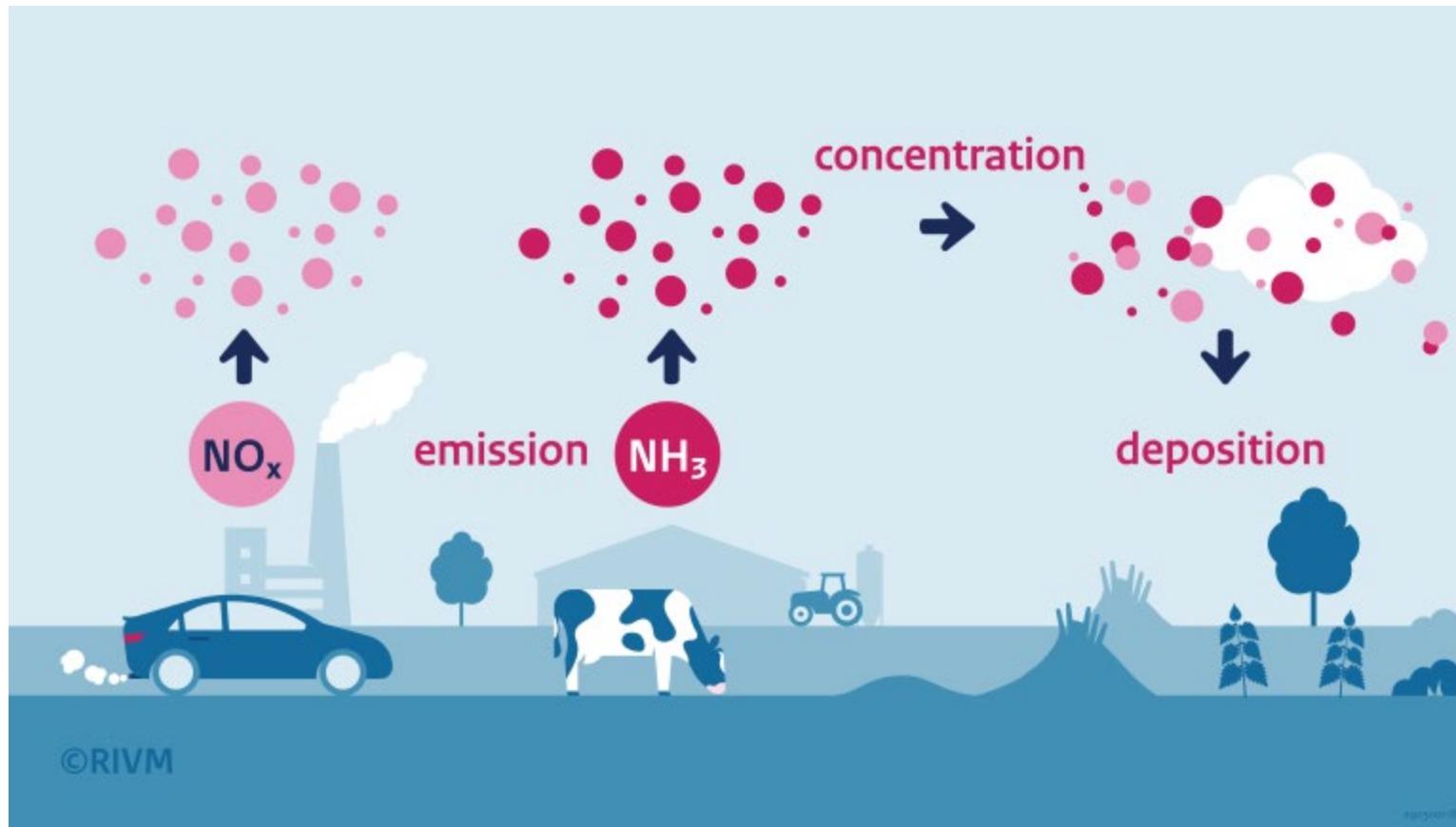


# The nitrogen crisis

“my take on it”

# The essence of the problem...



# Why is this a problem?

- Biodiversity loss
- Increased vulnerability to droughts, flooding, plagues (plants/insects)
- Loss of food production capacity
- Contribution to climate change (vicious circle)
- Health problems (asthma, COPB, allergies)

- EU regulations
- Dutch laws/regulation
- Lock-in (housing, roads, infrastructure (electricity system), etc.)

# Why especially in the Netherlands?

- Highest number of livestock per square meter/inhabitant
- Competition for space *and* nitrogen “rights”
- Our history/culture

# History of the nitrogen crisis in a nutshell

- Rebuilding after WWII > huge investments in agriculture
- Success of agriculture leads to more investments leads to more...
- Reinforced by “the Dutch dream”
- Reinforced by “the Dutch system”





# Stakeholders involved...

farmers

banks

*the planet*

judges

politics

citizens  
voters  
consumers

NGOs

EU

*society*

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agricultural  
industry

# Homework for next week!

## Challenge: Design and development 'beyond sustainability'



You are invited to....

- ....listen to a podcast about building a regenerative house in the Pyrenees. (*The first 27 mins is sufficient; 62 mins in total*):

<https://chooselatitude.com/ecological-journal/the-regenerative-way-with-emmanuel-pauwels>

- ...watch a short clip about living in a biophilic community (*approx. 4 mins*):

<https://www.wevideo.com/view/3793561144>