



FORM BEST PRACTICES CONTEST

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Name project

HONEY HIGHWAY

Category Certification Criteria: mark the category of your project

- Energy and environmental policies (politiche energetiche e ambientali);
- Infrastructure policies (politiche infrastrutturali);
- Quality of urban life policies (politiche per la qualita' urbana);
- Agricultural, touristic and artisan policies (politiche agricole, turistiche, artigianali);
- Policies for hospitality, awareness and training (politiche per l'ospitalita, la consapevolezza e la formazione);
- Social cohesion (coesione sociale).

Summary project

Honey Highway is a private initiative in which the roadsides of highways sown with organic bees flower seeds. The roadside is managed organically, so that a new natural balance is realized.

Goal project

Creating a natural habitat for bees and other insects (butterflies). This makes contribution to the protection of the bees at Midden-Delfland and The Netherlands.



Flowered roadside



Regular Highway

Result project

Over a distance of 7 kilometers is effectuated a flowered roadside along the Highway A4. The total area is 18.000 m².

Finance (costs and benefits)

Extra cost of maintenance each year € 2.418,- (excl. VAT); this is the equivalent of € 13,43 each 100 m². Cause of costs once additional mowing and removing roadside mowing. Benefit is a better natural environment for bees and butterflies. Important contribution to the protection of bees.

Staff (staff involved and use of time)

Every year 10 hours of additional supervised maintenance roadside.

Additional information (if necessarily)

In the Netherlands (and Europe) is massive bee mortality. This disaster threatens biodiversity and food supply. Honey Highway should be a permanent paradise for bees in the roadside along highways in the Netherlands (and possibly all over the world). Bees need nectar and pollen. The more food they can find (bee)food, the better they can hibernate. Highways are very suitable, because roadsides are unsprayed poor soil. Most of the other green areas the soil is injected with poisoned pesticides and fertilizer.



bee mortality

Link website <http://www.honeyhighway.nl/>

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