Water Boards

How they developed in the Netherlands





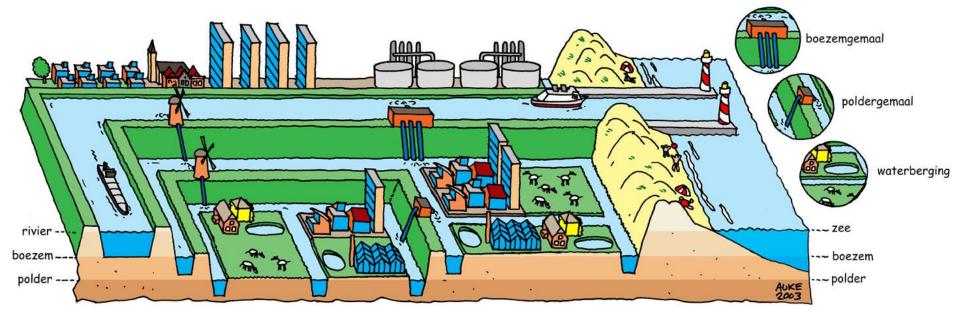


Quick view of the Netherlands





Polder system









Water Boards

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 - Water quality;
 - Water safety (dry feet);
 - Water ecology;
 - Technically, policy related and law enforcement





Water boards







Organisation water management

Ministry of infrastructure and environment

Provinces

Waterboard

Municipality





Organisation waterboard



If you have a stake, you pay, you get something to say.





How did this all start



Development of the Netherlands





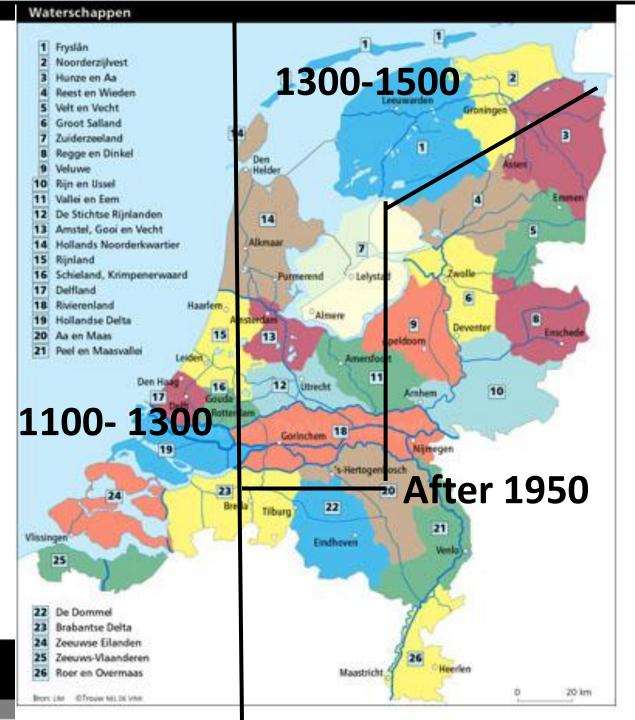




First official waterboard 1120



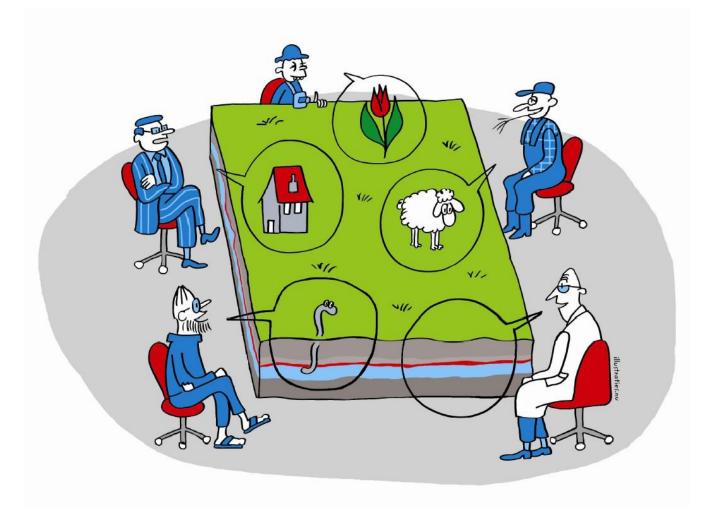








Everybody there own need







Roles stakeholders in board

- Inhabitants;
- Agricultural sector;
- Industry;
- Nature area's

Influence of above mentioned categories changes over time depending on the areal demand





Never under threat?

- Emperor Karel V;
- Napoleon;
- Thorbecke;
- Present discussion







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What have we learned in the Netherlands

- Water boards were created to guard the common water needs;
- Every system has there own specific water issues;
- Every action has an effect on the watersystem somewhere else up or downstream;





Questions





