

BOND REPOSITORY OF COLLECTIVE ACTION

Netherlands: Agricultural Nature and Landscape Management Association Water, Land and Dikes (Water, Land en Dijken)

The aim of the BOND Repository is to share real-life solutions of farmers' and land managers' capacity to develop collective activities and participate in networks involving a wide range of actors. The Repository contains 20 in-depth case studies emerging from the BOND Project, and in addition provides a store-and-share for other initiatives and projects to upload their success stories on an on-going basis.

The Repository is based on EU 'Practice Abstracts' that provide a common format to characterise a project. This makes it possible for readers to contact the project partners and enables the dissemination of project results.

The language is English apart from the project title and abstract.

This Table aims to provide basic information about the organisation or initiative as a whole.

Title (in native language)	Vereniging Agrarisch Natuur- en Landschapsbeheer Water, Land & Dijken (WLD)
Title (in English)	Agricultural Nature and Landscape Management Association Water, Land and Dikes
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Start date	Early 1980s: collaboration of young farmers and conservationists. Step by step development. In 2008 merger with other comparable associations in the same region into 1 professional organisation (WLD) (± 51.000 ha)
Main sectors/focus	Agricultural nature management (esp. meadow bird management)
Type of organisation (eg coop, network)	Association

Number of members	500 farmers, 150 citizen volunteers
Type of members	Farmers and citizen volunteers (incl ± 550 volunteers that are not members)
Operating level (local, regional, national etc)	regional
Funding sources	Different governmental contributions and subsidies and membership fees; main funding source is the Province of North Holland
Total budget	± €5.4 million (2016)
Objectives of the initiative	Agricultural management of the area (peat area and polders) with a surplus value for nature and landscape.
Description of main activities	<p>Organisation, implementation and monitoring of agri-environmental schemes</p> <p>Courses in agricultural nature management for members</p> <p>20-30 projects/year: projects on environmentally-friendly water- and soil-management, on-farm education etc.</p>
Website	www.waterlandendijken.nl/
Links to other websites if appropriate	
Tick if audiovisual material provided	
Tick if project documents provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Powerpoint presentation WLD (BOND excursion 20th of March 2018, Ipendam) - Brochure “The cooperative approach under the new Dutch agri-environment-climate scheme” (with a paragraph on the relevance to other EU member states).

PRACTICE ABSTRACT 1

This summary should be as interesting as possible for farmers and other practitioners, using easy understandable language.

(Please repeat this template for each project or subproject that you would like to record)

Short title in English	Agricultural Nature and Landscape Management Association
<p>Short summary for practitioners in English on the (final or expected) outcomes (1000-1500 characters, word count – no spaces). This summary should at least contain the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Main results/outcomes of the activity (expected or final) Include successes such as impact (on policy/productivity/land management etc), effectiveness (have objectives been achieved?), sustainability (economic and environmental), and transferability (can it be adapted and adopted elsewhere?) – The main practical recommendation(s): including both entrepreneurial elements related to cost, productivity etc as well as how any challenges have been overcome. 	<p>This Association undertakes agricultural management of the area (peat area and polders) with a surplus value for nature and landscape and with a focus on meadow bird management.</p> <p>The main results are several. There is a renewed drive and spirit within the regional farmers community. New region-specific agricultural practices have been developed that are oriented toward nature and landscape management. The Association has contributed to the development of agri-environmental schemes and policies in a more ‘farmers-friendly’ way. Overall it has provided new perspectives for farming in the area and higher quality of nature and landscape.</p> <p>Specific practical recommendations are that the organisation has to be properly farmer led, that its not sufficient only to ‘oppose’ governmental plans, but to be constructive and develop an alternative plan based on the idea “we can do it better” and on concrete practices and experiments (use of own ‘local knowledge’), that its important to cooperate with regional nature and landscape organisations and authorities, and that a step by step development is required; it takes time to develop the organisation, first small results are needed to be able to get ‘trust’ and to develop larger plans etc.</p>
Short title in <u>native language</u>	Water, Land en Dijken
Short summary for practitioners in <u>native language</u> <i>(can be the language of the coordinator / one of the partners)</i>	<p>Resultaten:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nieuwe elan bij de boeren in het gebied - Ontwikkeling van nieuwe gebieds-specifieke landbouw praktijken die zijn gericht op natuur- en landschapsbeheer.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Bijdrage aan het ontwikkelen van nieuwe programma's en beleid voor agrarisch natuurbeheer.- Totaalbeeld: nieuwe perspectieven om in het gebied te boeren en een hogere natuur- en landschapskwaliteit. <p>Praktische aanbevelingen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- De vereniging moet een echte 'boerenclub' blijven- Voer niet alleen 'oppositie' tegen overheidsplannen, maar wees constructief en ontwikkel een eigen plan gebaseerd op het idee "wij kunnen het beter" en op basis van eigen praktijken en experimenten (gebruik van lokale kennis)- Werk samen met regionale natuur- en landschapsorganisaties en overheden- Volg een stap-voor-stap ontwikkeling; het vraagt tijd om een eigen organisatie te ontwikkelen, eerste kleine resultaten zijn nodig om vertrouwen (bij collega's, maatschappelijke organisaties en overheden) te winnen en om meer omvattende plannen te kunnen maken.
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