Co-creation of knowledge by generating partnerships between civil society organizations and knowledge institutions

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Abstract:
The workshop will elaborate on the presentation we hope to give on this theme (Co-creation of knowledge by generating partnerships between civil society organizations and knowledge institutions). In that presentation we reflect on several Wageningen UR science shop project from all over The Netherlands in which (we as) researchers, students and civil society co-created knowledge, but even more important, also created a process towards broadly accepted solutions and even empowerment of the civil organizations. In the workshop we will focus on one case: Erp, in the province of Brabant (The Netherlands). The centre of the village suffers from traffic congestion, which is unsafe and influences the liveability. Some groups are in favour of a ring road to solve this problem, while others are opposing against this idea. They think that a ring road will not solve the traffic problem and will destroy the landscape of Erp. This case is interesting because the different stakeholders would not talk with each other; the differences in opinion on how the problem should be solved were simply too large. However, the researchers postulated that they needed input from all parties to solve this problem. The workshop will start at this point with the question: how would you as researchers solve this problem?