



## Common Sense in Gelderland: the project is well underway !

**The Province of Gelderland has organized two meetings to initiate their Local Support Group and the Local Action Plan for the URBACT II project Common Sense. The purpose of the Common Sense project is to stimulate the use and effectiveness of European resources in the cities in order to get a better implementation of an integrated and a sustainable urban development. In short: Common Sense wants to make better use of the European funding which is available for the cities.**

On the 17th of December 2009 the Province organized a working session on the theme Sustainable Environment. Almost twenty possible projects were discussed in relation to a better and more effective EU-funding. The projects ranged from local energy plants (biomass, algae), to the use of photo electric cells in district development, underground cold-warmth storage and new uses for ICT-applications for working at home.

On the 13th of January a meeting was organized on the theme of Urban Development and Innovation in which a possible ten projects were discussed to renovate old factory buildings in declined city areas and to make them accessible for new small companies in creative sectors (architects, photo studios, fashion design, etc.).

The meetings were attended by in total over 40 officials from the cities in Gelderland (Arnhem, Nijmegen, Apeldoorn, Doetinchem, Ede, Wageningen, Harderwijk, Zutphen, and Tiel), together with officials from several departments of the Managing Authority, the Province of Gelderland (departments of economic affairs, environment, inner-city development, European projects).

The Local Support Group, as well as the strategy for the Local Action Plan for the Common Sense project in Gelderland will be ready in February.

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