



**Hello!**

This letter contains a short description of the project we want to set up in the Kromme River Catchment area, and serves as a clarification of our meeting. We hope that you are positive towards our ideas and want to think with us about how to create 'living landscapes' in the Kromme Catchment.

**Our goal**

Our goal of the project is to mobilize civil society to create Living Landscape. A living landscape is a variety of healthy ecosystems and land uses and is home to ecological, agricultural, and social systems which are managed so that they can function sustainably.

**The idea**

The basic idea is to bring different people together to start a dialogue and learn together about the people's dreams, aspirations, needs and challenges of the area. We think that people who live in the Kromme River Catchment have a lot of knowledge about the area, and therefore they are the main focus of the project. We want to know from local people, like you, what your knowledge, experience and ideas are for the area. What do you think are the best solutions? After all, you are the ones that have to live and work in the area every day.

**How?**

People from the Kromme River Catchment will be asked to function as a representative to establish a communication platform. These people will represent different groups and include for example farmers, people from local and regional government and other important local people. In addition, scientists and nature conservation organizations will be invited to join the dialogue. PRESENCE will make sure that all voices will be heard, to create an open and constructive dialogue. To realise this we gain funding for two years, by the government of the Netherlands.

**Outcome**

We hope that together we can create a communication platform, in which we can identify problems and challenges, what should be done in the area and how we can make sure that people can continue working and living in a 'living landscape'.

Best regards,

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