

DIALING

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THE DATABASE OF THE SOUTHERN DUTCH DIALECTS: NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR DIGITAL LEXICOLOGICAL RESEARCH

History

The southern Dutch dialect area consists of four dialect groups: the **Flemish, Brabantic, Limburgian and the Zeeland dialects**. In 2016 an infrastructure project started to combine the dialect dictionaries of these regions in one dictionary portal: **the Database of the Southern Dutch Dialects (DSDD)**. This project was initiated by Ghent University and undertaken in close collaboration with the Dutch Language Institute (Leiden).

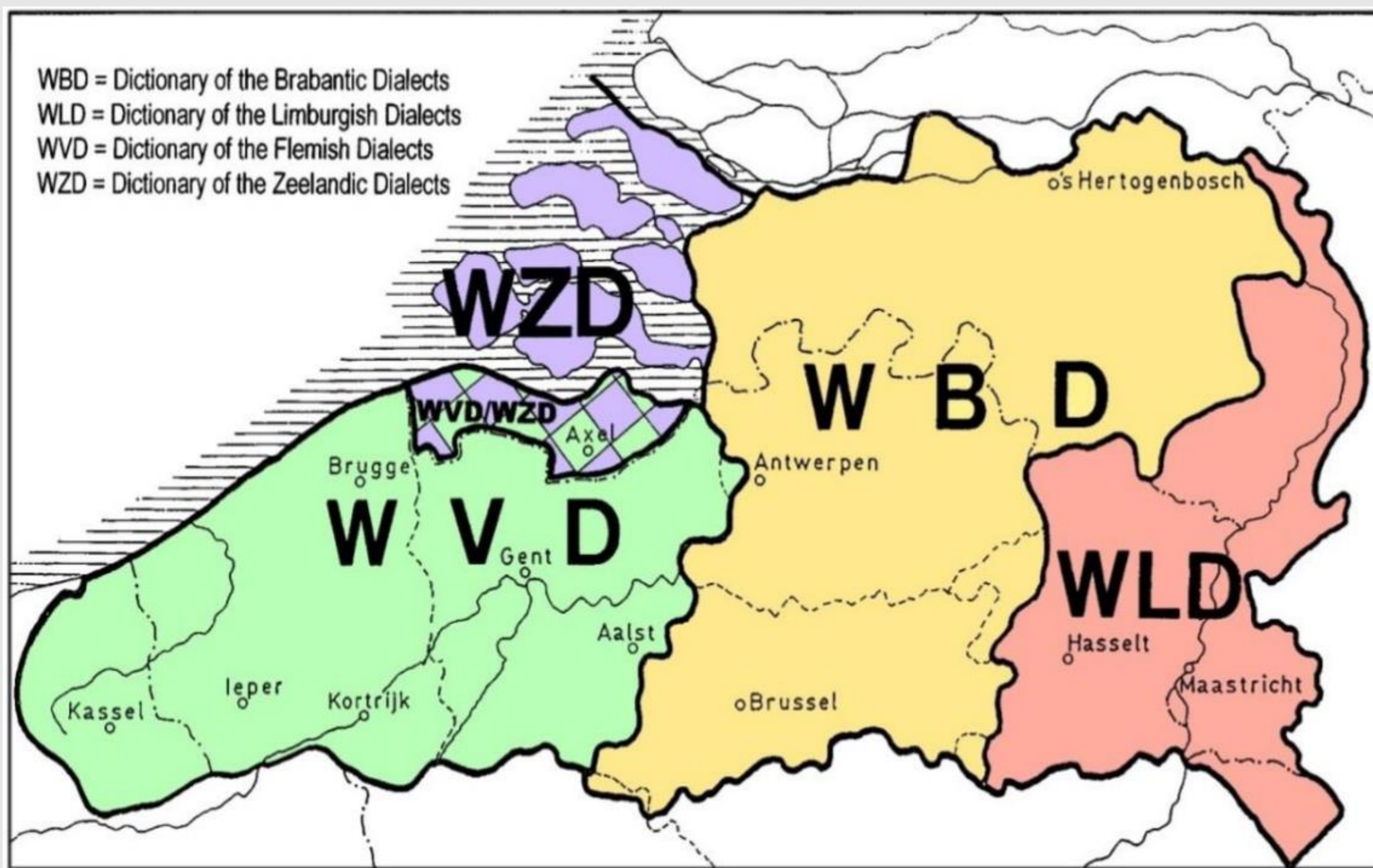
Aim

The aim of the project was to combine the **onomasiological dictionaries** into one platform accessible to both **dialect researchers** and a **wider audience**. Following the launch of the DSDD platform in 2020, dialect researchers can now make use of extensive search functionalities and geo-visualise their results on an interactive map.

Extensive search functionalities

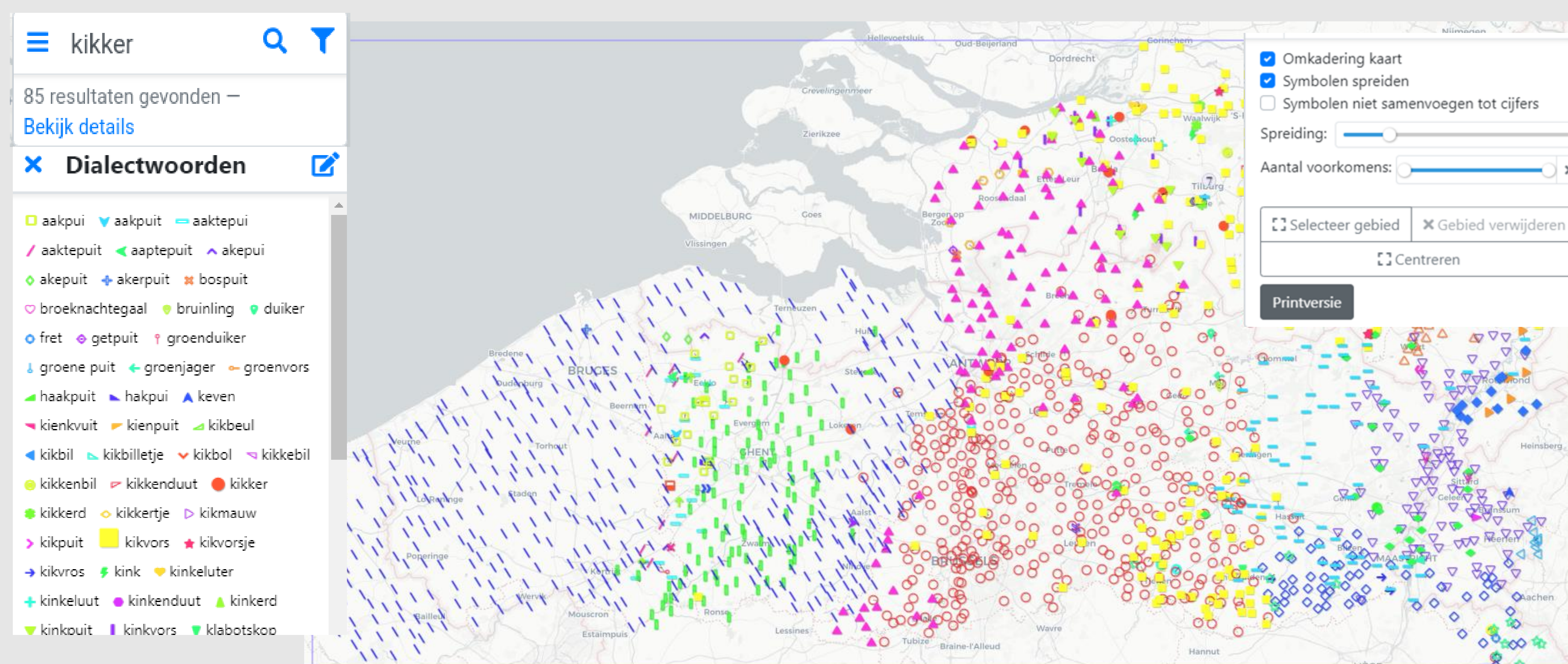
The database enables **searching in two directions**:

- (i) All dialect words for a specific concept (eg. what are the dialect words used for the concept 'frog?');
- (ii) All meanings of a specific dialect word (eg. what are the different meanings for the dialect word *puut*).



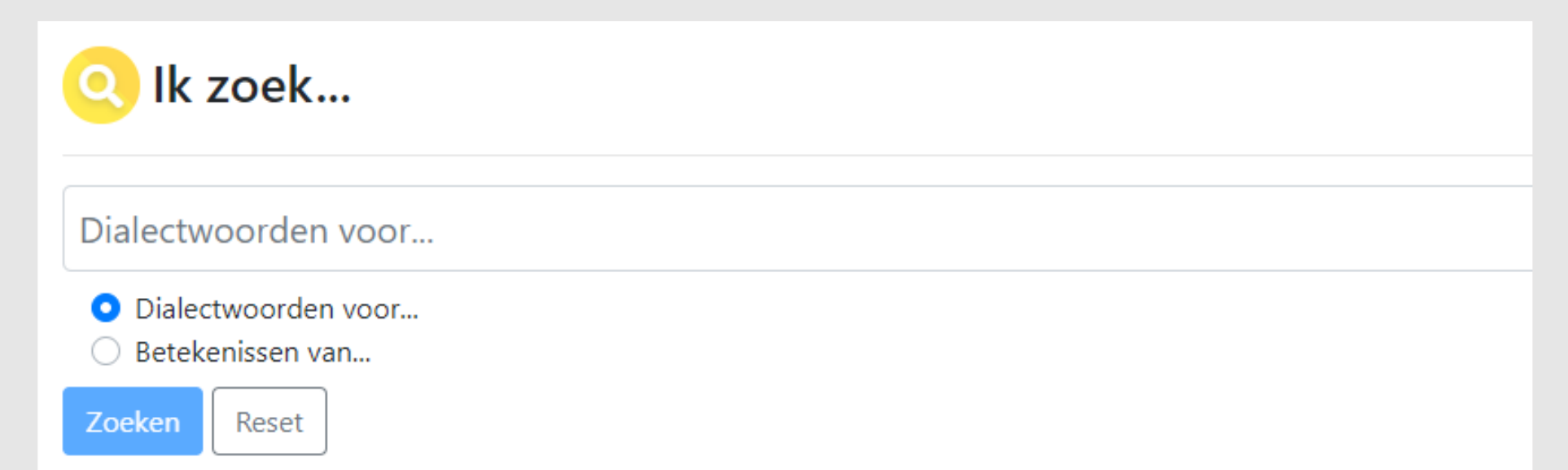
Geo-visualisation

- **Interactive maps** can be compiled, visualising the data in its geographical setting;
- Results can be **grouped** in various ways according to frequency, etymology ...
- Maps are **flexible** enabling the user to select the required level of detail to be visualised for the chosen region;
- A set of **symbols and colours** is available and can be arranged according to the user's needs;
- The area map can be enlarged or reduced in size and the map can be **printed or downloaded**.

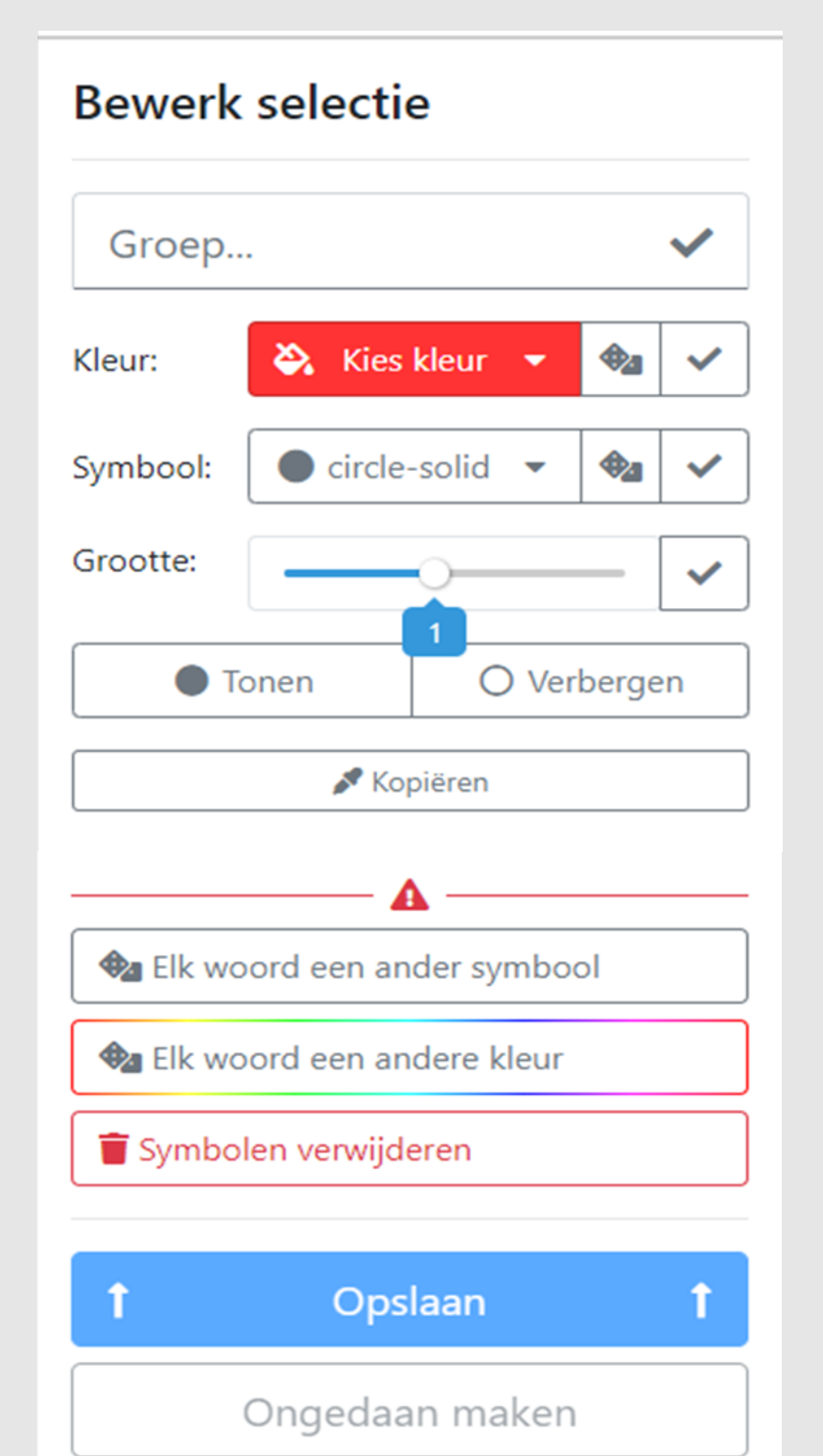
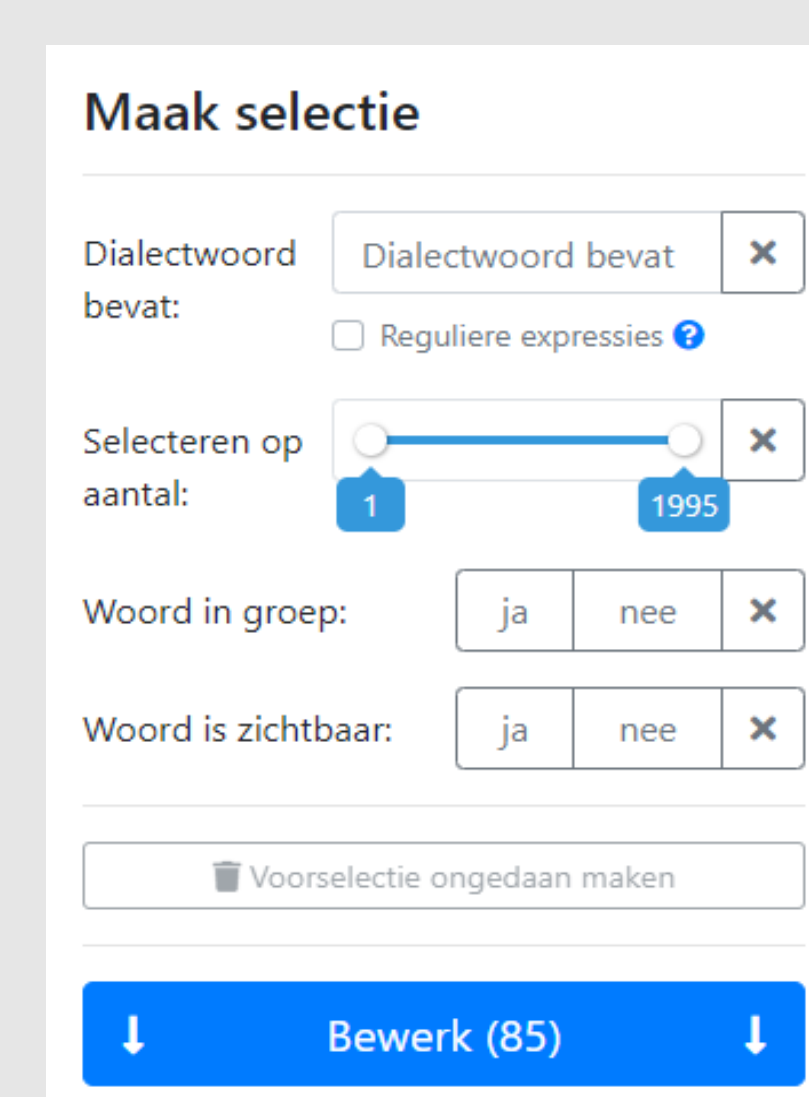
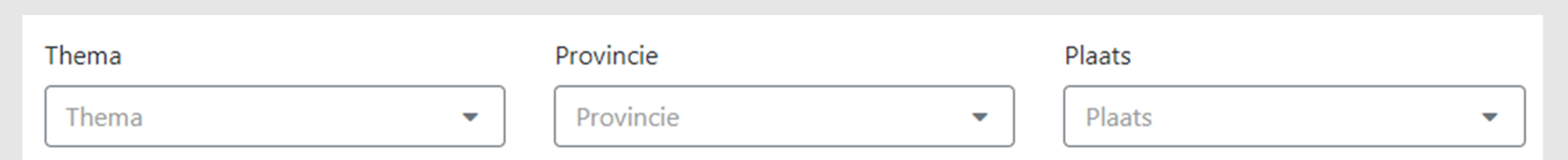
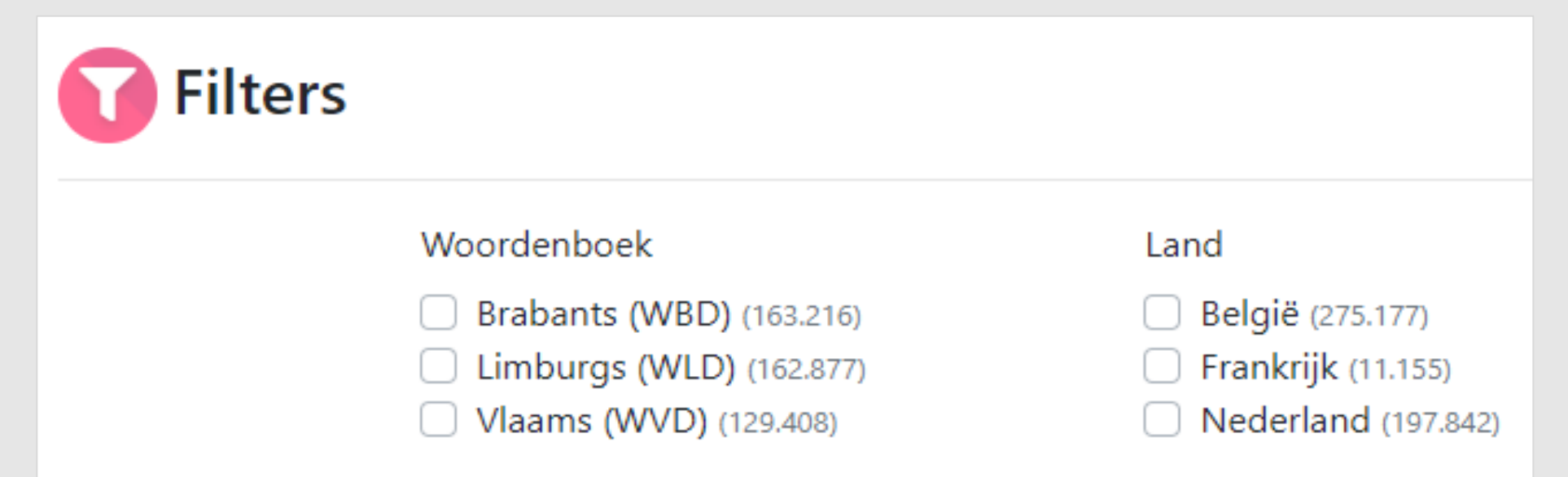


Future

- 1) Complete the coverage of the Southern Dutch Dialects area by adding the Zeelandic dictionary;
- 2) Add dictionaries from other Dutch dialect areas.



Filters are available to make the search query as accurate as possible.



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