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# 2007 – 2013 European Territorial Cooperation

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## Ruut Louwers

**Business economist**

**Min. Agriculture:**

- Rural land use
- Fisheries
- Environment

**Min. Housing, Spatial Planning and  
Environment**

- EU funding (INTERREG, Objective 3,  
Fin.Persp)

**INTERREG IVB North West Europe.**

- Territorial cooperation

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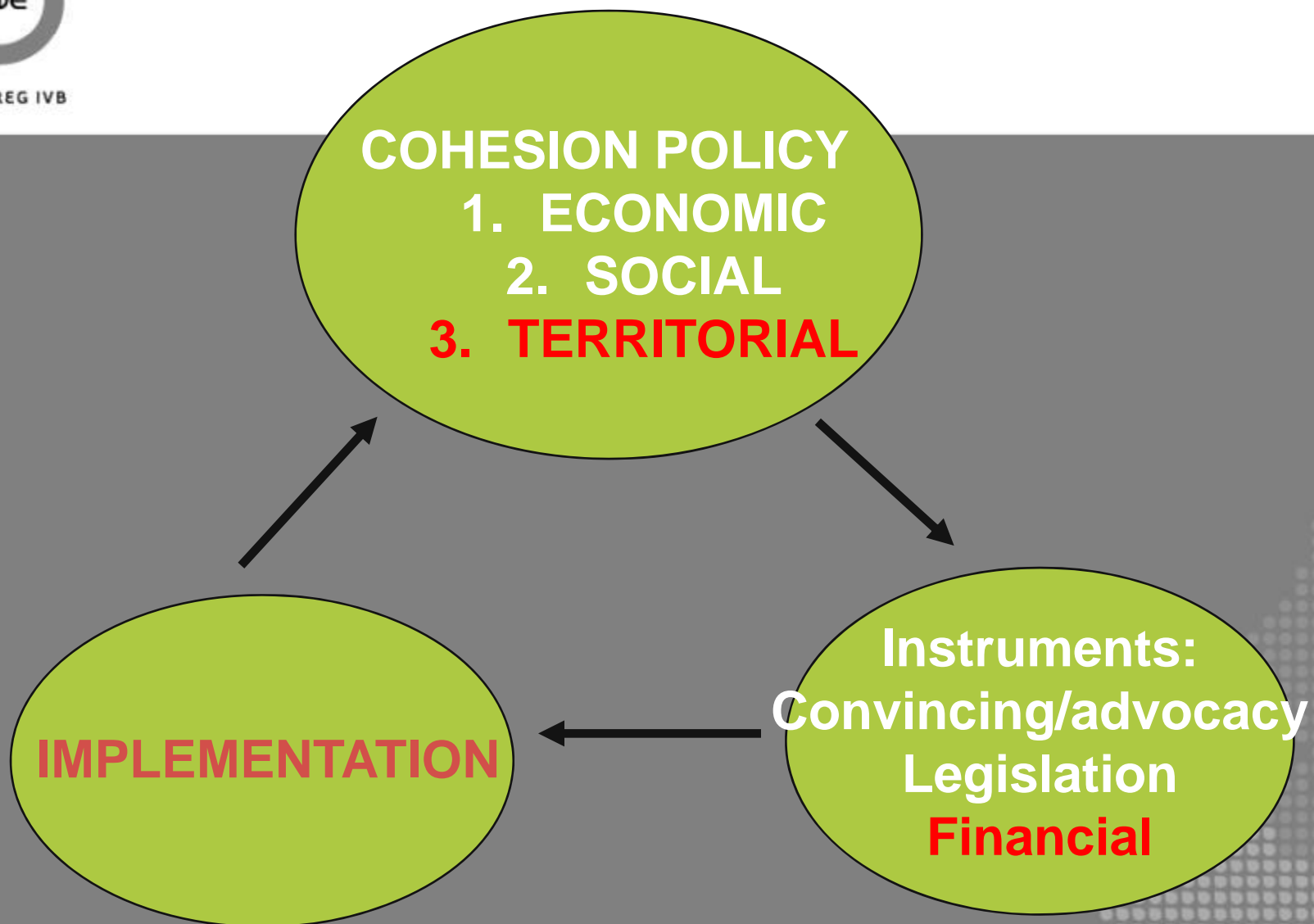
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## Lay-out

- Policy cycles
- Financial instruments
- Cohesion policy
- EU territorial cooperation
- Back in the cycle
- Taboos?



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- **EU TREATY SUSTAINABILITY**
- **COHESION POLICY**
  - ECONOMIC
  - SOCIAL
  - TERRITORIAL
- **AGRICULTURAL POLICY**
- **LISBON POLICY** (75% earmark)
- **GOTHENBURG POLICY**



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## Financial instruments of EU policies

- **FP (7)**            fundamental research
- **CIP**            applied research
- **Cohesion + agricultural programmes**  
                         implementation structural actions



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# Financial Perspectives 2007-13

Cat 1a	Competitiveness/Market	72
Cat 1b	Cohesion	307
Cat 2	<b>Objective 1: convergence of poor regions</b> <b>Objective 2: competitiveness and jobs in all regions</b> <b>Objective 3: territorial cooperation in all regions</b>	
Cat 3		
Cat 4	Global partner	50
Cat 5	Administration	50



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## Programme Area North West Europe



### Countries:

Belgium  
Ireland  
Luxemburg  
United Kingdom  
Switzerland

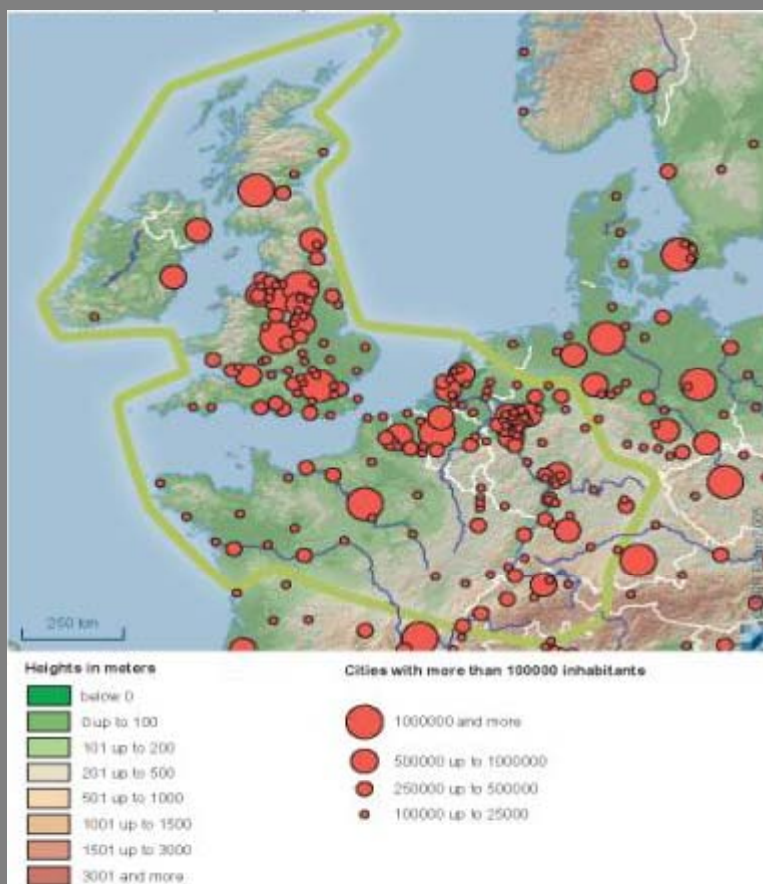
France  
Germany  
Netherlands





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## Area Description



844,239 km<sup>2</sup> (21% EU25)

179 m people (40% EU25)

307 inhab/km<sup>2</sup> (118 EU25)

75% < 500 inhabitants/ km<sup>2</sup>

Relatively:

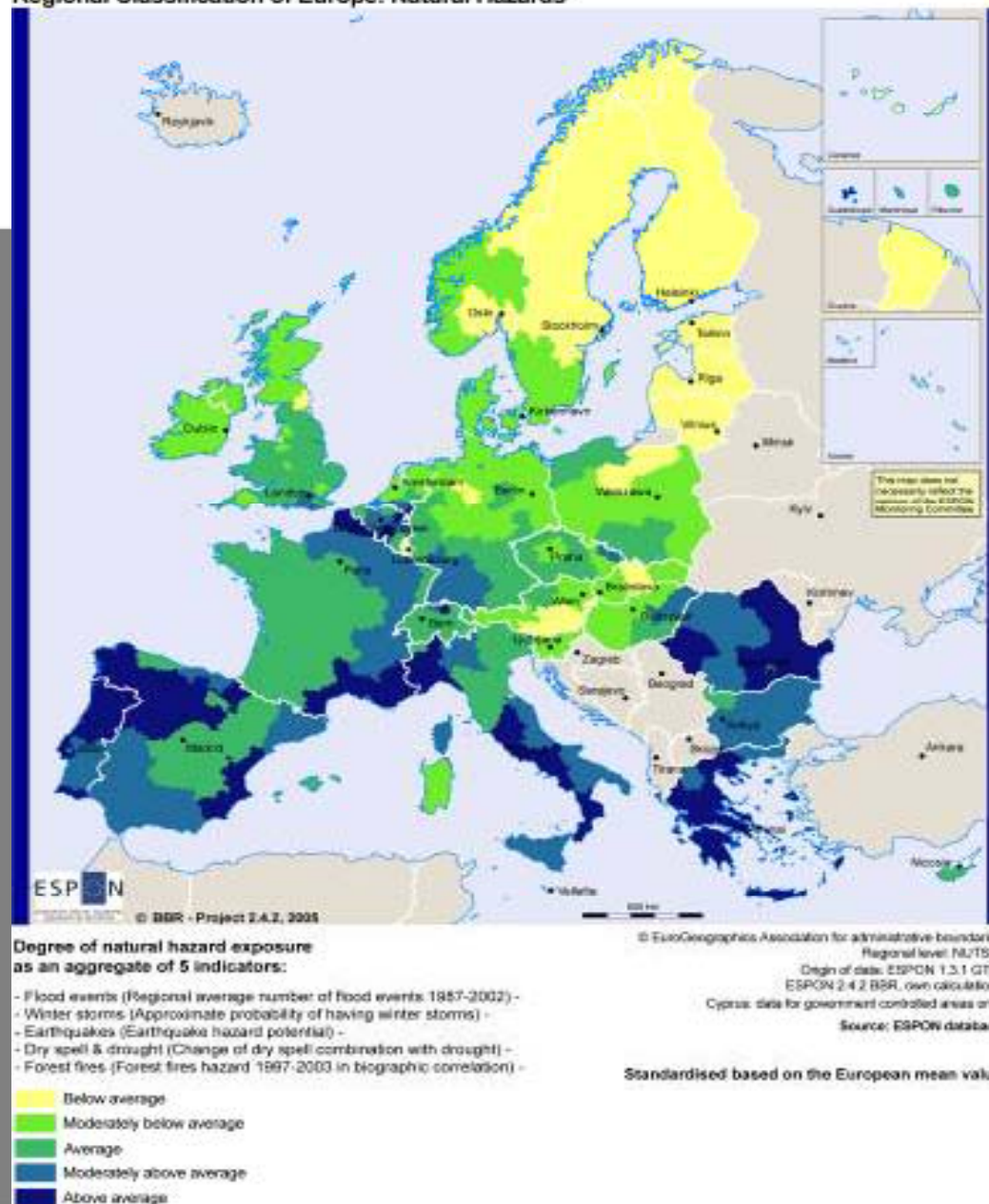
- high GDP
- high employment rates
- skilled labour
- patent applications
- agriculture
- much transport



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# Natural Hazards according to ESPON

Regional Classification of Europe: Natural Hazards

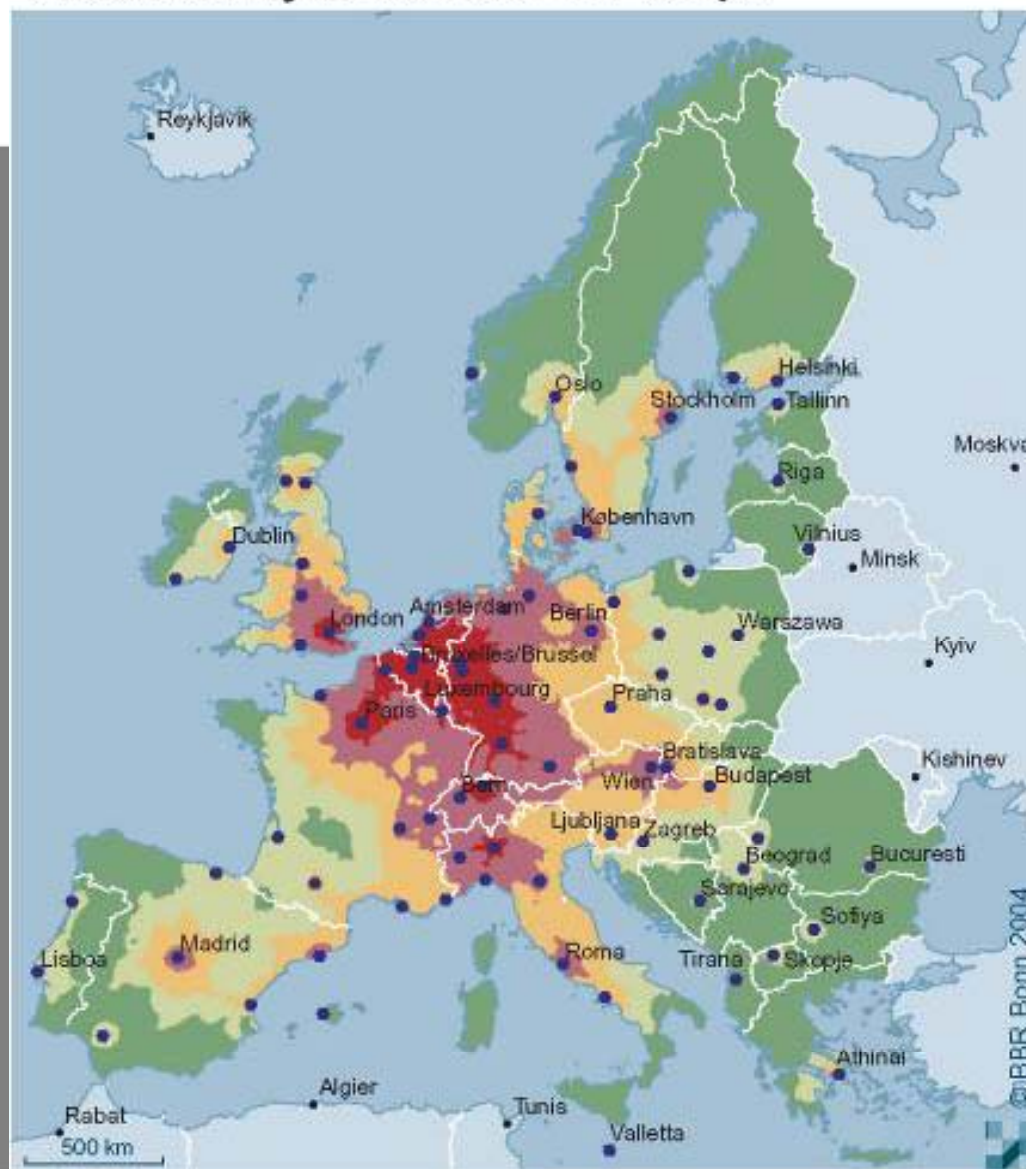




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# Accessibility according to ESPON/BBR

## Accessibility of Centres in Europe







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€355m  
ERDF  
up to  
50%  
grant





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**Priority 1: NWE knowledge-based economy**

**€90 m ERDF**

**Priority 2: Natural resources + risk management**

**€87m ERDF**

**Priority 3: Improving connectivity in NWE**

**€90m ERDF**

**Priority 4: Strong and prosperous communities**

**€69m ERDF**

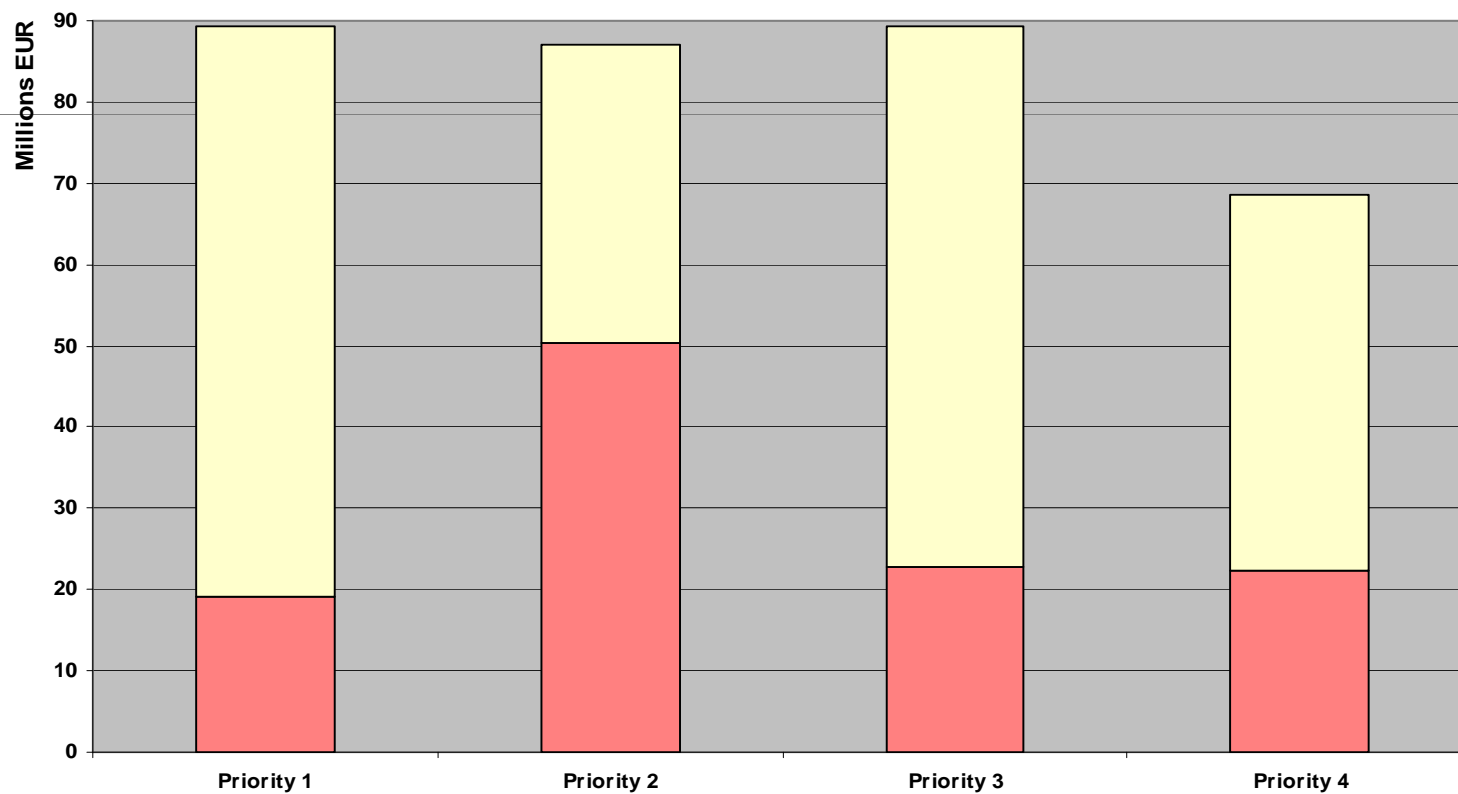
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**Strategic Initiatives**



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**INTERREG IVB - NWE PROGRAMME  
ERDF APPROVED - OVERVIEW PER PRIORITY**





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## HOW ??

- BUILDING ON LOCAL AMBITIONS
- DEMANDING COOPERATION



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## STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

1. Adaptation
  2. Renewables
  3. Innovation
  4. Transport
  5. Demographic change
  6. Geographical SI.
- Top down development
  - Scoring high on specific selection criteria





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## NWE IVB 2009 CALENDER

- 4<sup>th</sup> Call ends 17 April 12.00h
- 5th Call ends 7 October 12.00h
- ANNUAL EVENT 8 and 9 October  
**ROTTERDAM (NL)**  
**CLIMATE CHANGE + 4 priorities**



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# **Ethos INTERREG IVB**

**2007-2013**

**Investment/action  
oriented**

**Innovative**

**Transnational**

**Cross sectoral**

**Multi-level**



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## **AMBITIOUS ?**

**COHESIVE EU SOCIETY  
THROUGH COOPERATION  
TOUCHING ON EU CITIZENS'  
DAILY LIFE**



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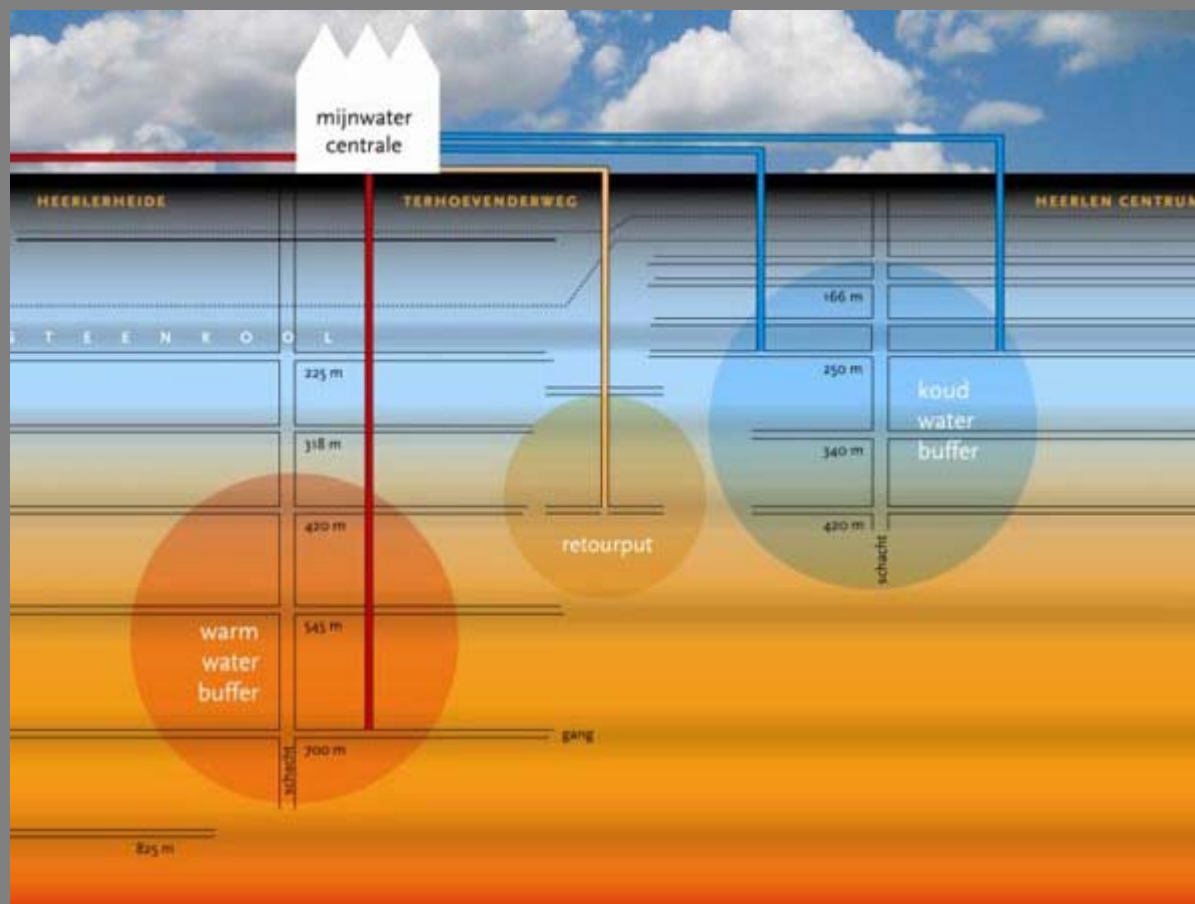
## Issues 'CO2-cluster'

Awareness, planning, investments in:

- Transport
- Nature
- Build environment
- Adaptation
- Renewables



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# INTERREG IIIB NWE (2000-2006)

Water Cluster  
18 projects  
130 partners  
€ 77 m ERDF



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## **NWE IVB (2007-2013)**

- **Climate over all priorities.**
- **Transnationality**
- **Strong partnerships**

**investments/actions through joint decisions**



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## Annual reporting.

Large sets of indicators

Per project, program.

Output, Impact and result

## Qualitative

REPORT last period (sept'08)



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**EU:**

**80 Territorial Cooperation programmes**

**25.000 projects**

**Information management?**

**INTERACT programme**



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## BACK INTO the CYCLE

**EU Territorial Cohesion Policy (MS!)**

**Commission, Council and Parliament**

**Green paper: definition, subsidiarity and instruments**

**Public consultation**

**White paper**



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## **INSTRUMENTS?**

**Local, regional, national plans, EU?**

**Looking for instruments:**

**Advocacy and money.**

**Also other forms of governance:**

**Legal instrument EGTC (France,  
Belgium Flanders and Walloon)**



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DILEMMA's

LOCAL ACTION ↔ GLOBAL ISSUE

18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> century governance ↔ 21<sup>st</sup>  
challenges?



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## Personal thoughts on some taboos:

- Definition of growth
- Market a religion? Pricing (oil, land)
- Limits to demographic growth?
- Democracy at its limits?
- Global governances / EU governance?
- Where did we go wrong?





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But alway **COOPERATION**

**INVESTING  
IN  
OPPORTUNITIES**

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