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BUILDING A FUTURE TOGETHER





TO STIMULATE TOURISM



Would you consider building a leaning tower?



COINCIDENCE!



Built in 1173
It just happened to lean over









IMAGE

Also the result of a deliberate strategy

Place – and city marketing

Regional Marketing

REGIONAL MARKETING

Object is a region's image = starting point for a region's brand

Strengthening profile of a region, leading to an increase of number of visitors and employment



REGION

Is a brand that includes various products

Marketing will create synergy between these products



REGIONAL MARKETING

In a broader context:

Maintain or increase the attraction of a region by strengthening it's position as compared to competitive regions



REGIONAL MARKETING IS BASED ON

- Existing qualities
- Innovation

Combined - identity of a region



MOREOVER

Regional marketing is dependent on ...

Alliances / Partnerships

- Partners
- Broad support
- **Wide diversity**
- Involvement/ commitment
- Responsibility
- □ Similar ideology
- Combined creativity
- Consensus



EFFECT OF PARTNERSHIPS

Combined result

exceeds

the sum of the individual results



IMAGE AND TARGETGROUPS

Determined by

- Quality of Life
- Economy
- □ Tourism

Target groups

- Inhabitants
- □ Companies/ entrepreneurs
- Visitors



REGIONAL MARKETING IN EAST GRONINGEN NL





Economic campaign Quality of Life



MULTIDIMENSIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

- □ Initially supported by LEADER
- Sponsors
- □ Companions companies, organizations
- □ Local / regional governments
- □ Touristic marketing organizations
- Other projects
- Network organizations
- Cultural institutions
- Schools

Started Top-down, now Bottom-up



COMPANIONS FOUNDATION OF 50 MEMBERS

Composition

- □ Chairman is a mayor
- Directors of companies, organizations & banks
- Broad representation of society
- Economical Affair departments of municipalities
- Mayors of municipalities
- Project leader

Function

- Ambassadors
- Financing the campaign
- Control of the campaign
- □ Input promotional activities
- Further development



TARGET GROUPS

Potential

- inhabitants
- entrepreneurs
- employees

ECONOMIC CAMPAIGN

Testimonials

real people

Here I can.....

- Find a perfect combination of living and working
- □ Really follow my heart
- □ Further develop our family business



CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAMPAIGN

It shows people who have taken the step successfully

to

People considering an important step in their life

Testimonials inspire!



TARGET GROUPS

Definition of core target group is based on moments or phases in people's life

- Moving houses
- Considering a new career step
- After finishing one's study
- When the children leave home
- When one considers conversion of business premises
- □ Or moving the business to new premises



HERE I CAN





HERE I CAN REALLY FOLLOW MY HEART!



Ondernemen op je eigen manier

hielem Kletzer heeft haer eigen advocaterprintijk in Verndam. Ne een koopbaan bij een groot advocaterikentoor loos to 10 jaar geleden heer eigen wag. No neemt to de zeken aan die ze graag wil en zegt wel eens heef bij grote nichte. Ze oekst heer eigen ballens de verhooding tussen sociale rechtstulp en commerciale activitysten is op dit enzneet fitty-fitty. Har printigit is gewastigd in een gezellig verjatsend herenhuis uit de jaren 20 nan de vorige eeuw. De advocate moont met haer gezin in een monumestele voring op 10 kilometer van haer werk, met heer pearent dott bij hais. Nedeen onderneemt en woord. helemoof zoeks zij het art. Gewoon hier, in Oost-Groningen.



Campaign newspaper

HERE YOU CAN....

GRASP OPPORTUNITIES



HERE I CAN FURTHER DEVELOP OUR FAMILY BUSINESSS



HERE I CAN ENRICH THE WORLD WITH GRONINGEN SALT



Nedmag houdt New Yorkers op de been

Nedmag wint Zechsteinzaut uit de bodem van Greningen. Het wordt gebruikt war vuorvaste stenen, glodkeidsbestrijding – onder érdero in New York – en door zijn zakenheid ook in de vanimente recorpen recorneg not presidente onderzoelt van Effectory near werknemenstervredenheid. Tot slot is Niedmag blij met de korta lijnen met het openheer bestoer, weardoor er mekkelijk en mel bestiesingen kunnen worden genomen op het gebied van inunstaningen. Gewoon hier, in Deuts Gregieten.

HERE I CAN REALISE A HOLIDAY PARADISE



BIETENBOER EN HAVENMEESTER TEGELIJK: HET KAN IN OLDAMBT

HERE I WANT TO WORK



ACTIVITIES 2016 & 2017

- Interactive website www.compagnonsgroningen.nl
- Investing in young people
 - Entrepreneurs Academy
 - Motivation Pool
 - Expedition Top Talent
- Pride campaign



PRIDE CAMPAIGN 2016

Stimulating the awareness and pride of the inhabitants, making them ambassadors for the area



PRIDE CAMPAIGN 'PROUD OF EAST GRONINGEN'





PRIDE CAMPAIGN 'PROUD OF EAST GRONINGEN' **PROUD OF EAST



THE ESSENCE OF REGIONAL COOPERATION

- Manifesting your region should be a bottom up and not a top down process
- □ Businesses and organizations (touristic & nontouristic) are your partners
- □ Give them responsability
- Make it sustainable
- Don't let it depend on the authorities
- □ But consult them, inform them and keep them involved. They too are your partners!
- □ Learn from others make use of their success

AS FOR THE FUTURE

- □ We're not all competitors
- □ Regions should consider themselves partners
- □ Same applies to countries



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PROJECT NL







NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC FOTOWEDSTRIJD 2012

FOTOWEDSTRIJD 12



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