

Climate change as an opportunity for agriculture and nature in the region

A stakeholder networking meeting organised by the Dutch National Network (Netwerk Platteland), as part of a thematic series responding to the needs of the network

Activities and rationale

Dealing with climate change is an important objective in the Dutch CAP Strategic Plan (CSP). The workshop, organised on 23 May 2025, **explored the relationship between climate change, agriculture and nature**. Participants discussed both the impact of climate change on farming systems and ecosystems and the role agriculture can play in climate mitigation and adaptation.

Stakeholders, including farmers, agricultural business advisors, education and research institutions, municipalities, provinces, governmental bodies, regional water authorities, agricultural collectives, and EIP project representatives, were encouraged to **broaden their perspective towards developing a resilient and nature-rich landscape**. The programme combined dialogue, knowledge exchange and practical examples. Workshops stimulated discussion on how agriculture can adapt to climate change while contributing to nature and climate goals. Participants also received insights into the ambitions of the new CSP.

The field trip showcased **practical examples of climate-resilient farming**. The meeting also connected different sub-networks from various regions across the Netherlands, creating opportunities for collaboration and knowledge exchange.

Knowledge and results are shared through [Groen Kennisnet](#) (GKN), the Dutch knowledge platform for the green domain.

Results

The meeting connected stakeholders who do not usually interact, linking different AKIS sub-networks. Stronger connections between policy and practice, research (Horizon Europe), EIP innovation projects and regional and national initiatives and actors.



Field excursion to explore climate-proof farming practices in South Holland.

Impact

Increased knowledge and new insights applicable in participants' work.
New professional contacts and stronger network connections.
New collaborations between organisations and initiatives.



Music duo performed songs about farming and climate change, providing a creative perspective on the themes discussed.

Lessons learned

Co-organising the event with Deltaplan Agrarisch Waterbeheer (DAW) and the Province of South Holland proved effective in connecting with regional networks and needs.
Key challenges were reaching all AKIS target groups (especially farmers, young farmers and education) and ensuring follow-up and visible long-term impact.



Discussion on the future of agriculture

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Take-away message

Design the activities based on the needs of stakeholders and build on previous meetings.

Co-organising events with national and regional partners increases engagement and strengthens participation. Flexibility in programming helps ensure that dialogues remain relevant, practical and connected to regional challenges, and makes knowledge exchange and partnerships more sustainable.



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