

Rural Roadwater Rescue

Community Involvement Strategy

Reasons for early stage community involvement

Impact: Local initiatives may already exist that can be connected and leveraged,

Knowledge: Local people and organisations have a lot of knowledge about the specific local context,

Support: Early involvement of the community will strengthen support and understanding for solutions,

Co-investments: Solutions, relevant and matching local demand, will provoke co-investments from the local community.



Strategy to involve the community (steps in the process)

- 1. Identification** of promising locations and stakeholders,
- 2. Exchange** with the local community through bilateral talks, meetings, online interaction and questionnaires to examine the local context,
- 3. Design** practical solutions with the local community (co-creation) that are realistic and adapted to local needs, values, interests and constraints,
- 4. Implementation** of solutions requires arranging local governance (lead and ownership), finding appropriate places, suppliers and investors for realisation.
- 5. Maintain, Sustain and Use** requires a stable organisation to sustain and support facilities and services to (or from) the community, collect feedback and regularly assess (if needed adjust) the business and value case.