



Workpackage 5.1 Normative Principles

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Adaptation strategies are based on normative choices

The choices to be made:

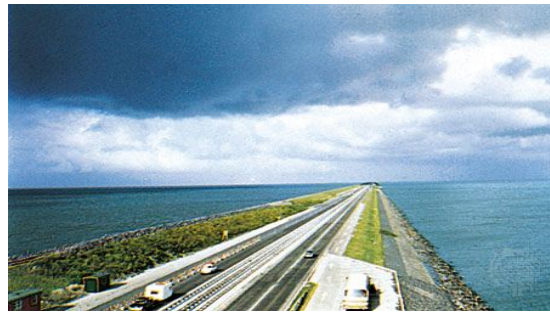
→ Should adaptation be a private responsibility or a shared responsibility?

→ Is it about the protection of individual rights or of common goods?

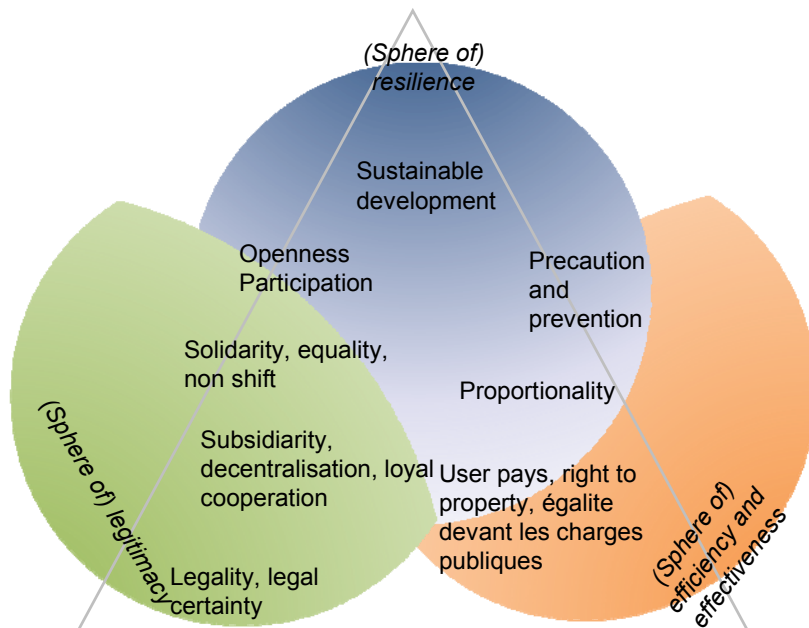
Preference for public, private or mixed depends on political color.



Volunteers monitor the dyke



The Afsluitdijk (visible from outer space)



What are the leading principles in creating a resilient, legitimate and effective strategy?

- Centralisation or decentralization?
- User pays or solidarity?
- Precautionary principle or proportionality principle?

Three new legal challenges:

1. Improving resilience by increasing the flexibility and adaptability of the legal framework should be balanced with the need for legal certainty and enforceability of the adaptation strategy.
2. Achieving a clear division of responsibilities, activities and finances in a changing environment.
3. Ensure that normative choices are reflected in the mix of instruments to be used: covenants or contracts, permits or tradable rights, plans or binding rules.