

## R41 - Aalst

### Project Details

#### Activities

Civil Engineering  
Tunnels  
Road construction  
General roadworks  
Asphalt works

#### Contractors

Franki Construct  
Willemen Infra

#### Location

R41  
9300 Aalst Belgium  
Oost-Vlaanderen BE

#### Client

Agentschap Wegen en Verkeer Oost-Vlaanderen, Stad Aalst

#### Temporary partnership

Franki Construct, Willemen Infra

#### Construction period

5 years 9 months

#### Start work

08-2015

#### End of work

05-2021

#### Project website

[Ring Aalst](#)



Work on this viaduct was completed in May 2021, finalising the redesign of the Aalst ring road. The new R41 is not only smoother and safer, but can also handle higher volumes of traffic.

Over the past few years, the R41 section between the Kwalestraat junction and Verbrandhofstraat has undergone a complete transformation. Three dangerous intersections were redesigned to include new (bicycle) tunnels that separate local and through traffic. In addition to the tunnels, service roads have also been built. Entry and exit slip roads to the tunnels will be provided between Gentssteenweg (N9) and Raffelgemstraat. A square has also been laid out on the roof of the Raffelgemstraat tunnel.

Roundabouts have been built at the R41/N9 and R41/Raffelgemstraat intersections. The R41/Merestraat intersection was reconstructed at a different location, and once again, bicycle tunnels were added. Gentssteenweg was redeveloped between Welvaartstraat and Sinte-Annalaan, and wide bicycle paths, new pedestrian pathways, and a separate sewer system were added. The superstructure and substructure of the R41 viaduct between Ledebaan and Verbrandhofstraat were also fully cleaned up and renovated. Sewer systems were fully renovated everywhere, together with all footpaths and street furniture. Finally, we also carried out structural maintenance on the R41 between Korte Vooruitzichtstraat and Ledebaan, and between Kwalestraat and Merestraat.

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