

Blue Deal

Institutionalizing solutions: Stakeholder buy-in and capacity building

Conference on Climate-Resilient
Water Management Approaches

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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

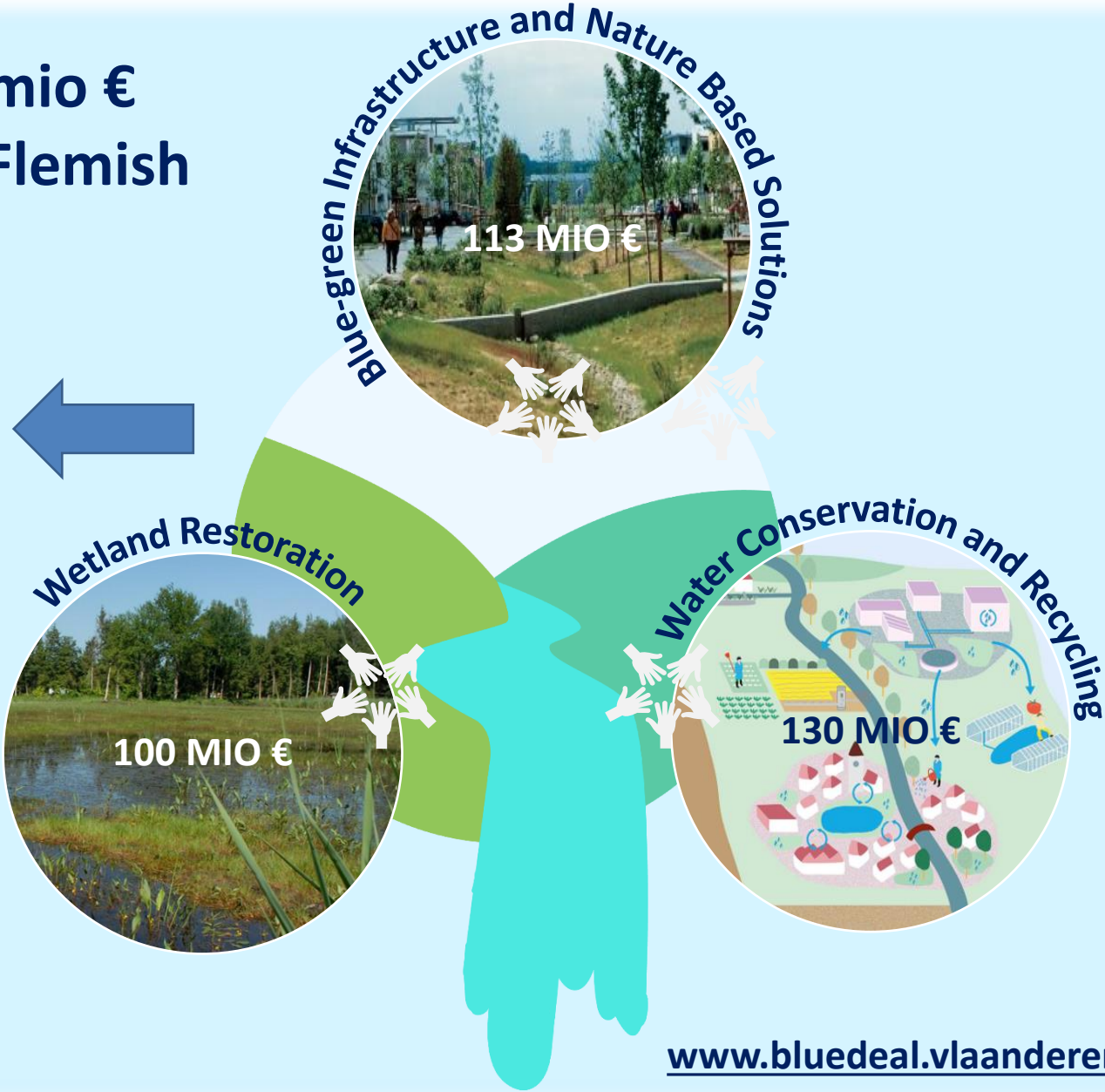
Investments in research,
innovation, smart measuring
networks and controls

Amending regulations



Blue Deal: 343 mio € Funded by the Flemish Resilience Plan

Impact
monitoring to
evaluate cost-
efficiency and
cost-
effectiveness



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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](#)

WATER+LAND+SCHAP



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>



Governance Blue Deal



High Level
Taskforce on
drought

4 involved ministers, 5
governours, 3 eminent
professors and several key
players in the water sector

Programme
management

external multidisciplinary
team of experts in programme
and data management,
communication and impact
monitoring



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