Towards a good ecological status of water

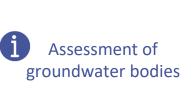
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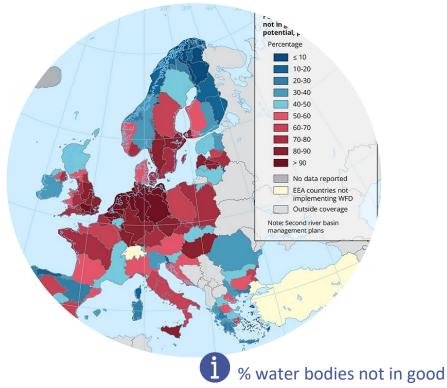
Flanders: a brief situation sketch

- high population pressure, intensive use of space, economic activities and agriculture, historical pollution, insufficient quality of the water when it flows into Flanders, ...
- barely 1/195 surface-WB in good ecological status
- 15/42 ground-WB in good status

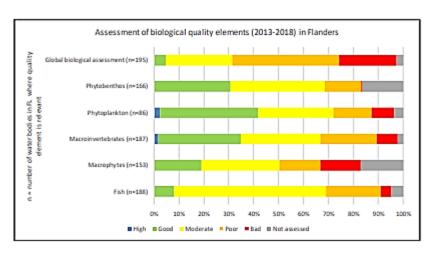




Flemish water bodies: assessment of biological quality elements



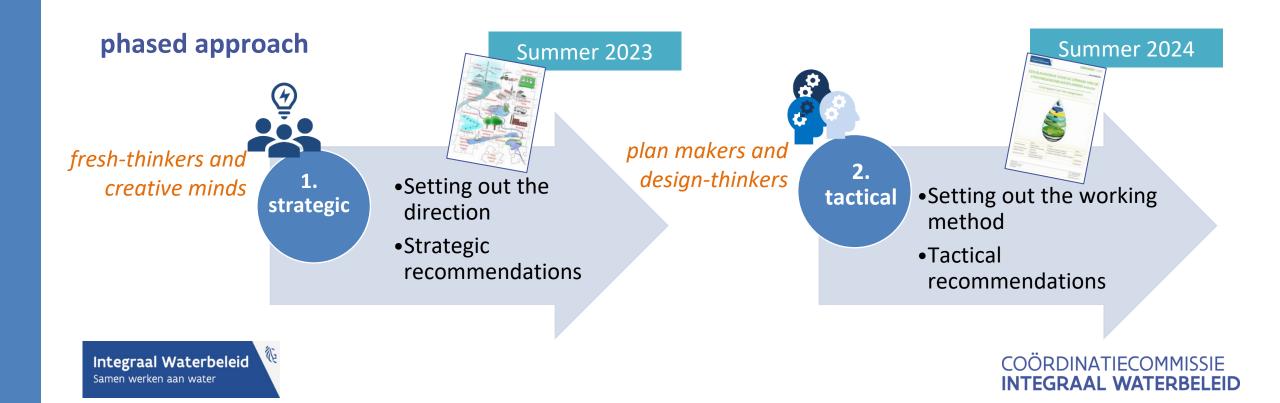
% water bodies not in good ecological status/potential



A transition strategy for the RBMP

review the plan design

- increase support for measures
- encouraging engagement



A view from a fresh perspective









- Put people at the centre of the water story. A humancentred approach is key to building commitment and adaptability in the quest for healthy water systems.
- Provide information on analysis and methodology required by the European Commission in background documents.
- Set ambitious but achievable targets for water quality, floods and droughts.
- Include socio-psychological expertise in the drafting process, in addition to scientific expertise.

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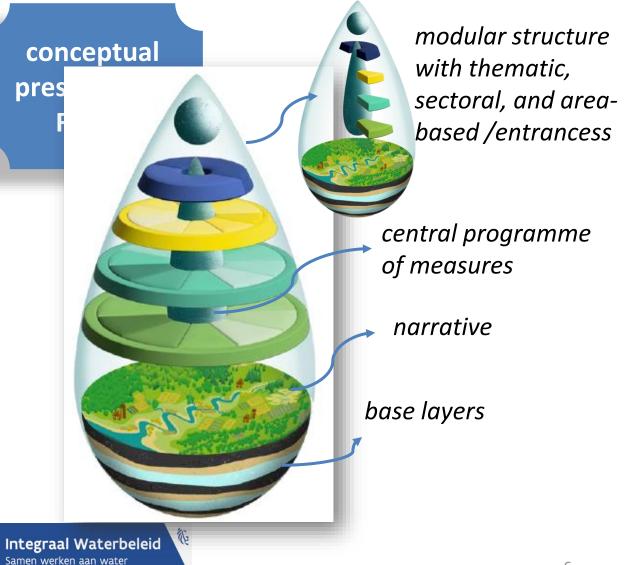
Towards an innovative and workable plan design



break-out sessions & workshop



Towards an innovative and workable plan design



± 40 tactical guidelines

- target setting
- programme of measures
- basin coalitions
- stakeholder engagement
- design of the plan
- resources and commitments
- communication strategy
- innovation and pilot projects



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- intensively used agricultural catchment
- faces climate-related challenges (such as droughts, flooding, and water quality issues)

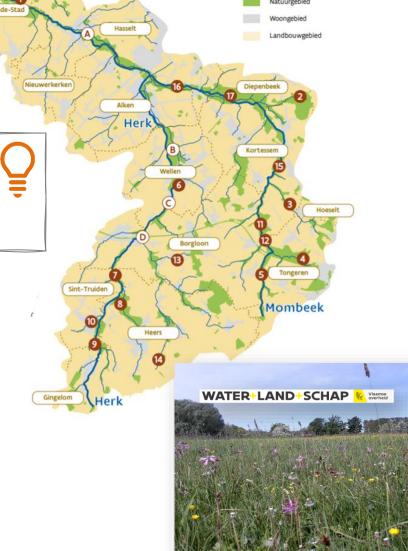
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Samen werken aan water

Integrate lessons learned from innovative pilots and demonstration projects.

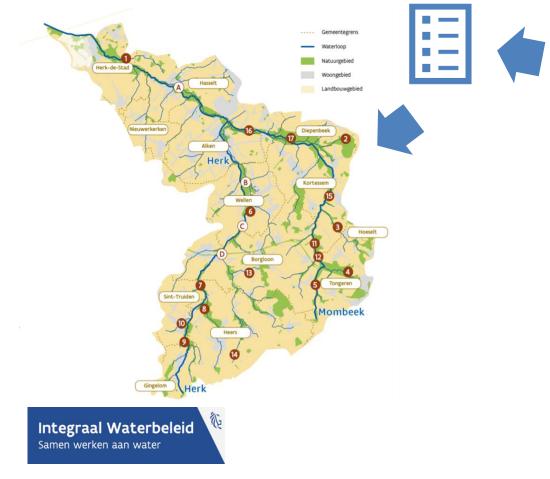




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a socially innovative consultation and decision-making process

a supported action programme





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Water Oriented Living Lab

Water-Oriented Living Labs:

"real-life, water- oriented and demo-type and platform-type environments with a crosssector nexus approach, which involve and commit multiple stakeholders (including water authorities) and provide a 'field lab' to develop, test, and validate a combination of solutions as defined in the WE Vision, which include technologies, their integration as well as combination with new business models and innovative policies based on the value of water"









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Geographical scale Regional
WOLL Type Rural
Year of establishment 2023









Towards a 'resilient Dommelland'

Dommel and Warmbeek-Tongelreep river basins in Belgian and Dutch Limburg

- intensive land use (densely built valley)
- climate-related challenges (water scarcity and flooding)
- cross-border cooperation to make the area more climateresilient
- 3 three work packages + sharing knowledge
 - river restoration
 - restoration of the sponge landscape in the upstream area
 - blue-green infrastructure in the village and town centers



Weerbaar Dommelland







