

## Improving and developing the infrastructure related to development and adaptation of agriculture and forestry in the Netherlands (RDP measure 125)

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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



## 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
  4. Links between actions of rural development ("Leader approach")
- 24 concrete measures



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## 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



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PRESENTATION OF  
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PROJECTS IN  
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**Description of eligible activities and costs**

**a. Process activities:**

- plan preparation (surveys, designing, etc.)
- project management including hiring of experts
- facilitating land acquisition
- animation and communication
- legal activities (notary and land registration)

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## **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

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| • National cofinancing   | € 80 mln        |
| • National top-up        | € 40 mln        |
| • EU cofinancing (EAFRD) | € 80 mln        |
| • Private financing      | <u>€ 40 mln</u> |

Total € 255 mln



## Quantified targets for EU common indicators

Type of indicator	Indicator	Target
Output (obliged)	<p>Number of supported actions divided in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- type of land</li> <li>- type of action (access, energy, water, reallocation, soil improvement)</li> </ul> <p>Total investments divided in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- type of land</li> <li>- type of action</li> </ul>	<p>350 land consolidation projects</p> <p>50 farm relocations</p> <p>Land consolidation: € 221 mln.</p> <p>Farm relocation: € 51 mln.</p>



## Problems in Netherlands

- The RDP measures are sectoral measures – This is big problem when Dutch integrated projects want to apply:
- Takes a lot of time and because of that more process costs





Thank you for your  
attention!



Facts and figures – CAP (2008)

