

# The Wicked Series

## | Introductions to a Wicked World

*Organized by Kennisland and Hivos!*

**Hivos** and **Kennisland** would like to invite you to join us on an inspiring expedition called 'The Wicked Series'! In this series we will connect people who move beyond 'more of the same' approaches and bankrupt solutions to fight wicked problems like the economic crisis, digital (non-) transparency and an aging population. The grand challenges of our time are far from insurmountable but require new ideas, initiatives and innovation strategies to tackle these. However, where these complicated dynamics are at play new strategies are being developed to anticipate on tomorrow's world. By sharing our talents, tactics and networks we can take this trip together and discover promising new strategies, opportunities and initiatives and navigate towards a more social and sustainable future.

### **Why Wicked?**

Most of our social challenges of our time are wicked problems: they are critical, systemic issues and dilemmas that have multiple, interdependent causes. They tend to be messy, agile and reactive. Therefore we need to seek radical new framings, connection and strategies.

### **Who are we?**

'Wicked' is an innovative and explorative collaboration between Kennisland and Hivos' Civic Explorations Programme. Both organisations want to contribute to a new movement of changemakers by connecting the dots and bringing together an energetic collective of change makers who aspire to make our future brighter.

### **Bright eyes and a glimpse on what's next**

Forty expedition members join forces on three evenings in November, December and January. Every evening will consist of one case presented by hands-on pioneers and three elements: learning, connecting and taking action. Our collective effort will result in new connections, new perspectives and a publication that will leave you with bright eyes and a glimpse on what is next (expected Spring 2013)!

- 1. The Greeks!** Greece is often portrayed as a victim of the economic crisis. Though a crisis offers also opportunities to initiatives that experiment with new forms of living together. Is Greece the social laboratory for new forms of civic engagement? What can we learn from the Greeks?
- 2. Transparency!** How do transparency and accountability movements inspire to move beyond traditional pitfalls and create new opportunities? How can they strengthen civil society without creating new forms of exclusion?
- 3. The Elders!** An ageing population is merely framed as an expensive health care problem. But this group in our society has seen many crisis and holds unknown wisdom. What can we learn from crowd-sourcing the wise Elders?

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