

Example plans and policies

Title: National Administrative Agreement on Water							
Keywords: Water system; standards; inundation frequency, long-term perspective, spatial planning.							
Governance level: National; regional; local							
Messages in the ESPACE strategy to which the plan or policy applies:	1.X	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
	8.	9.X	10.	11.	12.	13.X	14.
<p>Sentences linking the plan/policy to relevant strategy messages:</p> <p>1: The National Administrative Agreement on Water is focused on the impacts of climate change on the Dutch water system. It has related water management to spatial planning in terms of specific agreements on measurements. Using and evaluating the water test is part of this agreement. With this agreement water management and spatial planning have been brought together at national, regional and local levels.</p> <p>9: The Netherlands National Administrative Agreement on Water provides standards for minimum inundation frequencies. These were developed using cost-benefit analysis.</p>							
<p>Overview: On 2 July 2003 in the Netherlands the State, the provinces, the municipalities and the water boards signed the National Administrative Agreement on Water. This agreement comprises points with respect to dealing with the consequences of the rising sea level, subsidence, and the changing climate. The Netherlands is finding itself having to deal more and more often with extremely wet and extremely dry periods. By signing the National Administrative Agreement on Water, all parties concerned are underscoring the importance of a joint and full-fledged approach to the Water Policy for the 21st Century.</p>							
<p>Description/Example policies:</p> <p>The National Administrative Agreement on Water (NBW) sets out how and by what means, and according to which timetable, those involved will organise Dutch water management between now and 2015. This covenant supports the implementation of the Netherlands Policy for the 21st century by 2015. Sustainable water management to achieve safe and healthy water systems in the context of climate change is the main goal of the Water Policy, which addresses how to deal with too much water and drought. Spatial planning is an important element of the Agreement.</p>							
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