Ontwikkelingsmogelijkheden voor het Centrum Biologische Landbouw

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Abstract

The Centre for Organic Agriculture (CBL) in Lelystad-Noord was established in the early 1990s. The goals of the CBL are to stimulate the application of the organic farming method and to stimulate the consumption of organic food through education and giving practical information. Currently, the organic sector is embedded in the society and a new destination plan for the area of Lelystad-Noord is under development. Therefore, there is a need for the CBL to reconsider its functions and activities for the near future.

In this report two new future functions of the CBL are explored in the field of multifunctional developments. In the first place, taking into account that the CBL has a close link with the organic practice already for many years, it could play a pioneer’s role for multifunctional rural developments in the area of Lelystad-Noord in collaboration with other actors when it joins the Dutch Taskforce Multifunctional Agriculture. Secondly, CBL might develop itself to a leading organisation in The Netherlands as a knowledge and network centre for supporting the current developments regarding urban food strategies. In this way the focus of the CBL will be extended from that of organic agriculture – consumer to organic agriculture – public sector.