



### ***What are the Dutch government's priorities?***

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- *To formulate the policy in a social dialogue with the 'Biodiversity and natural resources' task force.*
- *To use platforms as an instrument for securing widespread involvement of parties in the Netherlands and abroad and initiating practical innovations.*
- *To cooperate with business community to achieve biodiversity objectives in a national Business-and-Biodiversity Programme ('BioBizz'). In fleshing out the implementation programmes, cooperation will be sought with sectors that have ambitions in this area, such as the tourism sector, the ornamental flower industry and the wood sector.*
- *To investigate possibilities for a 'biodiversity-proof dredging' project as part of the innovation programme 'Building with Nature'.*
- *To explore the possibilities for measurable commitments by businesses to reduce the burden on biodiversity, for example by concluding covenants or agreements of intent.*
- *To design instruments, sector modules, national modules, benchmarks and biodiversity in sustainability reports; helpdesk function (international) and adequate communication to facilitate the business community's biodiversity policy.*

### ***On what themes and activities will the Dutch government seek specific cooperation with partners in civil society?***

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- *Participation in the task force and contributions to the platforms on the basis of the public interest.*
- *Specific cooperation in drawing up and implementing agreements and covenants.*
- *Working out codes of conduct to embed biodiversity in day-to-day decision making on criteria and the application of rules in business.*
- *Joint development and implementation of proposals and activities, with partners contributing to integration of biodiversity in their policy plans.*
- *Implementation of pilot projects for sharing best practices in the area of biodiversity, with the tourism sector, the plant improvement sector, the wood sector, and the biomass sector, etc.*