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Collective implementation of AEC measures

- a new Dutch approach -

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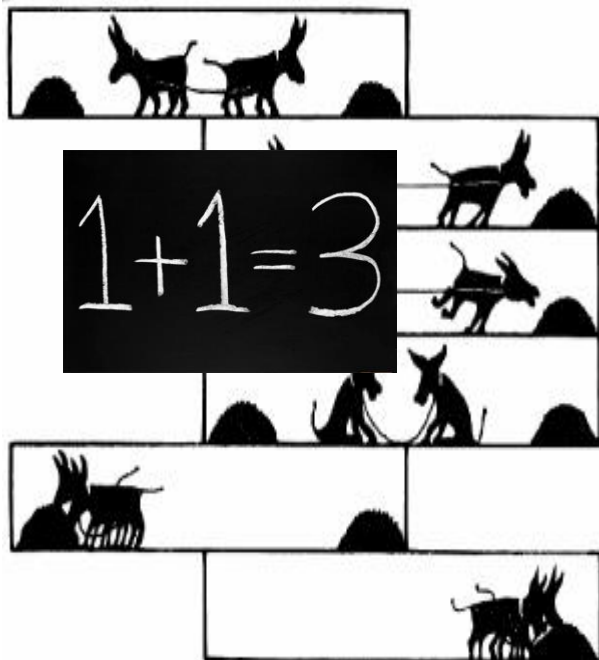
What do we want to achieve?



- Long term Goal (2020 ->): sustainable rural areas with a vital agricultural sector (amplify ecosystem services);
- Short term goal (2014-2020): Nature efficiency;
- Key-rôle for farmers to improve biodiversity;
- It comes together in rural areas, with groups of farmers (collectives) in a central position.



A new approach to agri-environmental delivery



- Focus on creating good habitat conditions for rare species (territorial based) instead of commitments on farm level;
- Certified collectives as beneficiaries in order to:
 - enhance effectiveness;
 - improve efficiency;
 - improve knowledge-skills;
 - make better use of local skills and energy;
- Improve policy monitoring: goals versus commitments;
- Flexibility to respond to the dynamics of nature



Preconditions for success



- Development of cooperatives to professional, certified bodies. Government has formulated a series of conditions. Two-year professionalization programme.
- At the same time, preserve the cooperatives social engagement, reputation and trust among land users.
- Strengthen monitoring and a knowledge network
- Assure a sound implementation under EU and national regulations.



The scheme started in 2016



- 40 certified collectives as applicant and final and only beneficiary;
- These collectives have legal power and are responsible for a good implementation of AEC-measures;
- The collective applies for support, claims payment and is responsible for sanctions;
- On the spot checks:
 - Area: 5% of the collectives and 5% of the total area;
 - Activity: 5% of the activities per parcel.

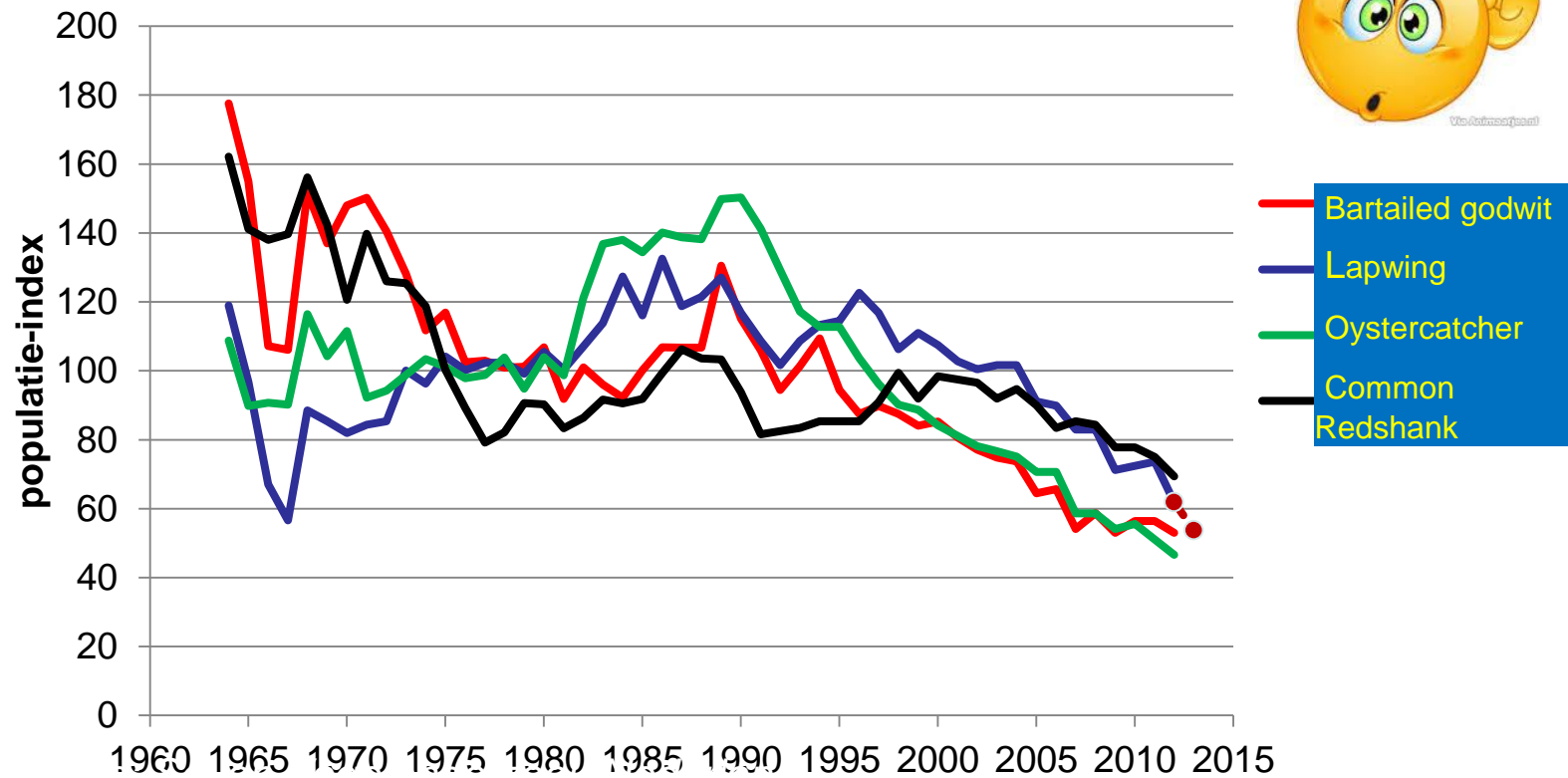


Let's focus on meadowbirds





The evolution of the meadowbirds



The collective approach - 1



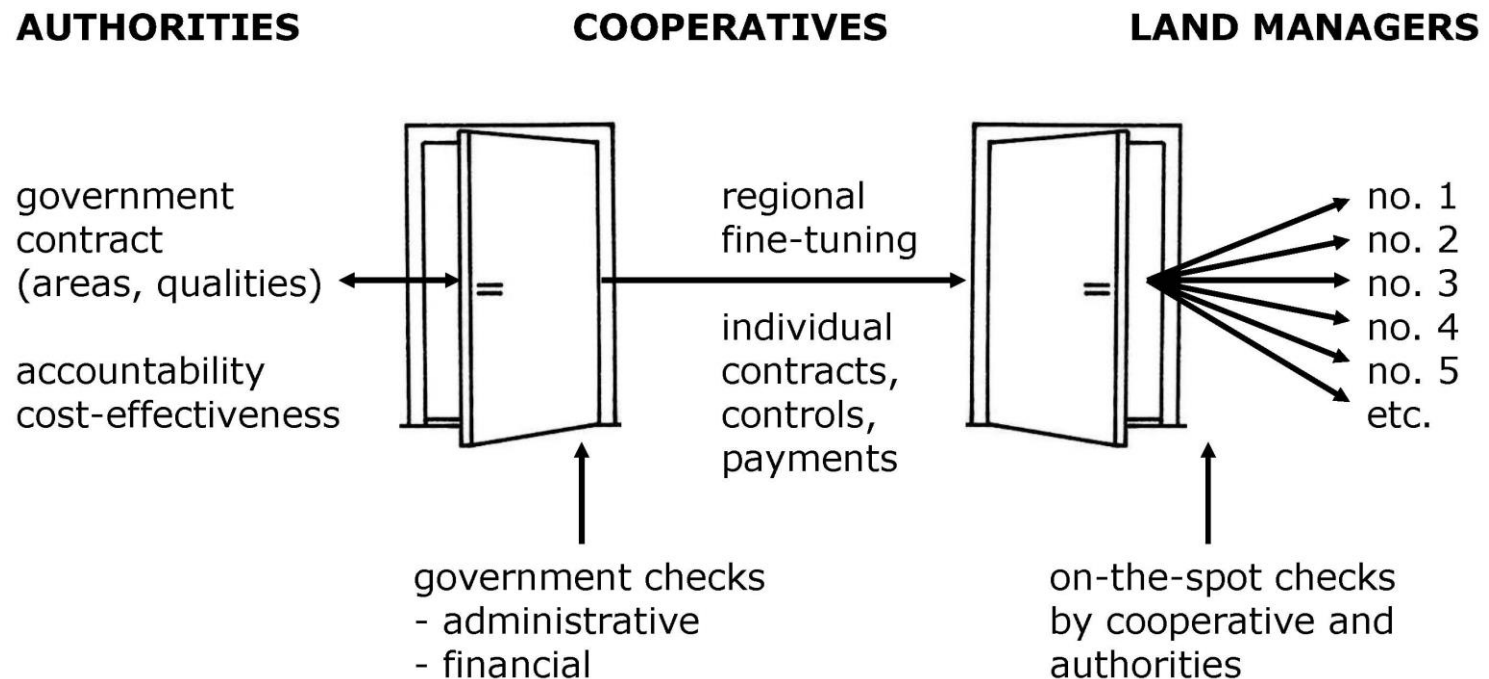
Nature management plan of the collective
(6 yrs) => AECM-commitment

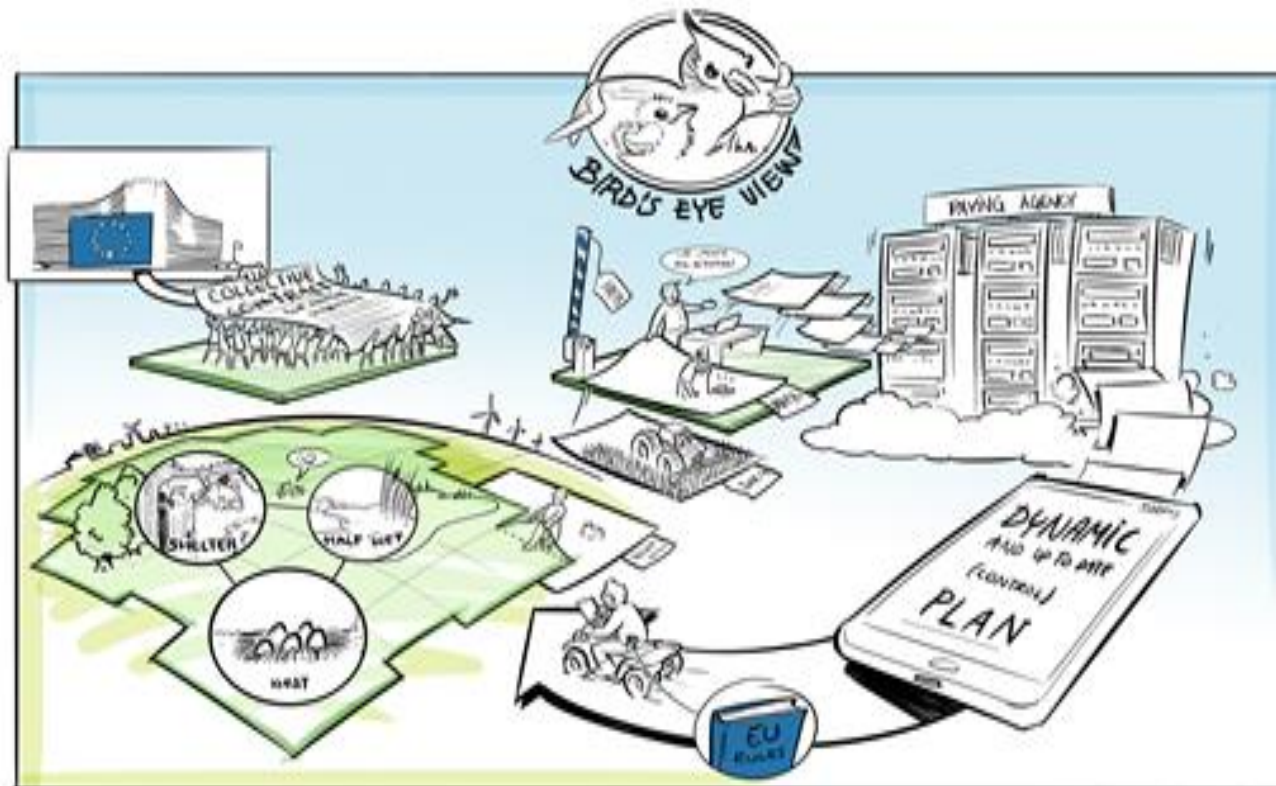
Elements

- min/max surface
- min conditions to preserve habitat
breeding/nesting/feeding
(activities listed in NL-RDP-annex)
- xxx €/ha



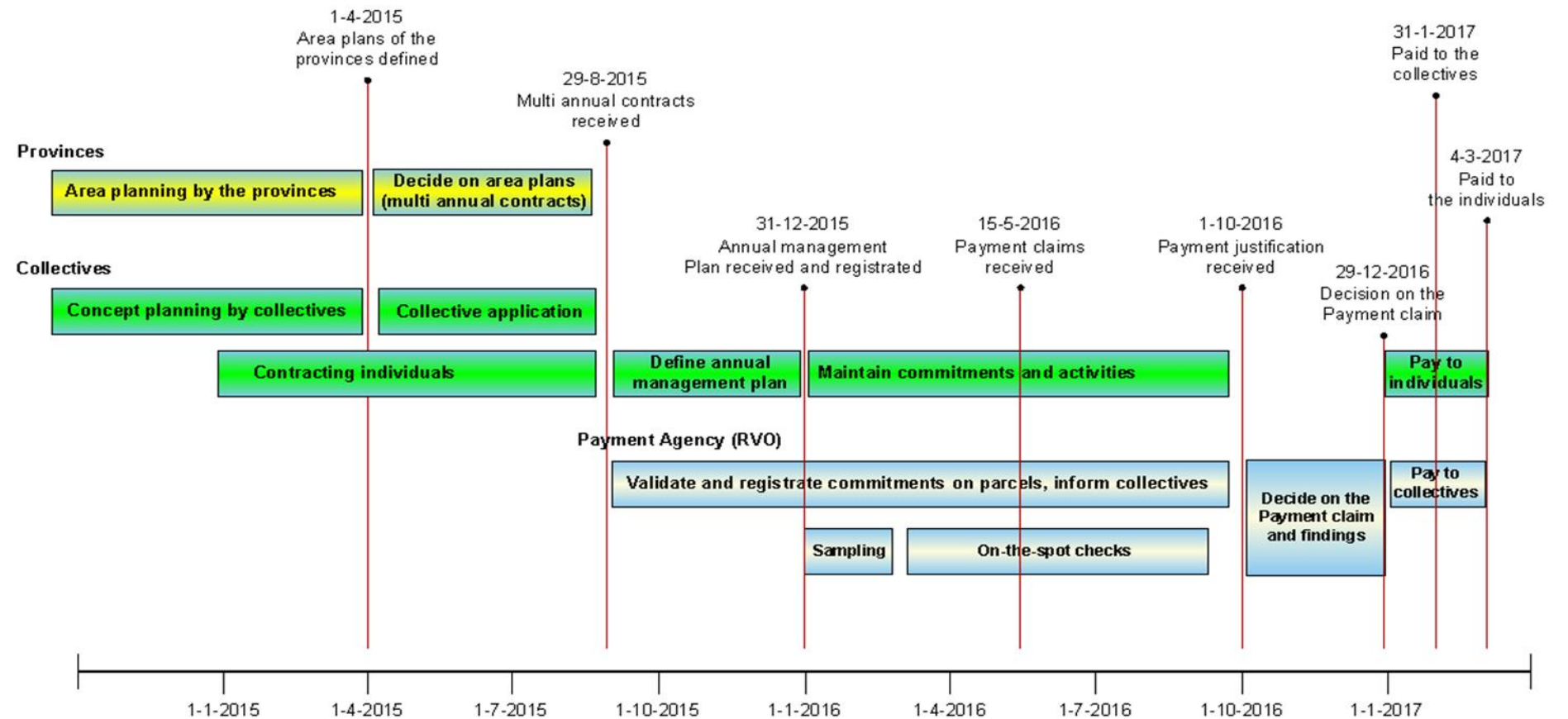
The collective approach 2



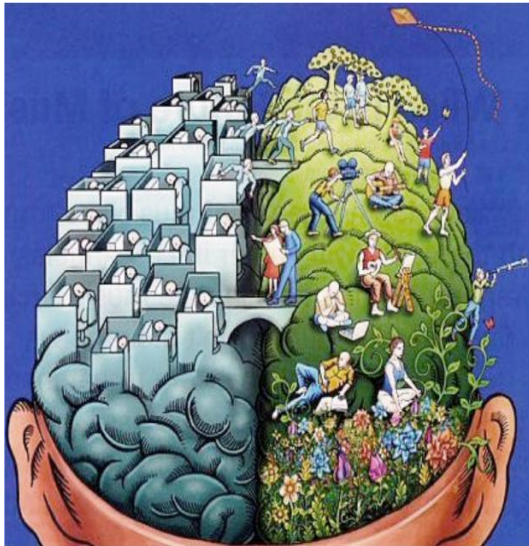




A proces outline: shared responsibility



Future Challenges



- Balance between regional self-regulation and ‘governmental straightjacket’;
- Regional coöperation between farmers and conservation organisations;
- A better connection between the two pillars in the CAP;
 - Is a territorial/targetted approach suitable as a new concept for eco-system services containing greening (light green measures) and AECM (dark green measures)?
- Improve the result-based component of the scheme.



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