

Regional Youth Service 'Meetjesman'



Regionale Jeugddienst Meetjesland

- The Regional Youth Service = Unique in Flanders and Belgium
- Regional cooperative between 13 local communities
- Region 'Meetjesland' = Meetjesland is a historical region in the North-West of the province East Flanders in Belgium, located between Ghent and Bruges



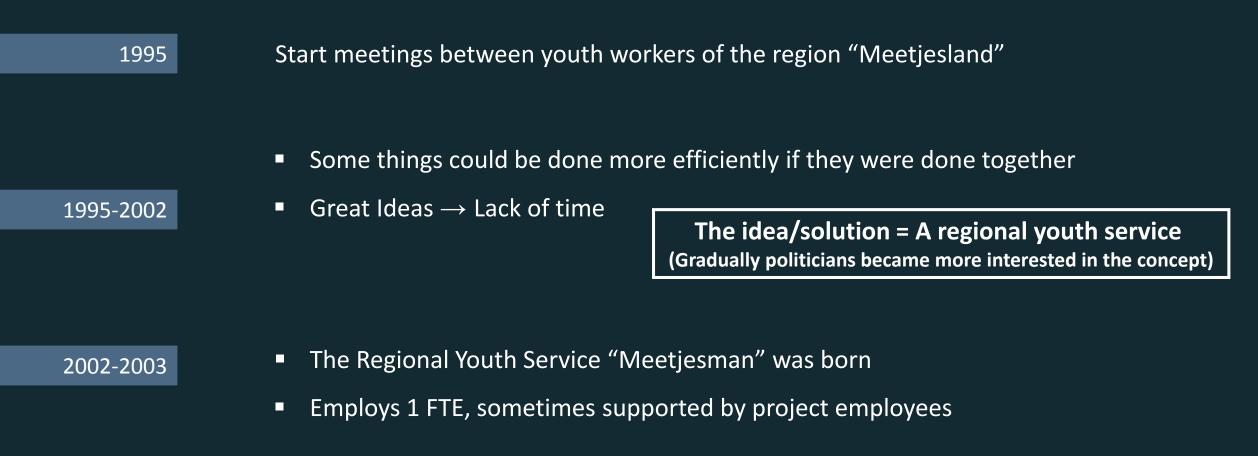








A Short History







Financial

- Every local community pays € 2 500/year
 - A larger city has to pay less per inhabitant than a smaller town but a smaller town receives more benefits
 - Every 3 years the 13 local communities have to decide if they still want to participate in the Regional Youth Service
- Flemish Government € 30 000/year





Mission & Goals

- Integrated and diverse regional youth policy
- Meet the needs of all children and youngsters from our 13 communities

- → Support and connect local youth workers and youth services (monthly meeting)
- ightarrow Provide an expertise and support platform in youth policy
- → Develop and maintain a network in the region and the youth sector and represent the region and the target group on different forums
- \rightarrow Develop and guide initiatives for the 13 communities (=projects)





Project: 'Young blood in Meetjesland'



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Project Idea

- Investigation: question the young people from the second grade of high school (15-16 year olds) about their experience of living in Meetjesland
- Focus on: spare time (sports, culture & recreation), mobility and the influence of cities (Ghent & Bruges) around our rural area
- By researching young people in 13 different towns/cities we can adjust/influence the policy of each local government and of the 13 governments together

Investigation plan

Quantitative phase

- Online survey
- **11 Schools** in our region
- Reach 1.500 (of 3.700 15-16 year old)

Qualitative phase

- Interactive sessions with specific methodologies
- Classrooms & youth movements
- Think & discuss about the future of their local community and the living circumstance of youth



Goals of the project

- Identifying bottlenecks and potential in terms of quality of life in Meetjesland and the needs of the youngsters
- Create attention for the target group within the design and implementation of the municipal policy plans
- Stimulate collaborations between the local communities and local government services

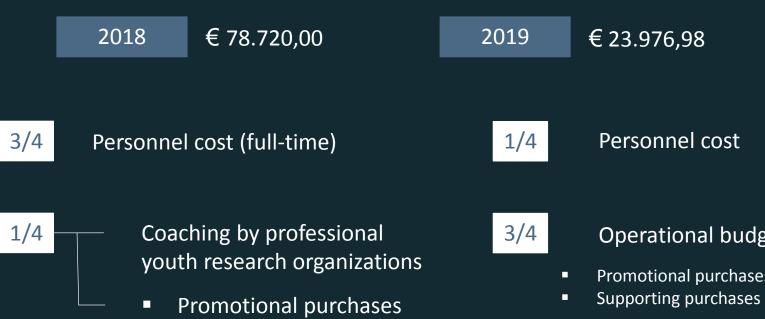


Timing





Budget



Supporting purchases (software survey tool...)

Operational budget

- Promotional purchases



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