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# Collective approaches, the Dutch experience

## ENRD Thematic Group on Sustainable Management of Water and Soils

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## Background: what did we want to achieve?

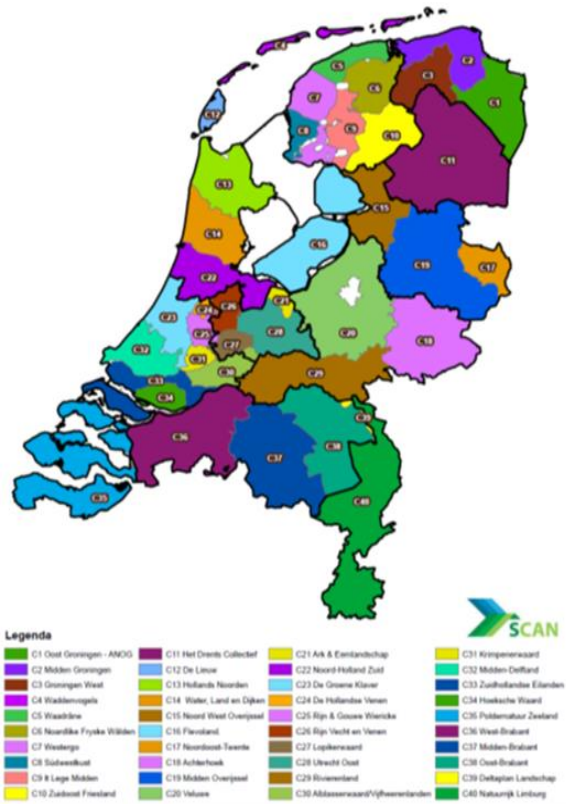


- Long term Goal (2020 ->): sustainable rural areas with a vital agricultural sector (Sustainable Development Goals);
- Short term goal (2014-2020): Nature efficiency;
- Key-rôle for farmers to improve biodiversity and water quality;
- It comes together in rural areas, with groups of farmers (collectives) in a central position.





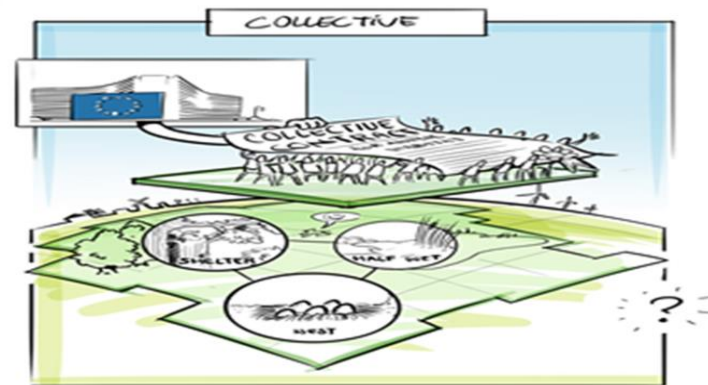
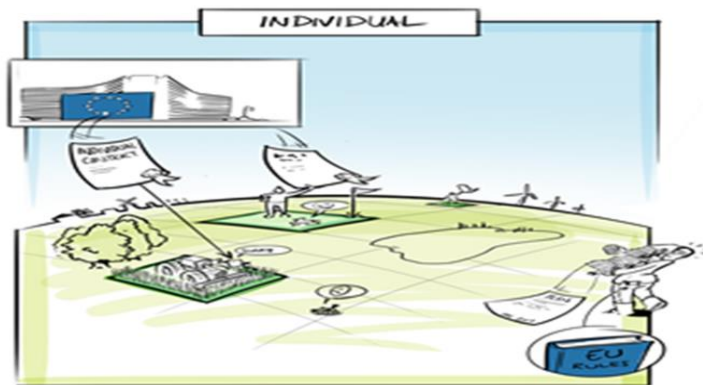
# A new approach to agri-environmental delivery



- Focus on creating good habitat conditions for rare species and water quality protection (regionally) instead of commitments on farm level;
- 40 certified collectives as final beneficiaries to:
  - enhance effectiveness;
  - improve efficiency;
  - improve knowledge-skills;
  - make better use of local skills and energy;
- Improve policy monitoring: goals versus commitments;
- Flexibility to respond to changes in nature and climate.



# A collective approach on a landscape level





# Front door – back door

## AUTHORITIES

government contract  
(areas, qualities)

accountability  
cost-effectiveness

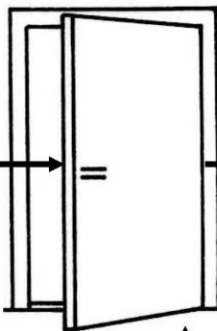
## COOPERATIVES

regional fine-tuning

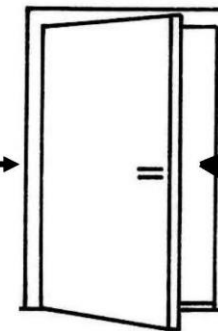
individual contracts,  
controls,  
payments

## LAND MANAGERS

no. 1  
no. 2  
no. 3  
no. 4  
no. 5  
etc.



government checks  
- administrative  
- financial



on-the-spot checks  
by cooperative and  
authorities



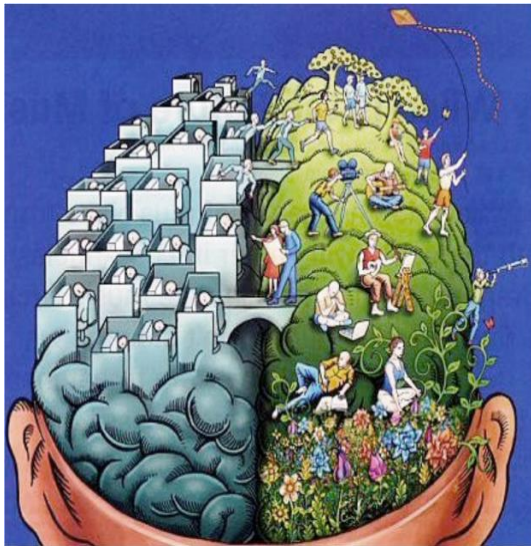
# What are the policy needs for a good management of habitat/waterways?

- a regionally targeted approach;
- flexibility in nature management;
- support of cooperation between farmers, and other stakeholders;
- strengthening of monitoring and a knowledge network;
- assurance of a sound implementation under EU and national regulations;
- **a good coordinator!**





## Connecting realities



- Fits into a long tradition of agricultural producer groups or cooperatives, but now the approach aims at public services;
- The system supports initiatives from civil society, from the agro food chain or NGO's;
- Balance between regional responsibility and 'governmental straightjacket';
  - A Network approach of design and implementation;
  - The ability to speak different languages;
  - Freedom with responsibility;
  - Trust / involvement;
  - Bring together different groups.





# The next step: a new area-based CAP (design)

## THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE CAP TO THE SDGs



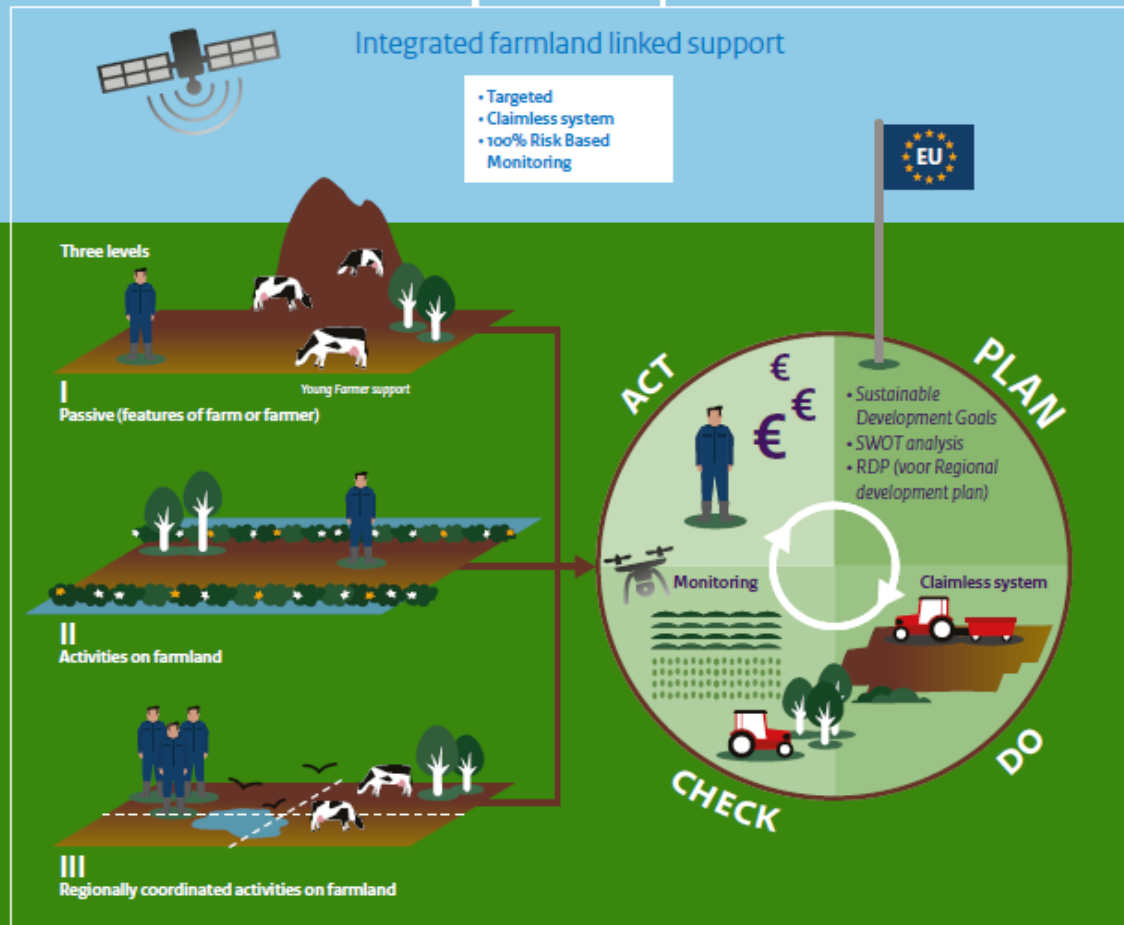
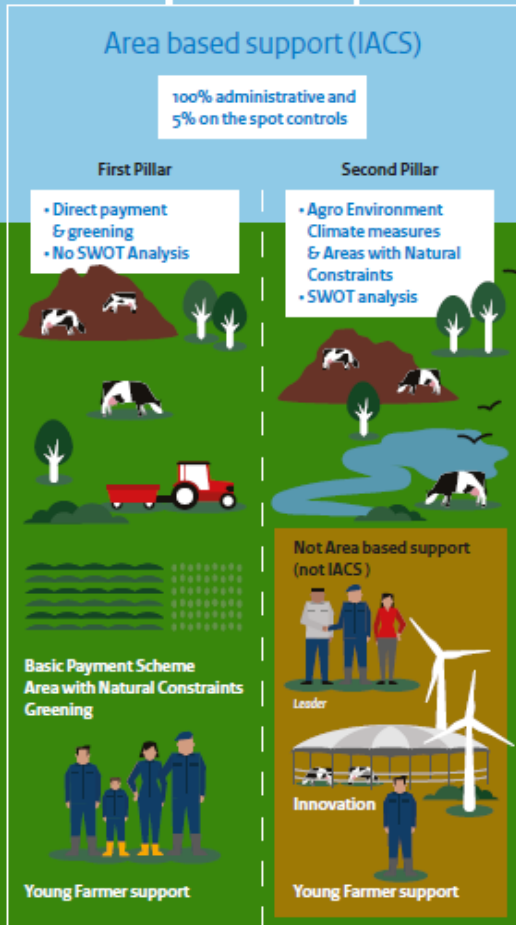
- An area based CAP delivering public goods and ecosystems services related to soil, water, biodiversity, air quality, climate action and the provision of landscape amenities;
- A better connection between the two pillars in the CAP: all area-based CAP support in one regional / targeted approach as a new concept for delivering SDG's;
- Improve the result-based component of the scheme;
- Regional strategic sustainable development plans;
- Improvement of the error rate by new possibilities for control and application;
- **Pilots, coordinated by collectives.**



# Farmland linked CAP support

## OLD SYSTEM

## NEW SYSTEM





Thank You!

