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Subsidy program LEADER

Goal: Improving liveability of rural areas.

Citizen participation

Local initiatives

Self-governance

Bottom-up approach



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Village Garden
Social Center
Eijsden



Cooperative store
Gedeelde Weelde



Nature learning
trail Beegse
Maasvallei



The LEADER approach

Local Development Strategy (LOS):

- Vision and goals of the LEADER area
- Assessment framework for LEADER projects
- Working method of the LEADER committee LAG

Local Action Group (LAG)

- Assessment of project initiatives



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How much subsidy should you give?

For some projects, obtaining private financing requires a lot of effort.

However, there has never been a project that didn't proceed due to a lack of funds. A solution has always been found.

Co-financing fosters involvement.

It involves public funds, so responsible management is crucial.



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For initiators, LEADER is a complex subsidy

The accountability is too complex. Projects get stuck in bureaucracy.



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The Local Action Group (LAG) should not only evaluate but also provide guidance for projects.

Invest in the relationship with the supervising authority RVO.



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Another example



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Ownership, management and maintenance.

Management and maintenance are not eligible for subsidies and are not part of the subsidy application.

With the government scaling back and municipalities having less funding for the management and maintenance of facilities in villages, they are often unable to cover those costs.



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Ownership, management and maintenance.

Although it is not mandatory to have ownership management and maintenance arrangements in place.....

It is mandatory to sustain the project for a minimum of five years.

The Local Action Group (LAG) should discuss this thoroughly with the initiators.



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The functioning of the Local Action Group (LAG).

Ensure that you have a well-defined regulation that you can rely on.

Keep the topic of integrity on the agenda and make it open for discussion.