



FORM BEST PRACTICES CONTEST 2026

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Country The Netherlands

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Name project

Redesign of public space Schipluiden

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

Redesigning the public space in the historic center of Schipluiden. This is necessary to improve spatial quality. At the same time, measures are being taken to mitigate the effects of climate change.

For the project to redesign the old center of Schipluiden, all residents and business owners were offered the opportunity to contribute their ideas. Several participation evenings were organized for this purpose. Subsequently, the plans were further developed, and only then did the municipal council make a decision regarding the implementation.

Goal project

This project has multiple goals:

1. promoting that residents, schoolchildren, and visitors walk more and use bicycles. This is achieved by creating more space for pedestrians and constructing new bicycle and walking paths.
2. Making public spaces more accessible for people with disabilities. Parking spaces for wheelchair buses are being constructed based on the advice of wheelchair users. In this way, the walking routes for wheelchairs are also adapted. Stepping stones for the visually impaired are used at road crossings.
3. Historic sites are being made more visible. Better view of the historic drawbridge, green landscaping of the old town hall, better accessibility to the castle ruins.
4. Climate adaptation through smarter design. Installing grass pavers in parking spaces for improved water retention. More and larger borders and flowerbeds. Planting trees for shade and a greener appearance in the historic centre.

Result project

The project spans several years. At the same time, housing development plans are also being implemented. New apartments for the elderly and courtyard homes are being built in the center. Outside the center, a modern, climate-friendly residential area is being developed. These three construction projects give young people a better chance of finding a home. The old village is also



becoming more attractive to visitors. This also ensures that shops and hospitality establishments remain in business.
All measures combined ensure a more vibrant Schipluiden.

Finance (costs and benefits)

Phase 1: € 320.000 (area around the castle garden)

Phase 2: € 625.000 (area around historic town hall)

Phase 3: € 555.000 (Keenenburg, area between the historic town hall and the historic drawbridge)

The costs for the next phases are not yet known. The start for those phases is in at least 5 years.

Staff (staff involved and use of time)

Unknown

Additional information (if necessarily)

[spatial sketch quality plan](#)

Link website [Vernieuwing openbare ruimte centrum Schipluiden | municipality Midden-Delfland](#)
[Bouwplannen centrum Schipluiden | municipality Midden-Delfland](#)

(if available) [Regional broadcaster article: "Keenenburg Castle must become findable again"](#)

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