

## Village stroll

- Unpaved path in an agricultural landscape
- Cultural-historical & nature-friendly/landscaped and locally embedded.
- A circular walk of its own or composed of existing paths and newly laid or restored historical paths. They preferably are adjacent to catering facilities

## Intro

- The Netherlands is a great walking destination
- Walking has many mental and health benefits

## Methods

- Mapping of village strolls
- 10 Transect walks
- 9 interviews

## Results & discussion

- Accessibility & transportation important for the walking experience
- Personal touch and storytelling are a must in village strolls
- Concerns of the wrong target group and overtourism, but can be overcome with the education of tourists
- Continuity and maintaining interest are lacking in village strolls

## Conclusions

- Clog paths in Gelderland and Utrecht are a strong concept
- Further research needed with more involvement of the local community

# Exploring village strolls as a potential for sustainable regional development as part of the Dutch tourism strategy 'Perspective 2030'

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Using **village strolls** as part of the **Dutch tourism strategy** can be only achieved when the **local community is centred** and their **needs and wishes** are put first.



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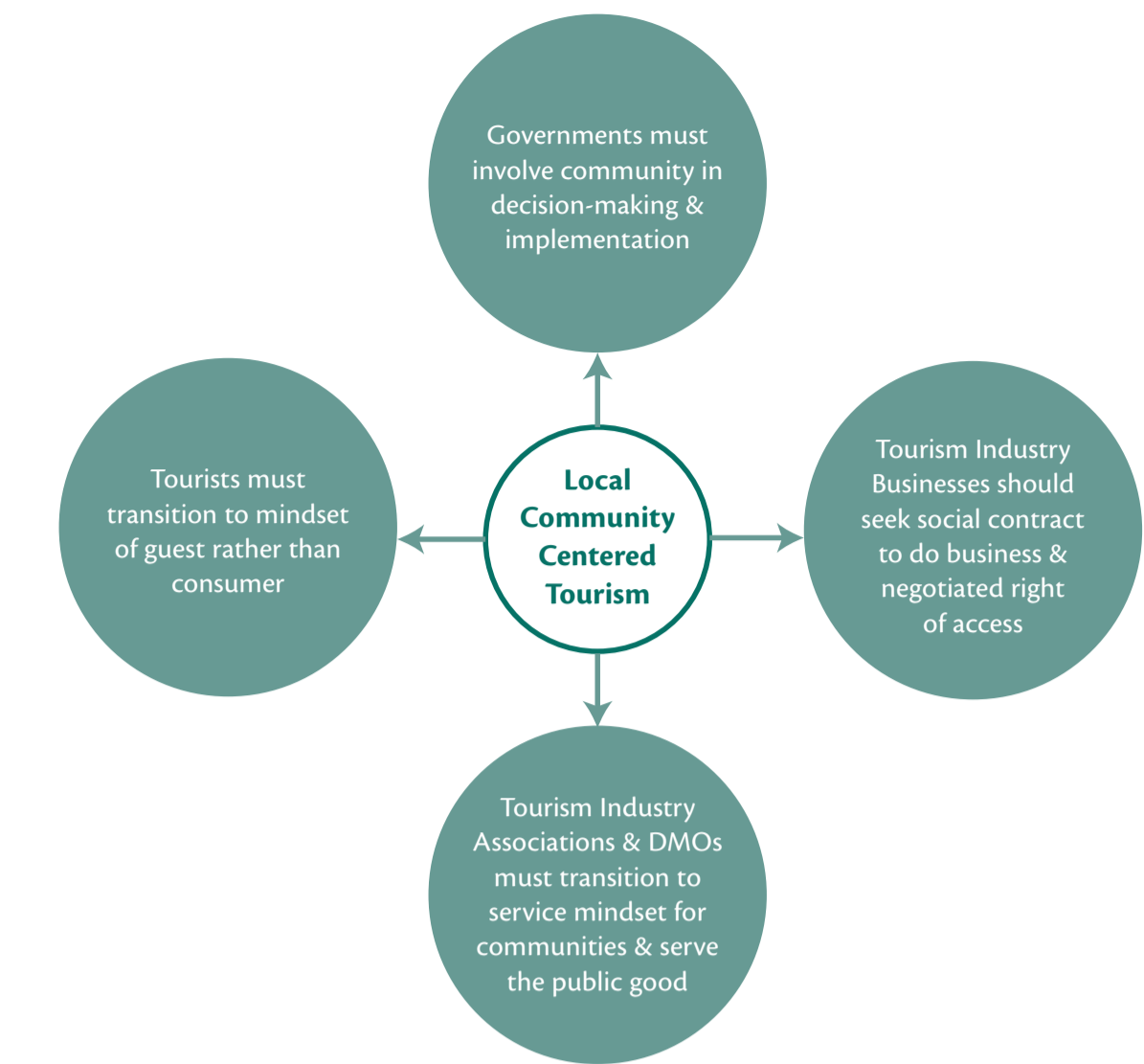


Figure 1 Community-Centred Tourism Framework as a mechanism for degrowing tourism (Higgins-Desbiolles et al., 2019, p. 11)

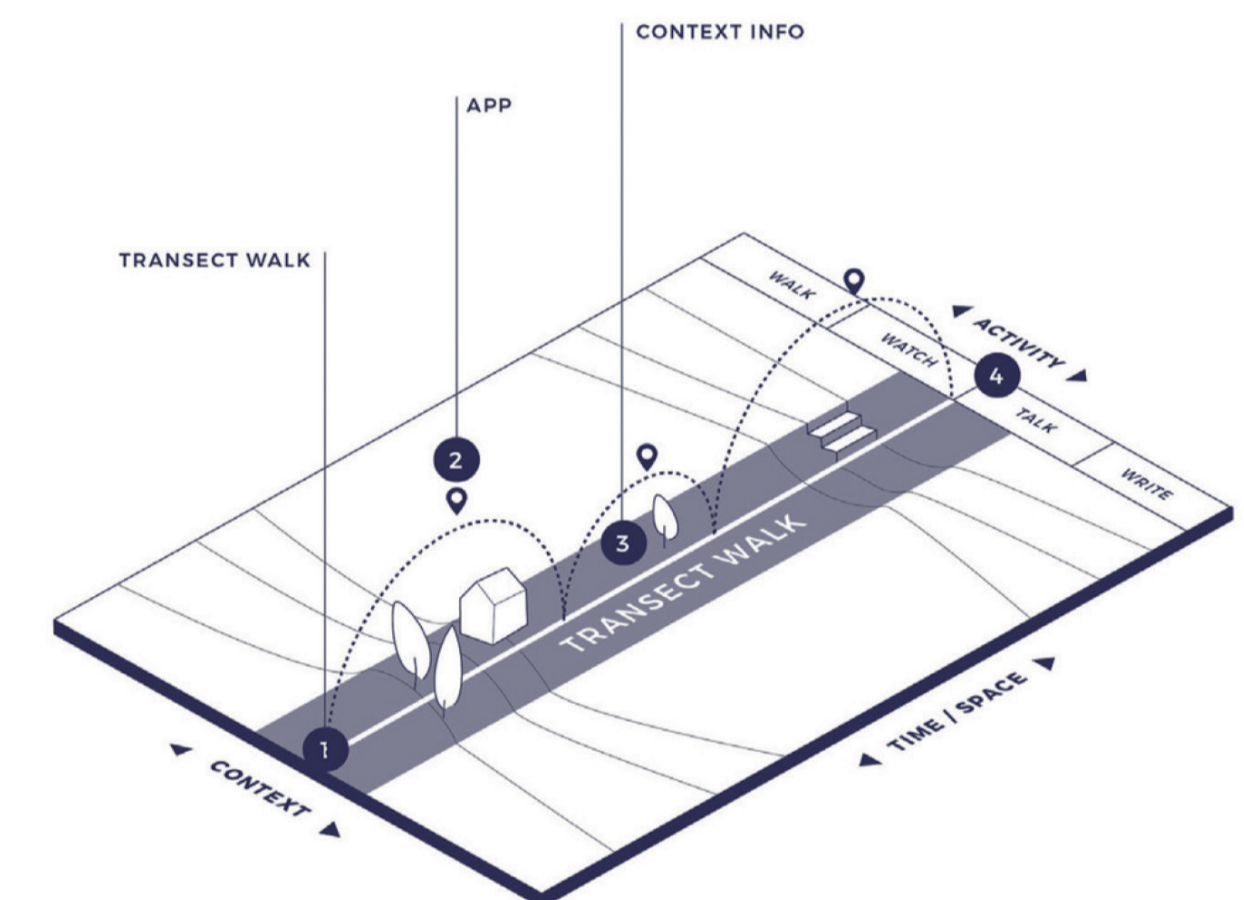


Figure 2 Transect walk (Hemmersam & Morrison, 2016, p. 31)

Table 1 Chosen walks per province based on mapping with

Nr	Place	Province	Name of stroll	Km given	What
1	Tholen	Zeeland	Ommetje Tholen	3.0	Village stroll
2	Sweikhuizen	Limburg	Wandelen langs de Rengelaot	6.7	Village stroll
3	Heusden	North-Brabant	Waterweetjeswandeling Heusden	3.5	WaterFactsWalk
4	Dwingeloo	Drenthe	Dwingeler ommetje Mars	4.9	Village stroll
5	Herbajim	Friesland	Swalkroute Herbajim	9.3	Village stroll
6	Biessum*	Groningen	Onder klokslag van Oetwier	5.4	Village stroll
7	Emst*	Gelderland	Loobrinkerpad & Schaverensepad	10 & 10	Clog paths
8	Schalkwijk*	Utrecht	Lint- en Liniepad	10	Clog path
9	Markelo	Overijssel	Ommetje Markelose berg	11	Village stroll

\* Walked together with a participant

