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CASE STUDY

Public spaces · LED lighting

Footbridge, viewpoint
& site electrics

The Batta esplanade in Huy lights up on the Meuse

On the esplanade that won the Grand Prix d'Architecture de Wallonie 2025, for the main contractor Galère and the City of Huy, Colasse designed and manufactured the integrated LED lighting of the footbridge. We also took charge of the site electrics, together with a partner electrician.

42	3000 K	3	2025
custom-made linear LED luminaires	warm white, light directed at the ground	event power points connected to the switchboard	Grand Prix d'Architecture de Wallonie

Context

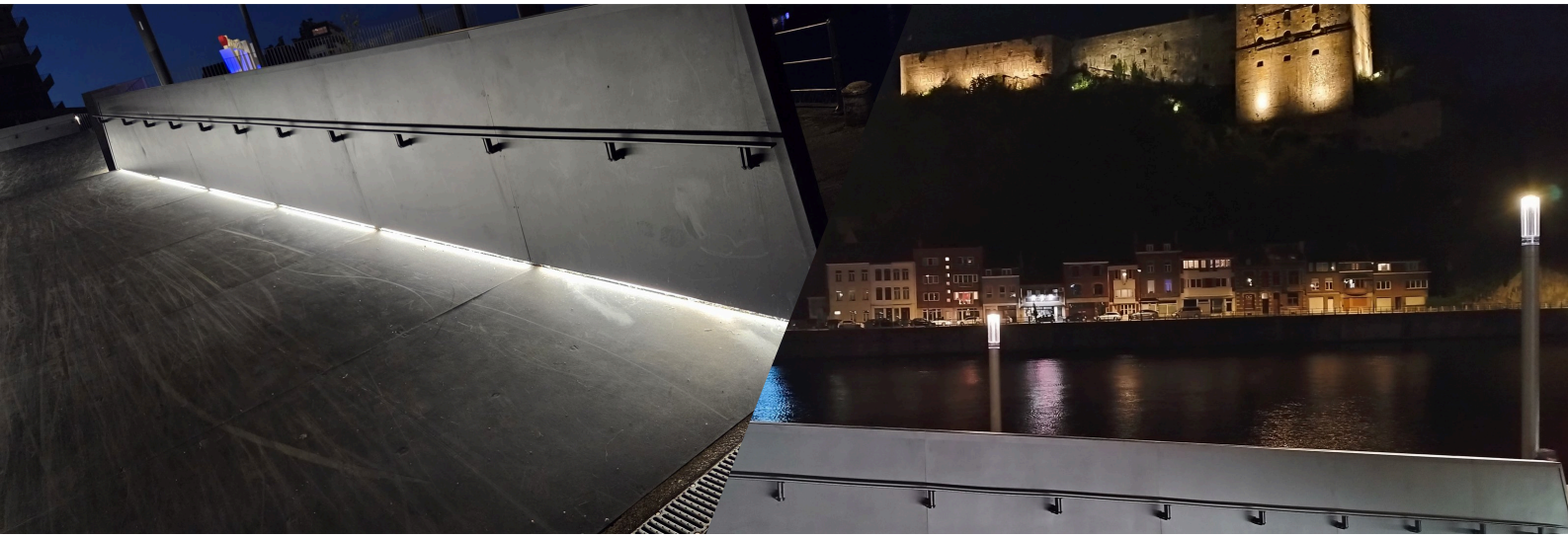
On the left bank of Huy, facing the **Collegiate Church of Notre-Dame** and the **fort**, the City turned the former Batta car park into an open public space: paving, street furniture, planting, an extension of the RAVeL path and a footbridge leading down to the Meuse.

The main contractor **Galère** entrusted Colasse with the lighting of the footbridge and the viewpoint, as well as the power supply needed for events: street markets, neighbourhood parties, concerts.

The challenge: light without showing the light

The footbridge railings are large, dark and very architectural panels. The light had to underline their line and light the floor of the ramps and stairs, while remaining **discreet by day**.

On the riverbank, the equipment has to withstand rain, frost and the wear of a public place. The site also needed a **switchboard ready for events**. Everything had to be in service for the inauguration on 7 October 2023.



Our solution

Colasse designed and manufactured **42 waterproof linear LED luminaires in 3000 K warm white**, cut to the exact length of each panel and fixed under the railings with stainless steel clips. Six supply lines and their drivers are grouped in the viewpoint.

An **astronomical clock** switches the footbridge on at nightfall. On the viewpoint, a lighting study came before the installation of three waterproof luminaires with emergency lighting. Colasse also handled the **switchboard**, the supply of the **3 event power points**, the LED screen and the goods lift, as well as the earthing.

The result

At night, the luminaires light the floor of the footbridge with grazing light:

- the light is directed at the ground: you see where you walk, **without glare**;
- the collegiate church and the fort remain highlighted, with no stray light;
- almost three years after commissioning, the installation is **still uniform**.

From the lighting study to the as-built drawings, Colasse managed the lighting and electrics of the site with a partner electrician, in coordination with the main contractor: site supervision, safety (VCA) and acceptance by an approved inspection body.

Study, manufacturing, supply and commissioning
Summer 2023

The Batta esplanade

- Public space on the left bank of Huy (Belgium), facing the collegiate church and the fort.
- Client: City of Huy. Architect: UMAN architect. Main contractor: Galère.
- Inaugurated on 7 October 2023, winner of the **Grand Prix d'Architecture de Wallonie 2025** (Walloon Architecture Award, engineering works and public spaces).

Project photos: colasse.be/projects/espace-batta-huy

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