

# Kennis voor Klimaat Knowledge for Climate



Center of Excellence “Governance of adaptation to climate change”

## WP6. Comparative analysis

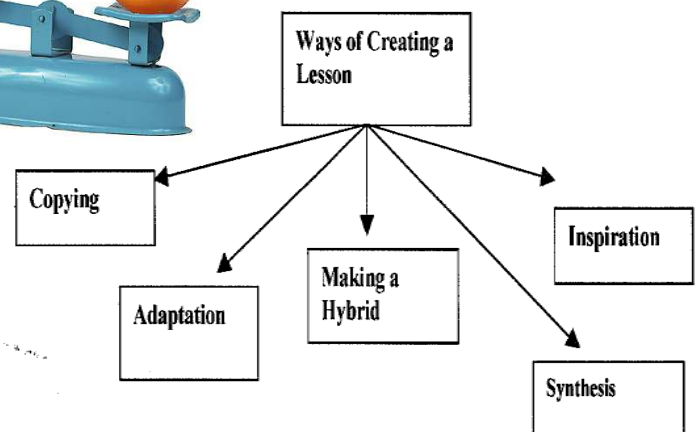
### Overview

Adaptation poses several **governance choices**. Decisions have to be made about the exact definition of the problem, the level at which action takes place, when to act and when to wait, which modes and instruments to apply, how to distribute costs and benefits, and how to enforce and implement policies.

These choices are not unique to the Netherlands. This project seeks to facilitate **lesson drawing** and exchange with three European countries which are also struggling with these issues: Germany, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

### Work package leaders

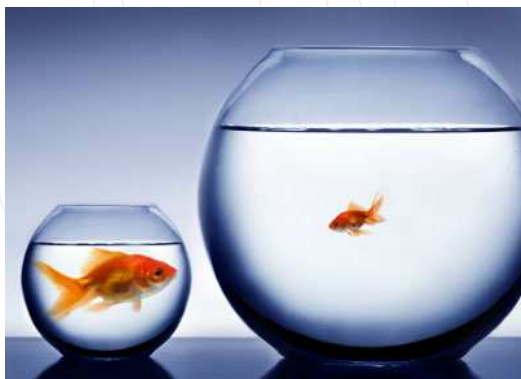
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### International lesson drawing

Although the countries selected for comparison are similar in several respects, they can still be expected to show variation in how they govern climate change adaptation. Such differences are attractive from a lesson drawing perspective.

Lesson drawing is an approach to **comparison** that assumes policy makers who are willing to learn from other jurisdictions. In drawing lessons, they have several options, varying from drawing ‘inspiration’ to actually copying innovative approaches from elsewhere. Lesson drawing between countries needs to pay attention not only to the different approach countries apply to adaptation governance. It needs to also be based on a careful assessment of the way the exporter jurisdiction and the importer jurisdiction differ.



### International exchange

This project aims to facilitate the exchange of **practitioners** and **academics** so that they learn about each others’ approaches and results. This pertains to all topics in the Governance of Adaptation Consortium. Just to give some example: practitioners working on policy experiments in the Netherlands can be put in touch with their counterparts in Sweden. Academics working on the costs and benefits of adaptation can work on common research papers. The project is done in collaboration with the **University of Oldenburg (Germany)**, **The Resilience Center (Sweden)** and the **University of East Anglia (UK)**.

### Project 6.1. International comparative analysis and exchange

**Dave Huitema (VU University), Frans Berkhout (VU University)**

Setting up a comparative research framework and organizing international exchange between international partners, hotspot actors and researchers

### Project 6.1. Integration and exchange between work packages

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Integration across work packages: integration of concepts and results into synthesizing products.



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