



Delta Programme 2015

Today, the Cabinet presented Delta Programme 2016, the (sixth) annual report on the national Delta Programme, to the House of Representatives.

In terms of policy, we are well prepared for the future, yet this is where our work really commences. It is essential that we stay on course and keep up the pace. And adapt our strategies to developments wherever necessary.

The proposals for Delta Decisions and preferential strategies that were submitted to the House of Representatives last year marked a new phase in the Delta Programme: from policy development to setting down frameworks, and the implementation, elaboration and realisation of measures. This is reflected in Delta Programme 2016 (DP2016), which focuses on the progress of the implementation of the work on the delta.

This year's Delta Programme is presented in a new manner, i.e., by way of an on-line tool. To open DP2016, [click here](#). The format is tailored to be read on a tablet. DP2016 is also available at english.deltacommissaris.nl.

This DP2016 provides a comprehensive overview of the work being carried out with respect to flood risk management, spatial adaptation and freshwater supply. The Delta Community has taken up this task with great dedication and commitment. In accordance with the Delta Act, the Delta Programme describes both the progress of the work on the delta and the measures to be scheduled for the period of time ahead. The work is on track; the accomplishments of the new approach are already becoming apparent and are attracting attention at the international level as well. Some milestones:

- The central government, provinces, district water boards and municipal authorities are anchoring the policy ensuing from DP2015. For example, the interim revision of the National Water Plan has been completed. Expectations are that the Minister of Infrastructure and the Environment will be able to submit a bill for the amendment of the Water Act to the House of Representatives by the end of the year, thus setting down the new flood risk management standards. At the end of 2015, the district water boards will set down their water management plans for the period up to the end of 2021.
- All the regions are energetically working on the elaboration of the preferential strategies and the implementation of measures. Agreements between government authorities and civic society organisations in the IJsselmeer Region regarding collaboration in the implementation and monitoring of measures have been set down in the "Pact of the IJsselmeer Region". In the area around the major rivers, MIRT studies are underway to enable the parties involved to take a decision on MIRT explorations.
- All the parties are working hard on implementation. Meuse Projects, Room for the River and the flood protection programmes are well underway. When scheduling the intended dyke improvements, the Flood Protection Programme and the regions are actively looking for opportunities to link up the area-related ambitions with the flood risk management tasking. Linkage has already been put into practice in the Dalfsen Waterfront project.
- All the administrative agreements regarding Freshwater Supply were signed on 7 September 2015.
- With respect to spatial adaptation, a great deal of (pioneering) work is being undertaken in order to place water-robust and climate-proof (re)development on the agenda and bring the required measures into practice.

This year's Delta Programme has also been established at the proposal of the Delta Programme Commissioner, through decision-making in the Cabinet, following administrative consultations with the provinces (IPO), municipal authorities (VNG) and the district water boards (UvW), and careful, joint preparation in the Delta Programme Steering Group and seven Delta Programme Regional Consultative Bodies and administrative platforms.

During the National Delta Conference in 's Hertogenbosch, on 5 November 2015, further information will be available on the progress of the work on the delta. To register for the conference, go to english.deltacommissaris.nl/dutch-delta-congress.

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