



# GENesis-NL

Infopack

4-11 October 2026



# GENesis-Module 1

Ecodorp Bergen  
&  
Ecodorp Land van Aine

## Part 1: Community Living Experience

This experiential laboratory is designed for individuals interested in better understanding the dynamics of community life. It is also an opportunity for those who wish to experience this lifestyle before making the decision to permanently join a community.

This initiative results from the collaboration between the CLIPS Project, ecovillage members supporting it, and GEN Europe. Its purpose is to support both people approaching community life for the first time and those who are already part of an ecovillage and seek to strengthen their skills and knowledge, it is also opened to facilitators and or people interested in better understanding group dynamics.

### **GENesis programme (Module 1, 2 and 3)**

This week is part of a three week programme in three countries.

Module 1: Experiential week - 4-11 October 2026 - Ecovillage Bergen / Land van Aine Netherlands

Module 2: Facilitation training - 7-14 January 2027 - Torri Superiore Italy

Module 3: Clips training - 9-16 March 2027 - Arterra Bisimodu Spain

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## Programme structure

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The experiential laboratory will be held in an ecovillage where the participants will be experiencing parts of the community life.

Half of the day, early in the morning, will be dedicated to practical activities of the community (cooking, cleaning, gardening, painting, digging, building...).

The other half of the day will be dedicated to deepening group dynamics, group processes, theoretical framework, practical tools for healthy communities.

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## Programme Goals

- to get participants to practically and physically engage in daily tasks, necessary for a community to prosper.
- to engage with community members
- to learn more about community life, and hear people's experiences.
- to become aware of personal belief systems, fears, prejudices, involving individualistic behavior that could endure community life.
- to enter into relationships with other participants and community members, and become aware of personal triggers, expectations and needs and how we bring them to others.
- to acquire new tools to improve communications skills, conflict transformation skills.
- to identify talents, dreams, needs.
- to experience the importance of trusting in collective intelligence when taking decisions on a common project.
- to connect on one's own deepest essence and intention towards a regenerative future.





# Venue 1

4-7 October: Ecodorp Bergen



## Ecodorp Bergen

Ecodorp Bergen is a community of 30 people incl 8 children. It was established in 2013 on a 15 ha piece of land in a natural environment close to the coast next to the artist village Bergen about 45 km north of Amsterdam. It is transformed from a former military land into a natural habitat with garden, food forest little lake, a place for events, a camping, room for artists and a community house with guest rooms. To build permanent houses, the planning permission still officially needs to be changed. The idea is to grow to 60 members For decision making the sociocratic circle method is used. Welcome to meet this ecovillage!



# Venue 2

7-11 Oct: Ecodorp Land van Aine



## Ecodorp Land van Aine

Ecodorp (ecovillage) Land van Aine is located in the North of Holland, surrounded by greenlands and a forest. We started in 2019. Ten ecohouses and 2 Tiny Houses are build. You are welcomed by 60 inhabitants, with 20 children, teenagers and young international volunteers. We have vegetable and flower gardens, foodforests, woodworkshops etc. We eat together, and provide yoga and meditation. We'd like to see you, work with you in the gardens, foodforest or in building and share our experiences.



# The venues

## Accommodation and Food

### Accommodation

Participants will share rooms with shared bathrooms/toilets. Every room has blankets and pillows, sheets are provided. Please bring your own towels and sleeping bag.

### Food

We will provide three organic vegetarian meals per day. In addition we have self-service tea, coffee and a snack table. If you have any allergies or food intolerances let us know well in advance. We can accommodate gluten free, vegan diets and our kitchen can serve soy, gluten and dairy free, although we cannot guarantee that there is no cross-contamination. We might not be able to accommodate every allergy in the world, but cooks always partly adapt their meal plans.



# Arrival & Departure

## Adresses

Ecodorp Bergen:  
Groeneweg 14  
1861 PH Bergen

### Travel to ecovillage Bergen

Arrival day is Sunday 4th of October. Start of the event is in ecovillage Bergen.

### Travel to ecovillage Land van Aine

On Wednesday the 7th October we take the train to ecovillage Land van Aine, from Alkmaar to Emmen. In Emmen we take the bus to Ter Apel en walk the last minutes to the ecovillage.

### Departure from ecovillage Land van aine

Departure day is Sunday 11th of September after lunch. You need to be able to attend to the full duration of the activity in order to participate

Ecodorp Land van Aine:  
Ruiten A Kanaal Zuid 13  
9561 TG Ter Apel

# How to get there

Train, bus, airport

## Adresses

### **Ecodorp Bergen:**

Groeneweg 14  
1861 PH Bergen

### **To ecovillage Bergen:**

The closest train station to ecovillage Bergen is Alkmaar.

You can easily reach it by train from Amsterdam:

check the timetables at <https://www.ns.nl/en> or [www.omio.com](http://www.omio.com) .

The closest airport is Schiphol near Amsterdam.

Amsterdam is also easily to reach by international trains or busses.

There are frequent trains to Alkmaar.

Call us if you want to be picked up from the train station..

### **Ecodorp Land van Aine:**

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# Costs

## Accommodation & Food

4-7 Oct: Ecodorp Bergen  
&  
7-11 Oct: Ecodorp Land van  
Aine

The total costs for the whole week is € 350 euros.

The payment should be addressed to:

### **Coöperatieve Vereniging Ecodorp Land van Aine**

Ruiten A Kanaal Zuid 13  
9561 TG Ter Apel

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# What to bring

Weather, Insurance, Emergency

6-9 Sept: Ecodorp Bergen  
&  
9-13 Sept: Ecodorp Land van  
Aine

In October it can still be quite warm in Netherlands when the sun comes out, but it could also be raining or chilly, so pack accordingly and don't forget a raincoat. Bring a pair of good strong shoes and some working clothes for outdoor activities and some comfortable thick socks or slippers to stay in the working rooms. Please also bring your own towel and sleeping sheet. We provide blankets and pillows.

## Insurance

Consider booking an additional travel insurance that includes repatriation in case of accident, and don't forget your European Health Insurance Card or to get a valid health insurance if you don't have one that covers you while you are abroad.

## Emergency contact

If case of need while travelling

Ecovillage Land van Aine: Fenna +31 630 55 98 47 (app or signal)

Ecovillage Bergen: Fredjan +31 6 54 76 31 57 or Marion +31 6 37 09 08 09

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See you soon in Ecodorp Bergen  
and Ecodorp Land van Aine  
Netherlands!