



FORM BEST PRACTICES CONTEST 2026

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Name project

Project Tussendiepen Valthermond: 6 modular homes for regular tenants and recognized refugees.

Category Certification Criteria: mark the category of your project

- ☐ Energy and environmental policies (politiche energetiche e ambientali);
- ☐ Infrastructure policies (politiche infrastrutturali);
- ☒ Quality of urban life policies (politiche per la qualità urbana);
- ☐ Agricultural, touristic and artisan policies (politiche agricole, turistiche, artigianali);
- ☐ Policies for hospitality, awareness and training (politiche per l'ospitalità, la consapevolezza e la formazione);
- ☒ Social cohesion (coesione sociale).

Summary project

Through the Central Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers (COA), the municipality of Borger-Odoorn received a grant for the construction of six modular homes. This contribution was made in gratitude for the crisis night shelter for refugees organized by the municipality of Borger-Odoorn. A condition was that half of the homes would be made available to recognized refugees. The other half is intended for residents who have a special connection to the village of Valthermond, where the homes are located. These are modular homes that were pre-built in the factory and could be quickly installed on site. The homes are single-story and have their own gardens. They are suitable for one- and two-person households. The project is a collaboration between the municipality of Borger-Odoorn and housing corporation Woonservice from the municipality.

Goal project

Given the high demand for housing, this project is a quick way to provide new homes. This project also makes it possible for, for example, young people who wish to stay in the village to have the opportunity for an affordable rental home. We expect that occupancy by both regular tenants and recognized refugees will have a positive effect on successful integration.

Result project

The six homes have been completed. The three homes for recognized refugees have been furnished and decorated. These three homes will be occupied by recognized refugees for a period of two years, after which they will move on and make way for new recognized refugees. The Social Team supports the recognized refugees with their integration so that they quickly feel at home. The tenants will receive the keys to their homes on Thursday, May 21.

Finance (costs and benefits)

The total cost estimate was 620,000 euros. That includes the contribution of 500,000 euros from the Central Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers.

Staff (staff involved and use of time)



In total, the preparation through to realization took a period of approximately 15 months. A working group was formed for this purpose, consisting of employees from the municipality and the housing corporation.

Link website

<https://www.woonservice.nl/nieuwbouwprojecten/project/valthermond-tussendiepen>

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- Participation Deadline, 19 May 2026 -