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40 cooperatives

Aim: Agri-environmental scheme

Nature inclusive agriculture



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Agrarisch Natuur- en Landschapsbeheer



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- Dairyfarmer, 120 cows, 2 Milking robots
- 70 ha. Grassland with 15 ha Meadow bird protection
- President of Farmers Nature
- Umbrella organization of 40 Cooperatives
- Agri-environmental schemes
- Long term perspective



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- Cooperative: “Group of Farmers”
- Farmlandbird protection.
- Landscape maintenance.
- 10.500 farmers, 100.000 hectares.
- € 75 million



**Specific for
approach: 40
agricultural
collectives,
together covering
the complete
country**



AES 2016-2018: About the approach



■ Provinciegrenzen

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| 1 Collectief Groningen West | 16 Achterhoek | |
| 2 Midden-Groningen | 17 Rivierenland | |
| 3 ANOG | 18 Veluwe | |
| 4 Agrarische Natuur Drenthe | 19 Noord-Holland Zuid | |
| 5 Waddenvogels | 20 Water, Land en Dijken | |
| 6 Waadrane | 21 Hollands Noorden | |
| 7 Westergo | 22 De Liefuw | |
| 8 Sudwestkust | 23 Collectief Utrecht Oost | |
| 9 It Lege Midden | 24 Collectief Eemland | |
| 10 ELAN | 25 Rijn Vecht en Venen | |
| 11 Noardlike Fryske Walden | 26 ANV Lopikerwaard | |
| 12 Flevolands Agrarisch Collectief | 27 Rijn & Gouwe Wiericke | |
| | | 31 Alblasserwaard/Vijfheerenlanden |
| | | 32 Hoeksche Waard |
| | | 33 Zuidhollandse Eilanden |
| | | 34 Collectief Midden-Delfland |
| | | 35 West-Brabant |
| | | 36 Oost-Brabant |
| | | 37 Midden-Brabant |

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- System Change in Agri-Environmental schemes.
- From Farm approach to Habitat approach.
- Strong rol for cooperatives.
- Shift of responsibilities.
- Efficiency: from 13.000 contracts to 40 !
- Effectiveness, habitat approach.
- The farmer in the lead.



Activities of farmer cooperatives

- Developing a management plan
- Preparation of collective claim
- Contract management with participants
- Inspection of realisation of management activities
- Preparation of payment justification / payment of participants
- Monitoring conservation measurements and results
- Ecological guidance of the participants



What is achieved?



- ▶ Regional authorities have granted subsidies;
- ▶ The groups of farmers have built their organisation and strengthened their professionalism, including ICT;
- ▶ A knowledge-network is developed;
- ▶ Monitoring protocols are developed in cooperation with environmental NGO's;
- ▶ Control and sanctioning protocols by management authority and groups of farmers themselves.





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The future CAP.

• I skate to where the puck is going to be, not where it has been”

- The new CAP must meet new goals.
- Climate, Biodiversity, Environment, Landscape....
- And still: Farmers income, level playing field.
- The old CAP: Rewarding ownership of land.
- The new CAP should challenge farmers.



Vision BoerenNatuur new CAP

- More 'green budget' for more nature inclusive farming practices
- Regional, customized approach for eco-schemes (but keep it simple)
- Increased role for collectives
 - regional coordination for eco-schemes
 - synergy between AES, eco-schemes and conditionality



The future CAP.



The Cooperative and the CAP

- Less direct payments 50 %
- Eco-plans
- Challenge the farmer to earn his money back..
- Area-oriented measures.
- If necessary, coordinated measures.
- Coordinated with third parties.
- Then you can create a habitat



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Thank You.

