



MANIFEST

FROM DUTCH RURAL AREAS



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Citizens, entrepreneurs, farmers and non-governmental organizations challenge political parties to commit themselves to working towards the excellence of our countryside. A countryside with good farming, living, working and recreation and where landscape and nature are at their best advantage.

In the last couple of years there have been major investments made in the development of our countryside, with great results! Challenges within the local area's have been taken care of by local development strategies and by local stakeholders themselves. Social and private energy has been effectively utilized within the regional levels, a bottom up approach that seems to work!

For the last 20 years the European LEADER-program has been an important catalyst to initiate and stimulate this development. This is not just an observation echoing from the Dutch polder, this echo is also being heard from all of the rural areas in Europe.

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In the last 20 years a good base position has been made for the cooperation between governments and civil society organizations. Both of the above mentioned have also invested in numerous initiatives appropriate to the cultural identities of each region. This has brought an awakening in each region to take responsibilities into their own hands.





- k There is inspiration and enthusiasm available. A growing amount of (dynamic) networks and communities are active and make intensive use of social media.

k 8 u This increases involvement, commitment and continuity. It is necessary that governments define their tasks clearly and that they really delegate the delegated tasks.

- @ k With the correct definition of authorizations, communication lines can be kept short and game rules simple. Through public-private partnership comes more creativity in pooling resources and initiatives. What are all these meetings for (bureaucracy)? A dynamic network approach is usually sufficient; who do you need where for and when?

u -h- u In other words, in the past good projects were sought after for available funds, as of now regions will look for funding for initiatives that contribute to a shared vision. This is something the rural areas want to do themselves beginning at ground level.

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And therefore:

- Using our experience in integrated regional development, especially in view of a thorough preparation for new EU programs after 2013.
- To continue to stimulate and facilitate regional public-private partnerships.
- To ensure correct definition of tasks and responsibilities for a clear mandate for the region. This ensures that requests for resources are not made over complicated by lengthy procedures and therefore difficult for initiators to understand, thus resulting in extinguishing the flames of initiative and enthusiasm.

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