



What are the Dutch government's priorities in the Netherlands?

Agreement on the necessary transition

- To agree with the business community on specific measures to improve the utilisation of ecosystem services in national land use. Where necessary, agree on payment and/or compensation of the use of these services.

Land-bound agriculture

- To gain experience with sustainable production methods in land-bound agriculture, the government has given provincial authorities funding through the Investment Budget for Rural Areas (ILG) to set up pilot projects.
- To set up an incentive programme together with LTO-Nederland and NAJK, set up an incentive programme to publicise experiences with sustainable production methods in the various land-bound agricultural sectors (SPADE).



What are the Dutch government's priorities in international cooperation?

Cooperation in the EU

- To help launch a 'Learning network on functional Agro-biodiversity' in the EU; the kick-off workshop will be organised in the Netherlands at the beginning of 2008.
- To exploit opportunities created by the EU's Common Agricultural Policy (see also section 3.3.2).



On what themes and activities will the Dutch government seek to cooperate with partners in civil society?

- Project Functional Agro-Biodiversity- 2 (LTO).
- Pilot projects in sustainable production under the ILG (provinces).
- Implementing Agro-Biodiversity and Sustainable Soil Use Incentive Programme (SPADE); first phase (2008- 2009): (LTO-Nederland and NAJK).
- Draft and update a 'References Biological Soil Quality' manual: Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and Environment and the National Institute for Health and Environment (RIVM).
- Participating in the EU learning network on functional agro-biodiversity: advise on the start-up phase.
- International project office on agro-biodiversity, DIVERSITAS.