers (and eventually the civil

status registers) and link them to datasets already entered. A first step that has been taken together with the RHCL is to make a complete basic list of the registers with location and a division of tasks and agreements regarding the approach.

Your **comments, additions and corrections** about this new version are more than welcome and can be submitted on any page via the yellow button "**Report**".