



FORM BEST PRACTICES CONTEST

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Name project

Cittaslow representation gifts in Echt-Susteren

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

The local government works together with several organizations to create beautiful representation gifts which represent Cittaslow. The organizations, BosWerkt and Pergamijn, work with local people who have mental or physical disabilities or trouble finding work. Therefore the local government helps those people being part of our community and getting back on their feet.

Goal project

The goal of the project is to produce local, hand made gifts that represent Cittaslow. The local government uses these gifts to give to (special) guests and visitors. But more important is the way the products are being made. People with different kinds of disabilities get a chance to contribute to the community, doing something useful and fun. More people need to know about Cittaslow and this helps the government to tell our Cittaslow story.



Result project

So far the government cooperates with two organizations, BosWerkt and Pergamijn, to produce the gifts. The gifts are produced on a small scale, so they can be adjusted to the needs and demands of the government. Examples are cups and saucers, trays, trenchers and vases.

BosWerkt is specialized in social forest management. The activities are carried out by people from minority groups. Their goal is to create labor for these people, so they can return to the regular labor market (social return). The wood cut out of the woods is reused as products like candle holders and firewood.

Pergamijn supports people with all kinds of disabilities. Pergamijn offers services for housing, day care and recreation. Each individual gets the chance to be part of our community in the best ways possible.

Finance (costs and benefits)

The gifts are low priced and it is possible to order them in small amounts. So far we have an array of 5 different products for less than € 75. When needed, new gifts can be ordered and adjusted to the wishes of the local government.

Staff (staff involved and use of time)

The projects are initiated by the local government. The appointed Cittaslow coordinator supports the project. The work is done by several clients of Pergamijn and a couple of people employed at BosWerkt.

Link website www.boswerkt.nl & www.pergamijn.org

Impression of the Cittaslow representation gifts



