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# Three action levels for investing in the Water Sector

Keynote address

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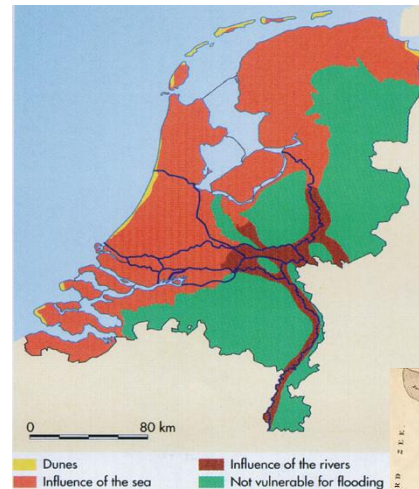
# I. the national level

- Living with water as a vital need
- Centuries of “muddling through”
- Climate change: anticipatory approach is question of survival



## Delta programme:

- Legal basis
- Based on 50yr previsions
- Adaptive delta management & climate adaptation
- Government Commissioner
- Investment agenda for Water Safety and Freshwater Supply
- Implementation programme with full stakeholder involvement
- Fund :1.2 bln €/yr until 2028 (and beyond?)



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## II. The Transboundary and EU Level

- Water knows no boundaries
- Catchments (Rhine, Danube, Meuse...): tailor-made approach
- EU (WFD, MSFD, FRD, drinking water legislation): level playing field
- New insights (REFIT, WFD-horizon, one-out-all-out, Natura 2000)



### **Need for positive stimuli:**

- EU financial instruments: EFSI, CAP, INTERREG, LIFE
- but also: knowledge and innovation instruments, Horizon 2020, green deals, strengthening societal commitment...





### III. Global level

- Climate change: mounting water-related risks, and call for integrated adaptation measures (nexus!) Sendai / HFAII: need for emphasis on preventive action
- IFI's are rethinking their strategies, more priority for quality
- Aid and trade: looking for strategic synergies
- ➡ EU: need to join forces for implementing SDG's
- ➡ Delta coalition: practical international cooperation (i.a. for making delta cities resilient)
- ➡ Green Climate Fund?