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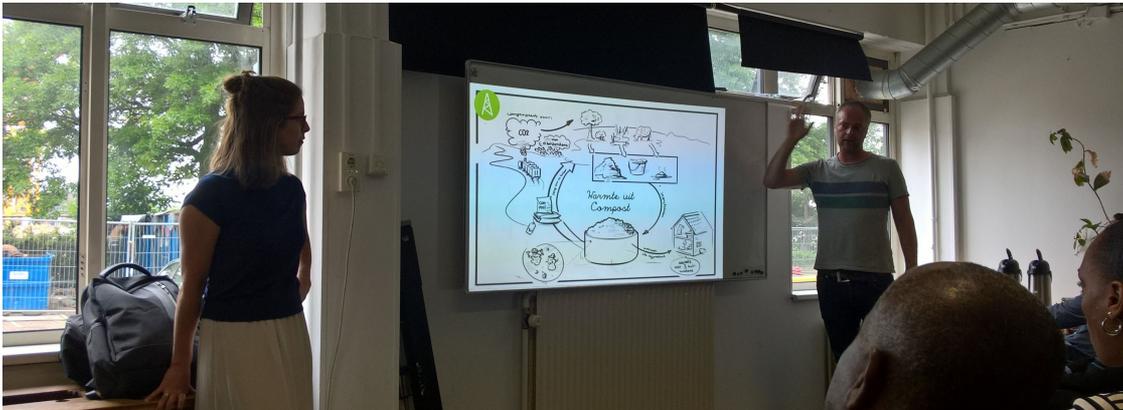


## NEWSLETTER 3

Amsterdam/Texel/Vlieland (The Netherlands)

The third partner meeting was held from 12 to 15 June 2018 in The Netherlands. The reason this meeting was held here was because off Fryslân [Cultural Capital of 2018](#). For that reason we were able to visit the unique exposition of M.C. Escher in the Frisian Museum in Leeuwarden. [Read more...](#)





## Lab Vlieland: Nursing room for a new world

Lab Vlieland is the driving force behind the sustainable and circular transition. It opens its workplace for ideas, projects and best practices. Sometimes just to tell the story, sometimes as a connector, but always as an accelerator: Good for The Netherlands and the rest of the world.

All waste from Vlieland has to be transported by boat to Harlingen to be processed there. In addition, companies and residents must extract compost from Harlingen for their gardens and land. That can be done more efficiently. In 2017 Lab Vlieland tested Ecocreation's fast composting machine, which converts food waste into compost in 24 hours. So that as little waste as possible goes to the mainland with the boat and to close the green waste cycle locally in the future.

The Ecocreation fast composting machine works by combining a high heat with micro bacteria that process the waste. At the end of the process only 15% remains in terms of the volume. The advantages are it is fast, it does not stink and it is an aerobic system. Peter Teunis, the director of Ecocreation, says that in their three-year existence they mainly sell large systems to catering establishments, hospitals and nursing homes. In other words places where large amounts of food remains remain. For the festival world it is a world first.

The islands partners where very inspired by this Lab Vlieland presentation in Amsterdam because this composting machine could also be very interesting for the other islands. [Click here for more information..](#)

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## Salt Farm Texel: Saline Agriculture

Salt Farm Texel is a company where science, agronomy and business come together. By identifying salt tolerant crops and varieties it is possible to cultivate food in salt affected areas that were assumed to be unproductive. This goes together with the development of specific fertilizers, strategies to cope with the physical-chemical-biological soil properties, irrigation and drainage, and on-site research, training and management. Salt Farm Texel is based in The Netherlands, but is implementing the results not only in The Netherlands, but also in Pakistan and France. Several projects are being prepared worldwide.

Saline Agriculture is the Future. The open-air laboratory on Salt Farm Texel is one of the most important facilities for this project. By developing saline agriculture as a serious alternative to traditional farming, farmers faced with salinization can (re-)use saline soils and continue cultivating crops for the growing food demand of the world population.

The island partners tested this by eating a dinner made of these salted crops. Quote: 'never knew salted food can taste so good. Albert Ruiten says: 'We are brought up with the fact that you can only survive on fresh water, but this dinner proves this fact is outdated''. [Click here for more information...](#)

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## Stakeholder Lab Vlieland by Bojan Bajic

Podium Vlieland is a small sized theatre/cinema with only 1 theatre (for countless purposes). This July (19-07-2018) Podium Vlieland celebrates his 10 year anniversary. Bojan Bajic and Gosse Beerda tried to lengthen the touristic season outside the Summer months. By organising theme weekends the

Podium Vlieland contributed to this. Dutch artists like this small theatre so much that it is not unusual for them to have their try-outs on Vlieland. Obviously that also helps to attract extra visitors to the island.

The island of Vlieland has no product of it's own and Gosse and Bojan want to change that. Because Vlieland has an excellent quality drinking water, they are experimenting with Vlieland beer. This July they expect the needed permits for their new to build sustainable brewery. In this building there also will be space for learning and experiencing. This is a huge investment. As soon as the permits are granted they will start the building immediately. The planning is to pour the first beer the beginning of 2019. (New information: The permits are permitted by 19 July.)

Looking back to the partner meeting we can say that more loss ends came together. We want to thank all the partners and stakeholders for this wonderful meeting. In the steering group meeting we discussed the following:

- All partners have hired a First Level Controller
- Good Practise directory needs to filled with Good Practises of Samsø (Energy Balance/Night Hawk) and Madeira (Walkeme/UBQ Algea). Fryslân will add 2 Good Practises of Lab Vlieland and Kunstmaand Ameland.
- The Lead Partner will send an example of an action plan to partners.
- Brochure of the Tipping Wheel is in progress





## **Chios Mastic Research Center**

**From Greece**

Mediterra SA, was founded, in 17 June 2002 by Chios Mastiha Growers Association, with the main objectives: establishment of a marketing tool for mastiha (mastihashop), development, production, promotion and sale of mastiha products worldwide, development, production and sale of high quality Greek products, development and implementation of promotional activities.

Recently CEO Mr. Mandalas announced the implementation of an investment project of total budget 2,5 million euros regarding the participation of Mediterra in the establishment of the “Center for Mastic Research” in Chios Island. The Chios Mastiha Growers Association will also participate in the project with the amount of 3,5 million euros, reaching 6 million euros for the investment. The project aims at the development of innovative high value - added mastic products responding to market needs for beneficial products, from a nutritional point of view.

The decision for the integration of Research Center funding in the Operational Program “North Aegean 2014 – 2020 has already been taken and the implementation is about to start. It is estimated that the establishments will be ready by the end of 2018. The Region of North Aegean will co-finance the project.

It has been proved by researches that mastiha has a beneficial effect in gastroenterological diseases, it reduces high blood sugar in patients with diabetes mellitus, it also reduces bad cholesterol (LDL), it improves oral hygiene and it strengthens the human body due to the antioxidants it contains.

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## **"MUPPETS" ON TOUR**

**Professor Han Brezet and Simon Tijmsma**

This newsletter we introduce a new chapter: "Muppets" on tour. Because the professor and Simon are often on the road to promote the project, we thought it would be nice to keep you informed. This edition we tell you about the visit in Finland. The meeting took place in Färjestaden, Mörbylånga municipality on the island of Öland. The energy academy of Samsø was also participant in this meeting.

Simon Tijmsma and prof. Han Brezet gave the participants an introduction to the innovation wheel. It is a model to illustrate different aspects of development and how stakeholders perceive today's status of that aspect in relation to the desired situation.

Conclusion is that there is an interesting gap between where we are today and where we would like to be. It is also clear that it is a vulnerable situation to rely on a single person to achieve improvements. It is impossible raise the ambition and keep it a single-person-task. It came out clear that sustainable development is much more than what has been done on Öland so far, much more can be done with public engagement, education, innovation, cooperation with the university and local companies

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## **NEXT MEETING Azores 7 - 9 November 2018**

The Azores Government is pleased to confirm that the 4th Partners Meeting will be held in Ponta Delgada (Azores, Portugal) from 7-9 November 2018.

This meeting will include technical visits to projects, steering group meeting, a conference, gathering project partners and the regional stakeholders, and a workshop on the state-of-play of the Islands of Innovation project.

We would welcome that partners could bring along some of their stakeholders.



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