Institutionalizing solutions: Stakeholder buy-in and capacity building

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Blue Deal: What and Why?

➢ structural and proactive approach of drought problem in Flanders
➢ to increase the robustness of the water system
➢ to prevent water scarcity
Blue Deal: What and Why?

- Flanders: high vulnerability to drought
- Climate change: higher frequency and longer periods of drought
- Strategic importance of water
Focus on implementing actions

BLUE DEAL > 70 actions and measures
Stakeholder engagement through
- Investing
- Stimulating
- Regulating

Investments by the Flemish Government
Supporting local investments by innovative partnerships
Investments in research, innovation, smart measuring networks and controls
Amending regulations
Blue Deal: 343 mio €
Funded by the Flemish Resilience Plan

Impact monitoring to evaluate cost-efficiency and cost-effectiveness

Co-funded by the European Union

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Innovative partnerships

- **Call Water-Land-Scape 2.0**
  - **Financial support for measures and capacity building** to tackle drought and water scarcity in rural areas in an area-based manner
  - **Stimulating partnerships and coalitions** between companies, local authorities, farmers, associations, engineering firms, research institutions, water managers, ...
  - path 1 – **testing innovative measures**
  - path 2 – **implementing area-based programmes**
  - budget: 15 mio €
  - [Water-Land-Schap 2.0](#)
Innovative partnerships

- **Call Green-blue Corridors**

  - Speeding up the implementation of depaving, green-blue networks and climate adaptation measures in the built environment
  - Stimulating upscaling
  - 15 ambitious local authorities who wish to set a good example and engage to be an ambassador for the policy of green-blue infrastructure and climate adaptation
  - budget: 15 mio €
  - [https://omgeving.vlaanderen.be/groenblauwe-dooradering-in-de-bebouwde ruimte](https://omgeving.vlaanderen.be/groenblauwe-dooradering-in-de-bebouwde-ruimte)
Governance Blue Deal

High Level Taskforce on drought

- 4 involved ministers
- 5 governours
- 3 eminent professors
- Several key players in the water sector

Programme management

- External multidisciplinary team of experts in programme and data management, communication and impact monitoring
Questions?