



Wageningen School
of Social Sciences

Introduction to Collaborative Design of Sustainable Projects

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**Course organised by the Wageningen School of Social Sciences (WASS),
Wageningen University**

Introduction & objectives of the course

The wicked nature of the problems faced by present and future generations implicate in innovative approaches in research, outreach and education. Projects focused on fostering socioecological transitions to sustainability deal with complex problems involving several stakeholders and require inter/transdisciplinary approaches. However, frequently, the strategies and processes for creation and management of our projects are based on the same logics that created the problems, resulting in unsustainable projects that fail to deal with all the complexity involved. The present course is an introduction to consensual participatory strategic planning for projects and organizations dealing with community sustainability. A project design approach is presented which draws inspiration from Australia's aboriginal people, Living Systems Theory and Deep Ecology.

Why some projects do really well while others get blocked and fail to meet their objectives leading to group burnout and collapse? How can we as researchers and staff act as change agents that collaborate to unleash collective intelligence in benefit of the projects we are involved? How can we integrate different stakeholders in an authentic transdisciplinary attitude? How to avoid burnout, increase team commitment and enthusiasm? These questions will be addressed in this course from theoretical and practical perspectives.

Target group

Natural and Social Science PhD candidates, MSc students and staff members involved in education, outreach and research projects for sustainability involving several stakeholders and require inter/transdisciplinary approaches. Individuals that want to enhance their abilities to design and co-facilitate processes for change and development in and with communities towards sustainability.

Learning outcomes

The main outcome of attending this course is to get in touch with theoretical fundamentals and practical tools for project design that enable rapid feedback, build collective wisdom, and foster adaptive capacity, enabling creative and positive adaptation of groups and individuals to situations of rapid and potentially chaotic change.

After course completion the participants are expected to:

- Understand projects from a living systems perspective and the elements of sustainable project;
- Identify the main stages of a project's life cycle and key points to overcome each stage for project design and management;
- Apply the systemic theoretical framework to their own projects and identify ways to overcome eventual blockages;
- Be able to apply a set of practical tools that favor liberation of collective intelligence to create, plan, implement and celebrate.

Assumed prior knowledge

Not required.

Course fees

Does not apply

Session Times

14:30 – 18:00. Session 1 – A Living Systems Framework for Project Management.

14:30 – 18:00. Session 2 – Practical tools for design and management of sustainable projects.

Outline of the Course in Hours

The course is divided in two sessions of 3.5 hours.

The first session will present the theoretical framework of a sustainable project and the four stages that are important for project success.

The second session refers to the use of several collaborative tools for project creation, planning, implementation and evaluation.

Teaching methods

Lectures, group work, self study and group debate.

Requirements and ECTS

0.2 ECTS

Course Schedule

7th of June - 14:30 – 18:00

8th of June – 14:30 – 18:00

Location

The sessions will be held in room C71 in building “De Leeuwenborch”, Hollandseweg 1 in Wageningen, The Netherlands.

Registration

Registration is possible electronically via the WASS courses page:

<http://www.wageningenur.nl/en/Education-Programmes/PhD-Programme/Graduate-Schools/Wageningen-School-of-Social-Sciences/Courses/Registration.htm>

The maximum number of participants is set at 20, the minimum at 10.

Please make sure that you provide the most recent contact details so that in case of any changes you will be notified promptly. After your internet registration you will receive a short notification that your name has been registered. At least two weeks before the course you will receive a confirmation about the location and the schedule. WASS will also send an invoice to the address indicated in the registration form.

Please e-mail to Marcella.Haan@wur.nl in case you have not received the second confirmation two weeks before the course.

No-show fee

Registration for this masterclass is free of charge. However, if you have registered and do not show up at the masterclass, you will be charged a no-show fee of €25.

Further information

On course content please contact the course organiser, Felipe Simas. He can be reached through fnbsimas@gmail.com

On WASS: www.wageningenur.nl/wass

For details about the logistics, accommodation, registration, fees, study materials, etc. please contact

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Useful information on accommodation for participants from outside Wageningen

Hotels:

Hof van Wageningen: 62.50 euro for 1 persons room, 70 euros for 2 persons room, both prices are including breakfast;
www.hofvanwageningen.nl

Hotel de Wageningsberg: 85 euro for 2 persons room, also including breakfast;
<http://hoteldewageningscheberg.nl/en/>

Hotel Nol in 't Bosch: 79 euro for 1 person room, 85 euro for 2 persons room, also including breakfast; <http://www.nolintbosch.nl/>

Bed&Breakfast:

See: <https://www.bedandbreakfast.nl/bed-and-breakfast/wageningen/netherlands/c2745088>

B& B De Heksenspeeltuin: 30 euro for a 1 person room
Address: Einthovenstraat 15, 6706JA Wageningen
Phone: +31 317-418161
E-mail: callyd@zonnet.nl
Website: www.heksenspeeltuin.nl

Villaria Bed en Breakfast: 39-58 euro for a 1 person room

Address: Nassauweg 21, 6703CG Wageningen
Phone: +31 317-419636
Email: info@villaria.nl
Website: <http://villaria.nl/>
Possibilities to rent a bike

Ons Bakhuus Bed & Breakfast: 45 euro for a 1 person room
Address: Dolderstraat 64, 6706 JG Wageningen
Phone.:+31 317-411994
E-mail: info@onsbakhuus.nl
Website: www.onsbakhuus.nl

De Herbergh Bed & Breakfast: 60 euro for a 1 person room
Address: Generaal Foulkesweg 8, 6703 BR Wageningen
Phone: +31 317-410747
E-mail: glindenbergh@wanadoo.nl
Website: <https://www.bedandbreakfast.nl/bed-and-breakfast/wageningen/de-herbergh/3269/>

Toproom B&B: 55 euro for a 1 person room
Vossenlaan 17
6705 CD Wageningen-Hoog
Phone: +31 317-450214
E-mail: info@toproom.nl
Website: www.toproom.nl
Possibilities to rent a bike

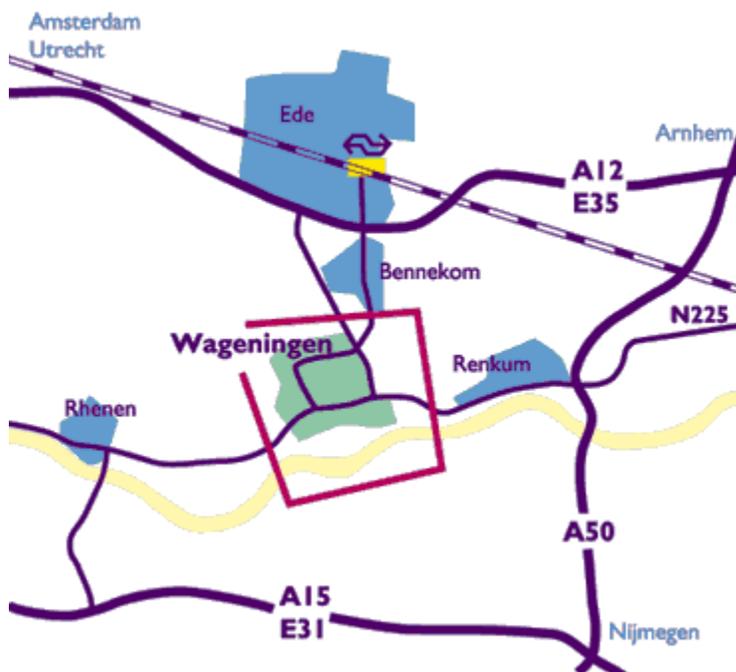
From Schiphol Amsterdam Airport to Wageningen

At the Airport you can buy a train ticket in the 'arrivals' area by the baggage claims. You will see the sign "Train tickets" near the exit. Then follow the signs 'Nederlandse Spoorwegen' (NS) or 'Trains and busses' to the railway station.

Purchase a one-way ticket to the Ede-Wageningen train station, this will cost € 14,10 (plus a service charge if you buy the ticket at the ticket counter). It is also possible to buy the ticket from the ticket vending machines in the station.

There are direct connections from Schiphol Amsterdam Airport to Ede-Wageningen every 30 minutes. Additionally, twice an hour there is a connecting service from Schiphol to Ede-Wageningen where you have to change trains in Utrecht. The destination boards on the platform will indicate the different stations where the train will stop. Check for the names Ede-Wageningen or Utrecht and board the train and when necessary change in Utrecht. The trip from Schiphol to Ede-Wageningen takes you a bit more than one hour.

For Dutch train connections use www.ns.nl, www.thalys.com, www.db.de



The train station is not located directly in Wageningen. This lack is fully compensated by fair means of transportation by buses and taxis. From railway station Ede-Wageningen you can take a taxi (approx. 15 min.). Taxis leave at the north side of the station. You can also come by bus: line 52 (direction Wageningen/ Arnhem) departs from the north side of the station or bus line 88 (Valleilijn, direction Wageningen) leaves from the south side of the station. You have to purchase a ticket from the driver in the bus, which will cost about 2 euros.