



FORM BEST PRACTICES CONTEST 2017

Municipality Borger-Odoorn.....

Country Olanda

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Name project

The vivid and attractive village square of Valthe

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

Inhabitants of the village of Valthe initiated and contributed to the reconstruction of the village square. Their goal was to develop a vivid and attractive square in the ambience of the former railway station, that offers space for village entertainment and being together. The characteristic features of the old railway station combined with the extension of the green space upgrades the village center and shows hospitality to inhabitants and visitors.



Goal project

The impact of bringing back the vivacity to the village square contributes to the livability of Valthe in two different ways:

1. The solidarity and social cohesion is influenced in a positive way by strengthening the pride and the identity of the village and its inhabitants.
2. The attractive environment invites visitors to visit the village and the region for daytrips and short holidays by its improved image and appearance.

Result project

1. A square that radiates unity
2. More green space, less bricks as planters
3. Bringing back the ambiance of the former railway station
4. Street furniture (like information boards) that fit in the environment.

Finance (costs and benefits)

Maximum potential of funding subsidy POP3	€ 61.071,00	60,00%
Third-party funding	€ 4.000,00	3,93%
Total funding project partners	€ 36.714,00	36,07%
Total funding	€ 101.785,00	100%

Staff (staff involved and use of time)

The project is financially and organizationally feasible through the voluntary efforts of people at different levels: the organization of the implementation is executed by a construction team (directed by the village association Valthe) composed of competent people with a civil engineering and organizational background and the necessary management experience. This construction team controls the construction work, contracts the local craftsmen and coordinates the communication with inhabitants and the municipality. Volunteers contribute in organized joint working for additional activities, supported by the local catering industry. By doing so the project can be carried out almost 50% cheaper compared to a contract with an external contractor.

Additional information (if necessarily)



Link website <https://www.facebook.com/PlaatselijkBelangValthe/>

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