



Zuidwest Twente

LEADER in Zuidwest Twente

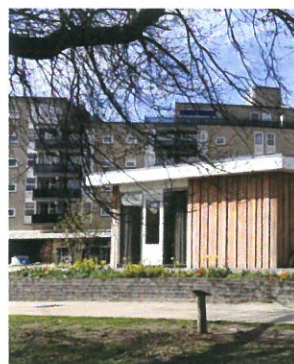
LEADER promotes a sustainable rural economy in Southwest Twente by connecting, collaborating, innovating, and transforming. In the LEADER period 2023–2027, we focus on providing space for experimentation, education, connection, and innovation for the benefit of the socio-economic vitality of our countryside. "Onmeunig mooi platteland" or: "Incredibly beautiful countryside, is the heart of our Local Development Strategy.



The Local Development Strategy

The objectives of the Local Development Strategy (LDS) 2023–2027 are:

- A. **Flourishing Twente**
Strengthening biodiversity and/or nature-inclusive entrepreneurship.
- B. **Growing Twente**
Strengthening community spirit ("noaberschap") and volunteer work.
- C. **Fascinating Twente**
Enhancing the experience of the countryside.
- D. **Challenging Twente**
Innovations and renewals that contribute to rural development. .



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Characteristics

Surface:	1057 km ²
Inhabitants:	190551
Population density:	180
Municipalities:	10 (7 rural communities and 3 cities)
LEADER Region since:	2000

Transnational cooperation

Zuidwest Twente has experience in transnational cooperation projects. In the LEADER period 2007 – 2013 we participated in a transnational cooperation project with LEADER-regions in Europe about developing rural markets. In the LEADER period 2014 – 2022 we participated in a transnational cooperation project with our neighboring region Kulturlandschaft Ahaus-Heek-Legden (D) and two neighboring Finnish regions Rieska and Keskipiste (FIN). The project was about local food and was titled: Fresh and local food: competitive advantages for producers in rural areas. You can find the final report of this project (in English) on our website!

For the period 2023 - 2027 we are exploring opportunities to cooperate with other regions on the goals of our LDS and specifically **improving biodiversity, nature-inclusive entrepreneurship, local food and involving youth.**

Do you want to cooperate? Just contact us through:

1. Our website: www.leaderzuidwesttwente.nl
2. Our socials: X, Facebook, Instagram or LinkedIn, find us by the name LeaderZwTwente
3. Contact our LAG manager!

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