

## BOND REPOSITORY OF COLLECTIVE ACTION

### Netherlands: Northern Friesian Woodlands Association (Noardlike, Fryske Walden, NFW & Douwe Hoogland)

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 Noardlike, Fryske Walden (NFW)
Title (in English)	Northern Friesian Woodlands Association
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Start date	1992 (first association, later merged with other adjacent associations into NFW)
Main sectors/focus	Agricultural landscape and nature management, education
Type of organisation (eg coop, network)	Association
Number of members	More than 1000 members
Type of members	Mainly farmers
Operating level (local, regional, national etc)	Regional (Northern Friesian Woodlands; 53.551 ha)
Funding sources	Main funding source is the Province of Friesland. Also different governmental contributions and subsidies and membership fees
Total budget	The budget varies per year (project dependent). In total several million €/year

Objectives of the initiative	Agricultural management of the woodland area with a surplus value for nature and landscape with 'room for manoeuvre' for farmers (some flexibility in regulation).
Description of main activities	Collective organisation, implementation and monitoring of agri-environmental schemes: 3500 alder belts with 1300 km with a management contract; 3000 ha collective meadow bird management, 450 ha botanical management, hundreds of pingos and dobben (ice relics); specific forms of agro-ecological farming (esp. high efficiency nitrogen cycle); nature management; water management; education; projects on bio-energy, climate etc.
Website	<a href="http://www.noardlikefryskewalden.nl/">www.noardlikefryskewalden.nl/</a>
Links to other websites if appropriate	
Tick if audiovisual material provided	
Tick if project documents provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Powerpoint presentation NFW (BOND excursion 21<sup>th</sup> of March 2018, Buitenpost)</li> <li>- Brochure "The cooperative approach under the new Dutch agri-environment-climate scheme" (a.o. with a paragraph on the the relevance to other EU member states).</li> </ul>

## 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	Northern Friesian Woodlands 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"> <li>– Main <b>results/outcomes</b> 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?)</li> <li>– The <b>main practical recommendation(s)</b>: including both entrepreneurial elements related to cost, productivity etc as well as how any challenges have been overcome.</li> </ul>	<p>This Association undertakes the collective organisation, implementation and monitoring of agri-environmental schemes. Results include a high involvement and commitment of farmers regarding agricultural landscape and nature management, and strong farmer organisation. New region-specific agricultural practices have been developed, oriented on: a) nature and landscape management, and b) sustainable farming (esp. low nitrogen surpluses and high nitrogen efficiency).</p> <p>The Association has made a contribution to the development of agri-environmental schemes/policies in a more ‘farmers-friendly’ way, and overall provides new perspectives for farming in the area and a higher quality of nature and landscape. Practically, a recommendation is that it has to be a real ‘farmers-led’ organisation in order to have success. Further it is not constructive to simply ‘oppose’ governmental plans, but instead to be constructive and develop an alternative offer or plan based on the idea that “we can do it better” and also on concrete practices and experiments (use of own ‘local knowledge’)</p> <p>Cooperate with regional nature and landscape organisations and authorities is essential.</p> <p>Finally development is step by step; as it takes time to develop the organisation, first small results are needed to be able to get ‘trust’ (from both colleague farmers, NGO’s and authorities) and to develop larger plans.</p>
Short title in <u>native language</u>	Vereniging Noardlike, Fryske Walden (NFW)

**Short summary for practitioners in native language (can be the language of the coordinator / one of the partners)**

Resultaten:

- Grote betrokkenheid van boeren bij agrarisch natuur- en landschapsbeheer.
- Sterke organisatie van boeren in het gebied.
- Ontwikkeling van nieuwe gebieds-specifieke landbouw praktijken die zijn gericht op a) natuur- en landschapsbeheer en b) duurzame landbouw (m.n. laag stikstof-overschot en hoge stikstof-efficiency).
- 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.

Praktische aanbevelingen:

- 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.