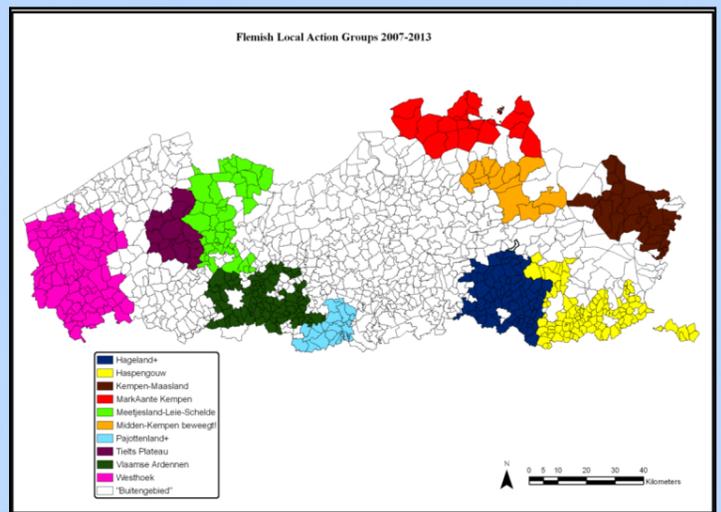


# The Flemish Local Action Groups are looking for YOU !

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## Hageland +

Profile: hilly fruit-growing region with a low employment rate and few social facilities

Themes of interest:

- reinforcement of rural economy
- valorization of touristic-recreative and cultural-educative trumps
- protection of landscape and environment
- integration of socially vulnerable groups

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## Haspengouw

Profile: rural area, aiming at the stimulation of the economic dynamics of the region

Themes of interest:

- activation of environmental protection of the landscape
- increasing the vitality of the rural villages
- increasing regional identity and heritage concerns
- stimulation of durable tourism

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## Kempen-Maasland

Profile: rural area, aiming at the stimulation of the economic dynamics of the region

Themes of interest:

- activation of environmental protection of the landscape
- increasing the vitality of the rural villages
- Sustainable regional growth by decreasing the gap between agriculture and the Rural population and region's visitors
- stimulation of durable tourism

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## MarkAante Kempen

Profile: homogeneous region with strong peri-urban pressure and ageing society, but also characteristic villages, water courses and wildlife area

Themes of interest:

- increasing the involvement of inhabitants and entrepreneurs
- increasing the knowledge about the rural area
- validation of cultural heritage
- development of area-related touristic products and services

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## Meetjesland—Leie—Schelde

Profile: rural area with peri-urban pressure and ageing society, but also with a large variety of natural and cultural landscapes

Themes of interest:

- increasing tourism and recreation
- basic facilities for the rural economy and inhabitants
- renewal of village centres
- validation of the rural heritage
- training of rural entrepreneurship

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## Midden-Kempen Beweegt!

Profile: rural area surrounded by infrastructure, low fertility of the soil, water courses and landscape as touristic forces of attraction

Themes of interest:

- creation of touristic-recreative products
- support for the local economy and rural entrepreneurship
- creation of village centres and slow roads
- validation of the squares in the centres, villages and hamlets
- activation of the rural communities and societies

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## Pajottenland +

Profile: peri-urban region with a strong regional identity and typical products, but also facing a decline of social cohesion

Themes of interest:

- marketing the region as the “nearby area”
- peri-urban pressure of the cities

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## Tielts Plateau

Profile: economic active region (almost no unemployment), looking for a strong regional identity

Themes of interest:

- increasing the attraction of the region
- consolidation of the social cohesion in the villages
- validation of a vital rural entrepreneurship
- increasing cooperation
- validation of innovation and spatial quality

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## Vlaamse Ardennen

Profile: hilly and alluvial landscapes with famous cycling tours and typical food products, but also a low population and employment ratio, poor public transport infrastructure and erosion problems

Themes of interest:

- regional branding
- erosion control
- distribution of regional (food) products
- attraction of younger people to the rural area

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## Westhoek

Profile: absence of nearby cities, low population rate, youngsters run off to the cities

Themes of interest:

- focus on young people: culture, tourism, identification with the region, youth hostels, adventurous activities
- focus on economic innovation
- focus on the role of the villages
- focus on (historical) tourism and heritage

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