Governance of climate adaptation:

Main Rivers

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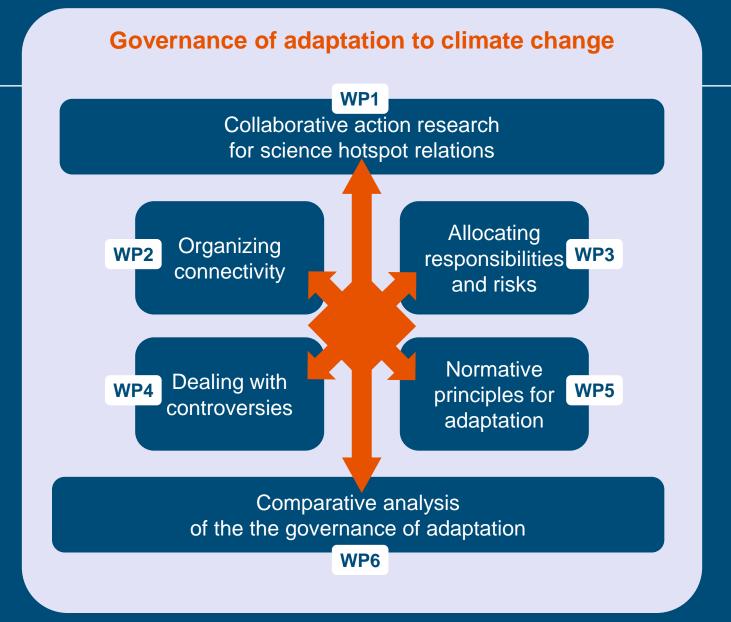




General research question

- What kind of governance arrangements can be developed and tested that will contribute to
 - developing and implementing adaptation options; and
 - increasing the adaptive capacity of society so that future climate changes can be confronted?
- These arrangements should be effective, legitimate and resilient









WP2. Organising connectivity

- 2.1 Policy experiments and learning: EMAB, Waalweelde
- 2.2 Multifunctional land-use: Retention + nature or agriculture
- 2.3 Leadership strategies for adaptation: Leadership in the Delta Program
- 2.4 Multilevel governance: Relationship Delta Programregion



WP3. (Re-)allocating responsibilities

- 3.1 Public and/or private responsibilities for adaptation:
 What is responsibility of private parties?
- 3.2 Economic instruments for adaptation: climate services, water storage



WP4. Dealing with controversies

- 4.1 Adaptation amidst diverging frames to make sense of adaptation issues: discussion on Noodoverloopgebieden
- 4.2 Science-policy arrangements: Use of outcomes of other KvK-projects presented today



WP5. Normative principles for adaptation

- 5.1 Which concept of public interest and which guiding principles can best be leading in the governance of adaptation: Differentiation of protection levels versus equality?
- 5.2 What is the relationship between normative principles and transboundary policy practices: Haringvliet, principle of legal certainty for existing fresh water rights versus compliance with European laws



WP6. Comparative analysis

- Comparison of governance of climate adaptation in different countries. Lessons for the Netherlands? Expectation:
 - Probability reduction, traditional: No
 - Room for the River: Yes
 - Exposure reduction: No
 - Vulnerability reduction: Yes





Main rivers (1)

- Delta program and multi-level governance
- How to organise interplay between the Delta Program for the Rivers and regional and local actors?
- How to translate the Delta Program to the region?
- Jitske Verkerk/ Arwin van Buuren (EUR)





Main rivers (2)

- Bottom-up initiatives, such as Waalweelde
- How do actors manage to set up such innovative governance networks?
- What are conditions for success?
- How can formal policies enable such initiatives?
- Sander Meijerink (RU)





Main rivers (3)

- Delta program and cross-border governance
- How may institutions for cross-border governance enable adaptive water management?
- Regional initiatives, such as Climate Corridors Project
- Ismael Morales Ronden/ Mark Wiering (RU)





Main rivers (4)

- Organization of inspiration sessions for 'Bestuurlijk Overleg Deltaprogramma Rivieren'
- As from September 2011, starting with a broad overview of governance themes and best practices
- Katrien Termeer (WUR), Sander Meijerink (RU)





Building on existing knowledge

- Multi-level governance: PKB Ruimte voor de Rivier
- Use of scientific knowledge in decision making processes: Blokkendoos, Map Table
- Experiences gained with climate proofing the Zuidplaspolder



Relationship with substantive programs?

- Needs more attention!
- Substantive programs focus more on the 'what' question
- Governance research focuses more on the 'how' question



Gelsenkirchen
Zoo needed more
space,
deconstructing of
dyke

Part of the "Africaworld" as flood area Concept of multifunctionality





