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Application form N°

Innovation domain* :	City Management
Name of the innovating project :	Vacant Property Management

Local authority:	Municipality of Zwolle
(Capital of Province Overijssel, The Netherlands, 115.000 inhabitants)	
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CITY INFORMATION

The city of Zwolle with 115.000 inhabitants is the capital of the Province Overijssel in the Netherlands. It boasts a beautiful city centre with historic buildings, canals and the remainders of an old city wall. It has a history as one of the famous 'Hanze' Towns. Today the City of Zwolle is the centre of economic and cultural activities of the northeastern part of the Netherlands.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Vacant Property Management as part of City Management.

The Municipality of Zwolle feels very strongly about City Management.

The goals are:

- Providing homes for all people
- Taking care of historic and city buildings during temporary vacancy
- Attending vacant property to keep it from vandalism, theft, squatting
- Prevent the existence of unpleasant/ unused locations in the city

Therefore a general vision on Vacant Property Management has been developed:

- Vacant historic and city buildings are used as temporary homes for inhabitants
- Vacant historic and city buildings are used as atelier or studio for artists
- Vacant historic and city buildings are used as office for starting businesses
- Vacant historic and city buildings are used as event locations

The results:

- Vandalism, theft and squatting from vacant property is minimalised
- The city provides the community with extra available living space
- Cultural organisations find a affordable place to do activities
- The city has very few unused/ unpleasant areas with large vacant buildings

Recently a new law on this method of vacant property management has been approved in France. It gives French cities and government the possibility to introduce this method of city management and realize the same goals. We are looking forward to show you the results of our consistent approach in Zwolle

The Municipality of Zwolle welcomes the jury to show them the results of this approach and are looking forward to your visit.