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Main concerns in rural areas

- 1. Urban pressure:
 - Beauty and variety of agricultural landscapes
 - Environment (soil, water, air) and biodiversity
- 2 Socio-economic development:
 - Competitiveness of agricultural sector
 - Regional/local socio-economic problems: employment, housing, basic facilities

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Dutch Rural Development Programme

- Goal is to improve the competitive capacity of agriculture and the quality of rural areas
- Four priorities:
 - 1. Competitiveness of agriculture en forestry
 - 2. Improvement of the environment and rural areas
 - 3. Quality of life in rural areas and diversification of rural economy
 - Links between actions of rural development ("Leader approach")

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24 concrete measures



Rationale for intervention

- strongly fragmentation of parcellation
- small parcels
- too less opportunities for large scale farming
- lagging infrastructure (accessibility, water management)
- unsustainable agriculture (environmental pollution)



Scope and actions

Focus on land based farming, enhancement of production circumstances, cost price reduction and lower input farming. Important actions are:

- land consolidation
- improvement of soil quality
- upgrading and construction of farm roads
- upgrading and construction of water supply and drainage systems
- implementation of energy systems
- relocation of farmhouses/buildings







b. Implementation of technical measures:

- improvement of parcellation (enlargement of parcels)
- improvement of infrastructure
- optimizing location of farms related to infrastructure and environment
- development of new energy systems



c. Relocation of farmhouses buildings

- removal of buildings and installations from existing farm including all related costs of movement
- investments on new farm (land acquisition, construction of buildings, installations)
- general costs (fees, notary, cadastre)



Non eligible costs

- purchase of agricultural production rights, animals, annual plants and their planting
- · simple replacement investments
- land acquisition >10% of the eligible project costs
- legal obliged activities



Beneficiaries

- farmers
- farmers co-operations, associations
- provincial and local authorities
- water boards
- nature and landscape organizations



Aid conditions

- economically sound farms
- cost-effective and environmentally friendly investments
- -5 years durability of the granted physical capital goods

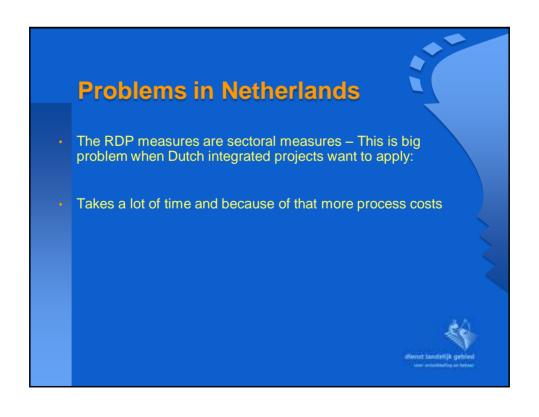


Financing programme period 2007-2013

- National cofinancing € 80 mln
- National top-up
- € 40 mln
- EU cofinancing (EAFRD) € 80 mln
- Private financing
- € 40 mln
- **Total**
- € 255 mln



Quantified targets for EU common indicators		
Type of indicator	Indicator	Target
Output (obliged)	Number of supported actions divided in:	350 land consolidation projects
	 type of land type of action (access, energy, water, reallotment, soil improvement) 	50 farm relocations
	Total investments divided in: - type of land	Land consolidation: € 221 mln.
	- type of action	Farm relocation: € 51 mln.



Thank you for your attention!

