

Case studies

Title of case study: Raising awareness: Information session in Galmaarden							
Keywords: Communication, water management, awareness raising, local.							
Audience: Local government and local politicians responsible for environmental issues.							
Messages in the ESPACE strategy to which the case study applies:	1.	2.	3.X	4.	5.	6.	7.
	8.	9.	10.X	11.	12.X	13.	14.
Sentences linking the case study to relevant strategy messages: 3. RLZZZ held an awareness raising session on water management to support change management activities. 10. Engaging with communities and providing practical adaptation actions they can undertake. 12. Developing an ecosystem of climate champions.							
Elements of 'Guidance' to which the case study applies:				'Tool' to which the case study applies:			
Photo/diagram/map: General view of the Congoberg case study area. 				Overview: This information session dealt with sustainable water use and local water purification on the 'Congoberg'. The session was based on a thesis by students of the HORTECO-school concerning a water management strategy for the 'Congoberg' and suggestions for people considering sustainable water use (e.g. rainwater use, infiltration areas, creation of natural floodplains etc.). The inhabitants of 'Congoberg' had the opportunity to see for themselves the possibilities to contribute to a more sustainable water strategy in their neighbourhood. People were also able to visit a 'demonstration project' – a local water purification system.			

Description:

The suggestions for sustainable water use and local purification systems made in the students' thesis were presented to the inhabitants of 'Congoberg'. An external speaker from Dialoog vzw, gave an introductory talk on sustainable water use and local purification systems. There is also a local water purification system installed in Galmaarden and people were able to visit this 'demonstration project', so that the suggestions from the thesis were presented to the inhabitants. The politician responsible for environmental issues of the commune of Galmaarden was heard as well.

Description of the concrete results and outcomes achieved

Fifteen inhabitants were present at this information session. Despite the poor attendance, those present were very pleased with this information session. They were glad to receive concrete answers to their questions and to receive information from the commune.

After the information session, RLZZZ published an article about this issue in the Congoberg newsletter in December 2005 and the Landschapskrant in March 2006.

What we could have done better

We could have focussed on a larger public.

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