



DEPOPULATION: AN OPPORTUNITY OR A THREAT TO DUTCH HERITAGE?

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Everyday a farmstead closes, every two weeks a church, every month a convent



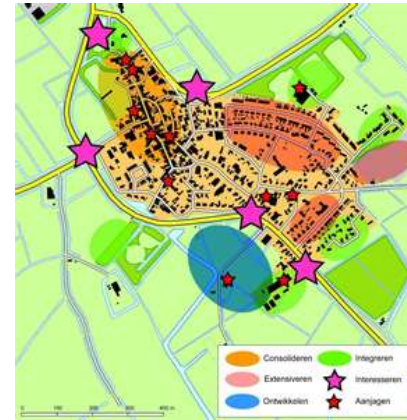


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To conclude:

1. don't fight depopulation, guide it;
2. don't look at the population rates only;
3. bind and mobilize local people;
4. make regional plans;
5. broaden your local view, look at the horizon.



Role Cultural Heritage Agency:

- disseminate more custom made knowledge – for example about co-creation of value and financial instruments;
- inspire property developers;
- stimulate and facilitate cooperation, especially with the provinces (decentralisation process);
- link heritage management to re use and to urban renewal in order to design a better and sustainable livelihood;
- management of change: provide subsidies as a directive instrument whenever necessary, and for buildings and areas that are not listed as monuments.



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