

Contract Innovation Lab Natuurrijk Limburg, Netherlands

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Region

This CIL takes place in the region of Limburg, which has arable and dairy farming. The area covered is much bigger than in the other CIL in the Netherlands. Therefore we see different land uses in this area: one can encounter larger open spaces, but also smaller plots of land surrounded by lots of landscape elements. The typical native species of the region is the hamster. The area is also a popular destination for tourists.

Targeted Agri-Environmental/Climate Issues

The general target is improving biodiversity. In this area this involves the maintenance of landscape elements. This also has beneficial effects on carbon drawdown and climate change adaptation.

Contract Innovation Lab Objectives

Just like in the rest of the Netherlands, agri-environmental measures for biodiversity are carried out through a collective approach. The focus of the CIL will be to improve the coordination of measures, in collaboration with other users of the land. Furthermore, the success of measures is often monitored by the population numbers of 'target species' such as the hamster. However, measures for the hamster enhance the landscape as a whole, therefore it will be a focus of the CIL to value measures holistically.



Type of Contracts

The CIL will focus on improving the **collective approach**.

Stakeholder Organisations Involved

Farmers, farmers' organizations, farm advisors, academics and NGO.

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