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Climate adaptation in the Netherlands, financing the Delta Programme

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The Netherlands, a delta country



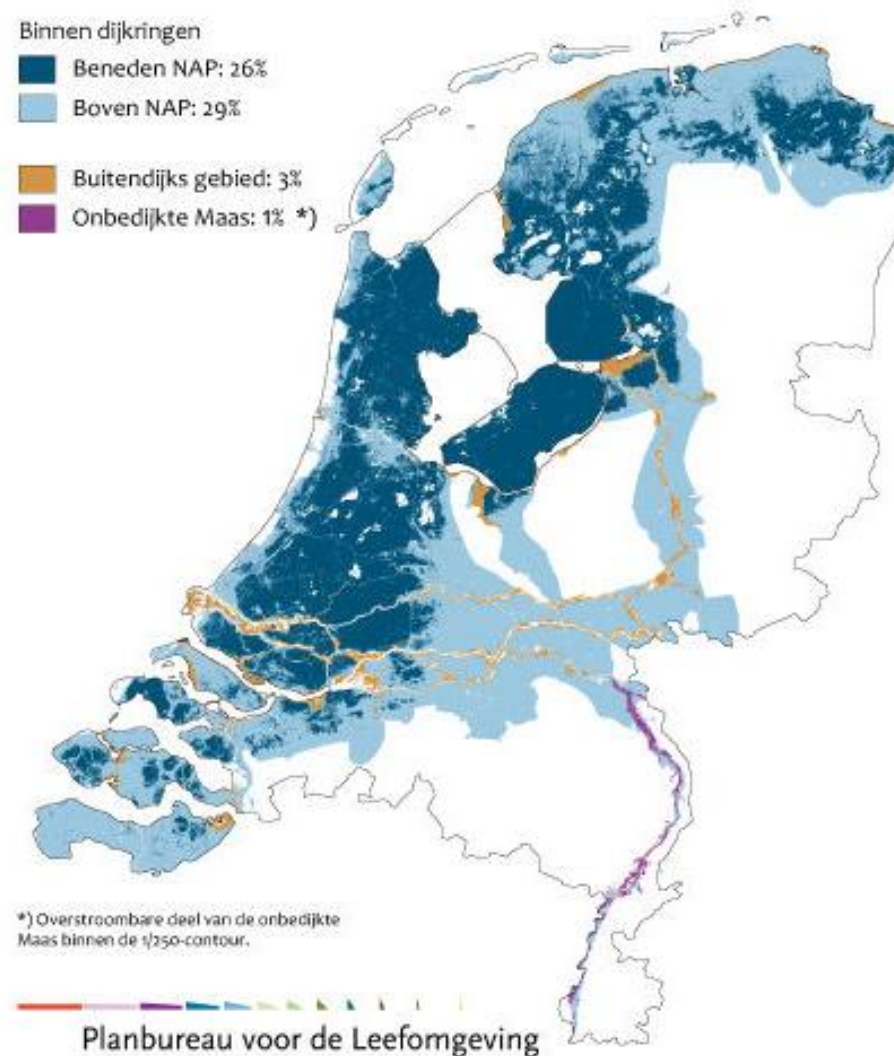
Binnen dijkringen

■ Beneden NAP: 26%

■ Boven NAP: 29%

■ Buitendijks gebied: 3%

■ Onbedijkte Maas: 1% *)





Delta Programme (2010 – present)

2008 Delta Committee (long term developments)

2010 1st Delta Commissioner appointed

2011-pres. Annual Delta Programme:

- Flood protection
- Fresh water availability
- Spatial Adaptation

2012 Delta Act & Delta Fund

2015 Delta decisions & strategies adopted

2017 New flood safety standards codified by law

2020 1st 6yr Recalibration of decisions and strategies

2026 2nd 6yr Recalibration





Government Water Institutions: Main Structure

Water framework directive
Municipal water directive
Drinking water directive
Ground water directive
Regional flood risk directive



European Union



National water policy, legal standards, supervision,
operational tasks national water infrastructure

National Government

Ministry for Infrastructure and Water Management
Delta Commissioner
Rijkswaterstaat (Nat. Water Agency)



Regional water policy, licensing the major
groundwater abstractions and supervision on
Regional Water Authorities and Municipalities

Flood protection,
water quantity and
quality management,
waste water
treatment

Drinking water
production and
supply

Sewage system, storm
water collection and
urban groundwater
level





All water services in The Netherlands are publicly owned and operated

- All water tasks together cost appr. €8 bln per year (appr 1% of GDP of the Netherlands)
- Appr 20% is financed by central government (mainly through the Delta Fund),
- Appr 80% is financed by local and regional branches of government (and drinking water companies) through taxes and tariffs paid by households, businesses, infrastructure, land owners and farmers

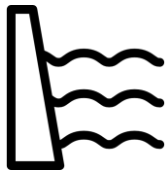


A changing financial climate adaptation landscape

- Dutch Central Bank (DNB) Sustainable Finance: Climate Adaptation Workforce (scenarios, adaptation and financing), report expected by end of 2023
- Deloitte Impact Foundation: Netherlands Climate Adaptive study, to be presented to the Delta commissioner November 2023
- *Rethink The Delta*: initiative between private and public sector on future long term adaptive strategies for impact mitigation and prevention financing
- Annual Dutch Delta conference (November 9 in Groningen)
 - 2022: keynote by financial sector: “the cost of doing nothing”
 - 2023: special session by the Financial Sector



Three lines of defense, public-private flood risk financing and insurance



Risk prevention

- Green Dutch State Loans (€16 bn, financing ao Deltafund)
- NWB Water Bonds (€5.7 bn, financing regional Water Authorities)
- NWB Water Innovation Fund
- Dutch Financial Sector (Pension Funds and Insurance Companies) invests in Green Dutch State Loans and Water Bonds



Risk mitigation

- Decentral governmental climate resilience subsidies
- Building requirements decree
- Mortgage and Insurance conditions related to flood risks and climate adaptation



Risk recovery

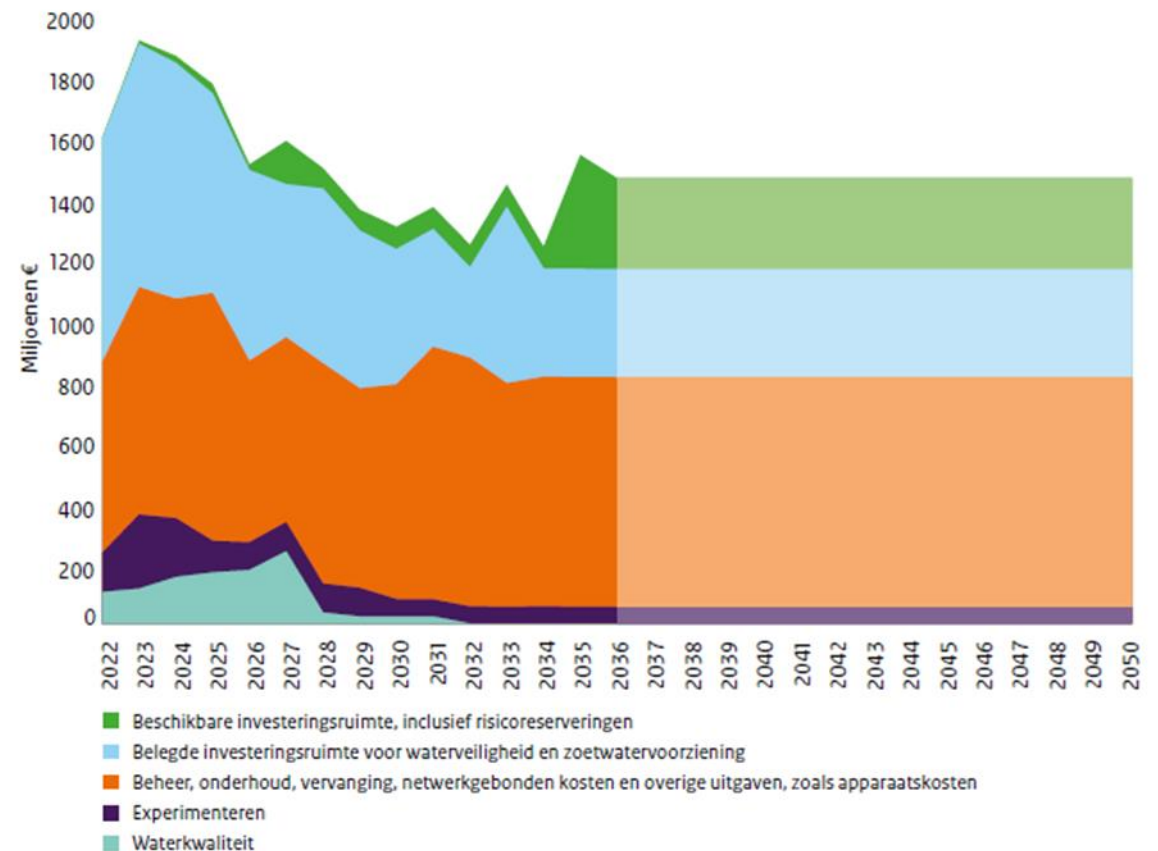
- Disaster Compensation Act (WTS): (partial) compensation for uninsurable, unavoidable, and non-recoverable damage from disaster. Depends on a political decision.
- Voluntary Flood Insurance: available for businesses and individuals, covering local flooding and regional flooding (not primary defense floods)



Structural and adaptive character of the Delta Fund

- Structural financing up to €1,5 bln/year
- Appr. 52% available for investments in the Delta Programme (co-financing)
- Appr 48% for costs of maintenance RWS, not part of the Delta Programme
- Delta Fund: € 21 bln reserved 2023-2036
€ 22 bln projected 2036- 2050
- Stable and adaptive financial outlook: long term availability of financing, and annual adjustments

Tentatieve extrapolatie Deltafonds





Lessons Learned from the adaptive character of the Delta Programme and Delta Fund



Decision making in an uncertain future

→ Calls for adaptive strategies:

- Clear in objectives,
- Adaptable to actual conditions
- Avoid lock-ins
- Linking short term agenda's with long term water challenges

Implementation in an uncertain future

→ Benefits from:

- Flexible measures (“speed up/slow down”)
- Building with Nature or robust design
- Spatial planning (water and soil conditions prioritize)
- Stable budgetary outlook (2023 → 2036 → 2050)



**Thank you for
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