

Language and tools for networkers

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Networks in animal husbandry

- 2004 - 2007
- 125 networks of > 3 farmers and other actors
- 35 knowledgeworkers (knowledge, process, movement)
- More sustainable agriculture,
- Knowledge-co-creation, new arrangements
- Farmers articulate the topics, not the researchers
- No theory or approach, but ambition to bridge the gap between research and farmers

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Critical successfactors co-creation

- Knowing new roles of each other and respect
- Common goal, all actors active
- Common language
- Joint reflection and learning
- Continuous efforts for comfortable learning environment
- Needs more time and effort than expected, point of trouble
- Celebrate success

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Knowledge-co-creation

- From Knowledge production in university / applied research and advisors streaming the information to farmers
- To Knowledge production in the same context as the knowledge is used, in dynamic and semi-permanent coöperations









Free actor

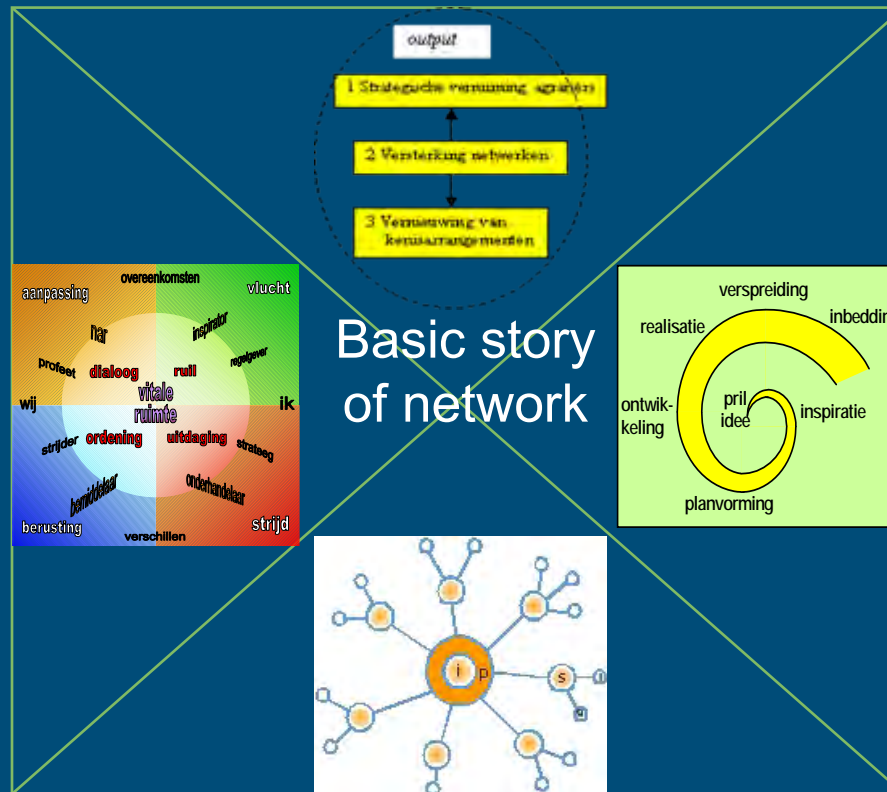
- Knowledge worker (Wageningen UR and 10 other organisations)
- Involved in network but not a member!
- Link to other sources/networks of knowledge
- Reflection and learning process
- Coaching network members but never in the driving seat
- Other competences needed than usual

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4 methods for reflection & learning

Effectmonitor



Circle of coherence

Basic story of network

Spiral of innovation

Networkanalysis

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Output and results

- Permanent coöperation of researchers and farmers
- Results of some networks communicated to >20.000 farmers in EU
- Every week E-communication to 5000 subscribers
- More usable knowledge for sustainable animal husbandry
- Tools and FAN-approach used in courses (~100 trainees in different domains)
- 2008 – 2010 continued by LNV
- Journal of Agricultural Education and Extension (vol15-2)
- IFSA 2008



Networks: what's so special?

organisation

mission

goal

instruments

competences

people

network

people

energy

connection

focus

goal

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