

Dairy Farming and Education



Flanders (B)

Example of successful cooperation between a dairy farmer and several organisations in the realisation of education of children and students



Dairy farm

- Education since 2011
- 120 dairy cows, 40 ha, zero grazing
- 2 labour units

Plattelandsklassen vzw (Landelijke Gilde, Boerenbond)

- Since 1987
- Agricultural education by network of app. 70 farms, development of educative material
- Target group: schools (3 to 18 years)

Muisje Pierlepein (Provinciale landbouwkamer Oost-Vlaanderen)

- Since 2004
- 19 farms
- Target group: individuals and groups (children and adults)

Melk4kids (VLAM)

- Since 2007
- 88 dairy farms
- Target group: schools and youth associations (3 to 12 years)

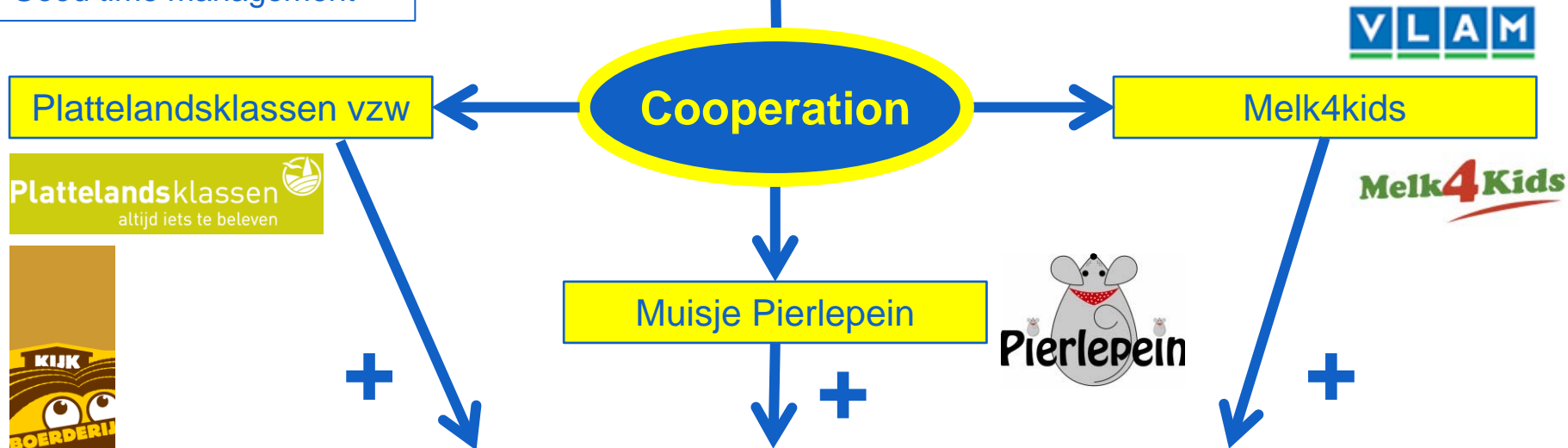
Added value for all partners and stakeholders

- ### Critical success factors
- Infrastructure (room for education, education materials, ...)
 - Open minded
 - Creative to adjust the educative tour to the public, the theme of the tour, age of the children, ...
 - Good time management



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Dairy Farmer

- Financial compensation
- Sustainability image dairy sector



- Reduce distance between broad society and dairy farming
- Inform children on the origin of their food and the activities on a farm
- Raise interest in agriculture
- Offer training to farmers to guide groups of children on their farm



More info: www.plattelandsklassen.be
www.pierlepein.be
www.melk4kids.be

www.interregdairyman.eu