

Water+Land+Schap

Local coalitions take the lead !

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Water-Land-Scape

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Targets

- > **Water-Land-Scape**
 - > **Robust water management**
Water quantity: drought, flooding (climate impact)
Water quality: environmental targets and policy
 - > **Sustainable agriculture**
Agriculture : sustainable food production
 - > **Attractive landscape**
Landscape
Ecological aspects
- > **3 components**
 - > complementary – integrated approach
 - > // targets ‘environmental quality’



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Concept

- > **Land management procedure**
 - > Procedures, subsidies, instruments, ...

- > **Specificities**

- > Programmatic approach

Execution in different areas in Flanders

- > Attention to innovation, experimental space, research budgets
 - > Focus on execution

e.g. subsidies



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Concept

> Bottom-up

experience, knowledge, interest = on local level

-> *development + execution of initiatives*

Flemish level

-> *support by 'program team' (content, expertise, use or specific land management instruments, ...)*

-> *external research project (a.o. water system)*

> System approach



Project course

- > **Program launch: Oct. 2017**
- > **Public consultation**
 - > Submit proposals by local coalitions
 - > Evaluation, preselection of initiatives
 - > Developing project proposals // WLS
 - > Report
 - > Purpose: added value of WLS project
- > **Approval Fl. Government: April 2019**



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Project structure

PROGRAM TEAM

- VLM – VMM – Dept Ldb – ANB -
- Initiation – Coordination
- Funding
- Link <-> Fl. Government

PROGRAM BUREAU

- Representatives of Fl. authorities
- Support coalitions
- Assure targets of WLS

Initiative 1

- Technical expertise
- Communication actions
- Sensitising, stakeholder approach
- Reflections -> policy makers

Initiative 2

Initiative 3

- Provincial services, communities, local agricultural organisations, ...
- Set-up, coordination, communication, execution of local initiative

SUPPORTING STUDY



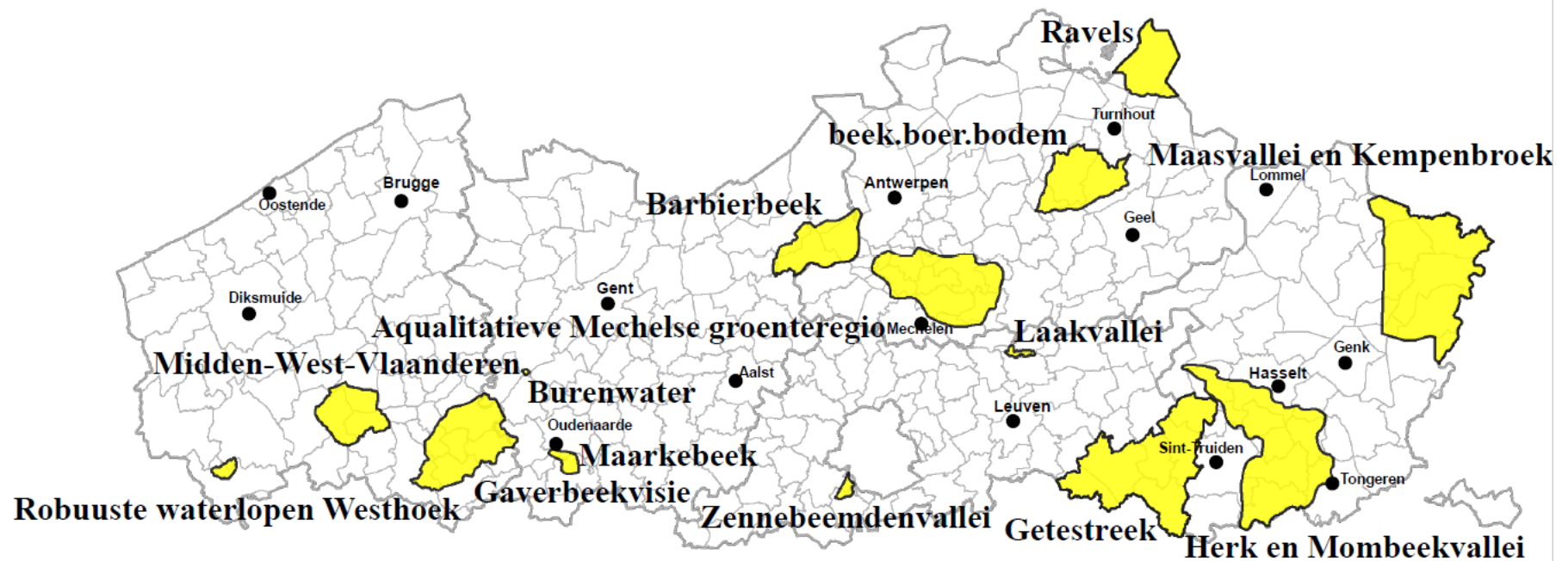
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Local coalitions WLS

- > **Selection criteria**
 - > Integrated approach of 3 'components' of WLS
 - > Innovative character, engagement different actors, sustainability, climate related



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Local coalitions WLS

- > **Diversity in**
 - > **Preliminary process**
New vs existing cooperations
Vision development vs execution phase
 - > **Dimension of project area**
Mainly (small) catchment areas
 - > **Instruments**
Sector linked instruments
Land development instruments
 - > **Partners / initiators**
Provinces, communities, 'regional landscapes', agricultural research centres , farmers, local agricultural and nature organisations, ...



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Local coalitions WLS

- > **Content scope**

Weirs, level-controlled drainage, natural , peilgest drain, natural bank areas, alternative buffer strips, buffer basins, erosion control, alternative crops, soil C-content, alternative sources of water,...



- > **Learning process over different local coalitions**

- > e.g. level controlled drainage, natural basins, ...

Experiences

- > **Appreciations on concept WLS**
 - > Execution-orientated
 - > Local engagement
 - > Innovative aspects
- > **Management of WLS**
 - > Lack of experience in:
 - Coordinative tasks
 - Land management procedures and instruments
 - System approach of water systems
 - > Complementary approach W / L / S



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