



FORM BEST PRACTICES CONTEST

Municipality Midden-Delfland Country The Netherlands

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Name project

DebtAidBuddy (Schuldhulpmaatje)

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

Society is becoming increasingly complex. Inhabitants will not always know more on what benefits they are entitled or which tax exemption they can get. Due to the low income and the economic crisis people get into financial trouble. Volunteers accompany this group of people. They help with the application for remission of taxes and the right to organize their administration. Volunteers also advise on the purchase of food (less food waste), furniture and household items.

Goal project

Preventing people present in insoluble financial problems. Additional aim is to strengthen social cohesion.



Result project

Improve quality of life for inhabitants.

Finance (costs and benefits)

Training volunteers is paid by a national foundation (Oranjefonds/Orangefund).
The municipality pays a low amount of subsidy to the cost of local volunteers.

Staff (staff involved and use of time)

Almost all the work is done by volunteers. Time for the municipality is about 20 hours per year.

Additional information (if necessarily)

King Willem-Alexander is patron of the Orange Fund. In 2014 he visited the project in Maasland.

Link website <http://www.schuldhulpmaatje.nl/component/content/article/17-actualiteiten/784-debtaidbuddy.html>

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