Blue Transition

Waterauthority Hunze en Aa's and Province of Drenthe

Pilot summary

In the catchment of the Drentsche Aa both nature and agriculture are limited in the use of groundwater and climate change will increase the problem. On top of this heavy rainfall during summer will increase the water run off from agricultural land thus causing WFD threshold exceedings on pesticides and nutrients.

Aim

To develop a climate resilient water system that leads to optimalisation of the lay out of the stream valley including nature protected and agricultural areas. To develop a short- and long- term drought resistance strategy combined with minimized leaching of nutrients and pesticides.

Approach

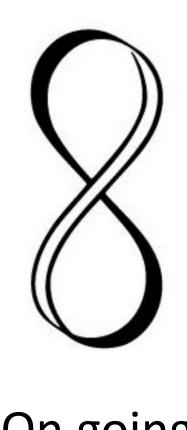
Together with stakeholders innovative adaptation measures will be tested and monitored for the effect on surface and ground water quality and quantity. Measures by farmers and land nature conservation organizations will be taken to diminish this climate change effect (Mitigation). A monitoring system called "Bedrijfsbodemwaterplan" (Farm-Soil-Water-Blueprint) is used by farmers and soil coaches to determine the fields to be taken measures most needed. It also can be used as a governance system. Hydrological modelling by implementing new technics to determine disrupting layers will be used to determin the best spots for water conservation and enough water for nature and agriculture developments.



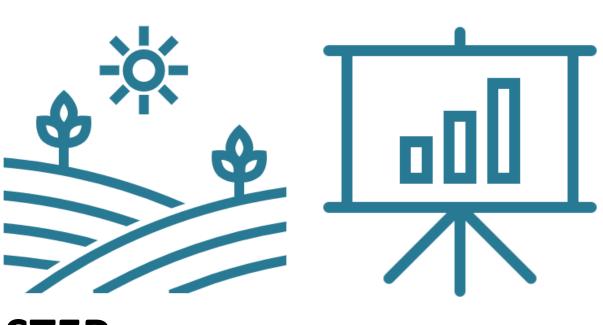




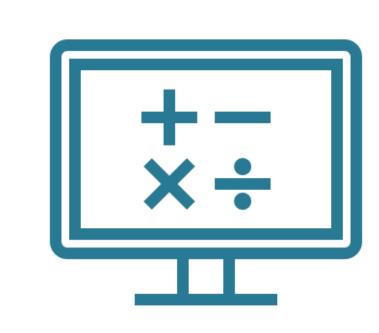
Activities



On going proces



STEP Collect data in the field for determine best spot and measures for waterconservation



STEP Model study on geohydrological system for measures in nature and agricultural areas



STEP Implement and test innovative measures on plots in the agricultural fields



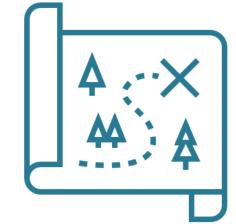
STEP Construct roadmap to more climate resilient water management and land use on nature and agricultural areas



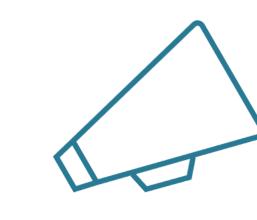
STEP Monitoring system BBWP (Farm-Soil-Water-Blueprint)

Governance

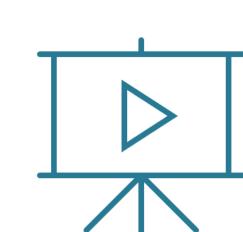




Pilot's impact discussion with stakeholders



Stakeholders field days



Video with pilot's results and strategy recommendations



Collaboration and co-creation between landowners, research institutes and nature conservation organisations













