

A Dutch Community of Practice in Emergency Response ... a kind invitation to our neighbours

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# SETTING THE SCENE (1)



55% is prone to flooding of which 26% below sea level









# SETTING THE SCENE (2)



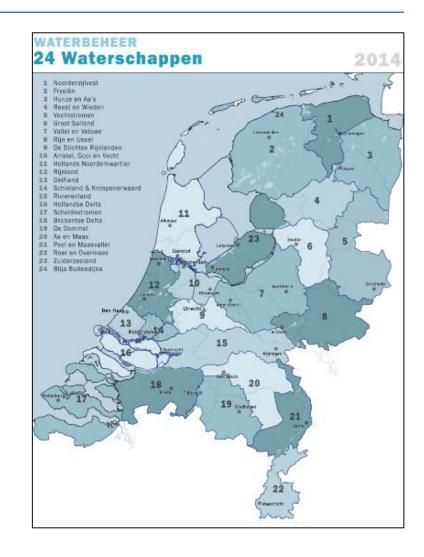




# SETTING THE SCENE (3)

# EMERGENCY RESPONSE .... NUMEROUS ORGANISATIONS!

- Rijkswaterstaat
- Waterboards
- Ministry of Defense
- "Safety Regions"
- .....
- Contractors
- Consultants
- Suppliers







### W.G. EMERGENCY RESPONSE MEASURES











#### **KNOWLEDGE**

#### **EXPERIENCE**

TOOLS & SYSTEMS

















### **EXAMPLES OF RESPONSE MEASURES**













To address erosion



To address piping



To counterweight



To provide higher protection





## **DEVELOPMENTS**







#### **WORKING GROUP MEMBERS**













































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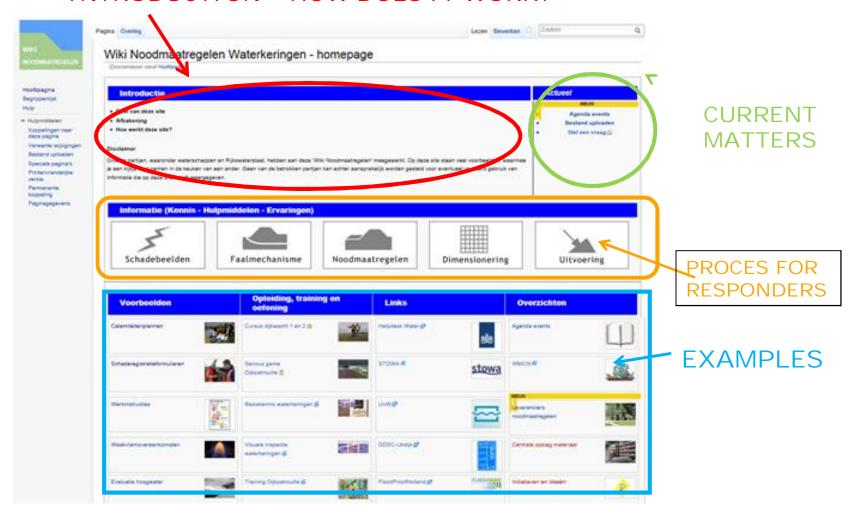






#### WIKI AS TOOL TO ENGAGE

#### INTRODUCTION – HOW DOES IT WORK?







#### **APPROACH**

Concerted effort to make joining forces worthwhile!

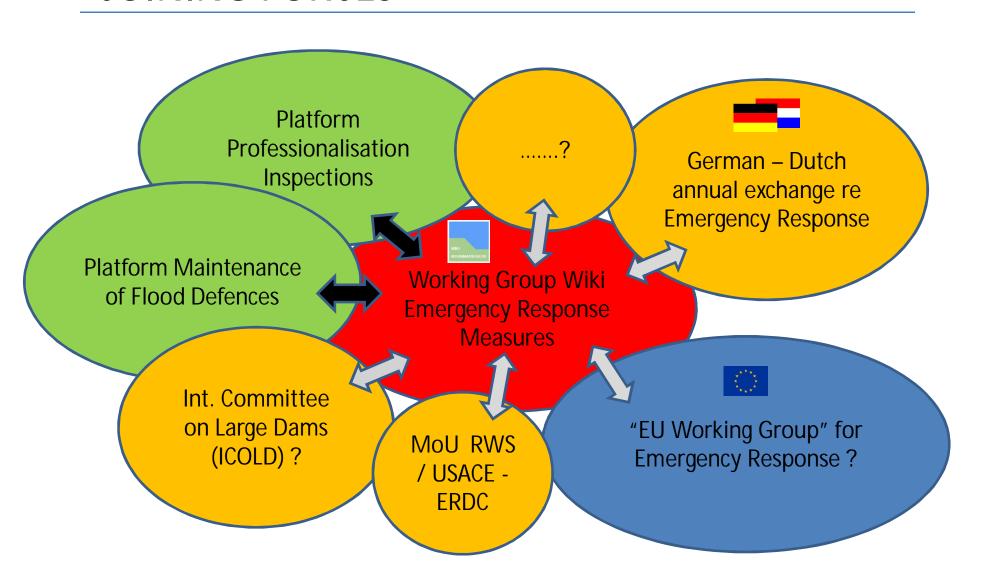
- Identify easy opportunities ("low-hanging fruit"), e.g.:
  - Making best practices available
  - Sharing lessons learnt
  - Structuring education, training and exercises
- Identify long term opportunities, e.g.:
  - Applied research projects
  - Common agenda with German professionals ...?
  - ... in future .... INTERREG projects?
  - in future .... Links to H2020?

Most importantly, connecting professionals!





### **JOINING FORCES**







#### ONGOING INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES

☐ GERMAN – DUTCH EXCHANGE OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE

NEW!

- □ POSITION PAPER FOR BRUSSELS RE EMERGENCY RESPONSE
  - Overview of CoPs
  - follow-up of Flood Risk 2016 in Lyon
  - Positioning for H2020 (SEC call)
- □ KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE WITH USACE AND EA (WATERWOLF)

...We are keen to learn from and share with international partners!





# WATERWOLF (2 & 3 NOV 2016)

#### Learning objectives:

- Communication among all parties
- Engagement of the community as well as awareness
- Numerous specific objectives

#### Facts & Figures

- 35 different organisations
- 120 military personnel
- 150 local volunteers
- 1000 individuals involved
- 1800 inhabitants







# SUMMARY WATERWOLF (2 NOV 2016)

An impression ... response, evacuation and communication









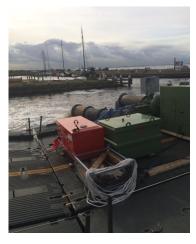




# SUMMARY WATERWOLF (3 NOV 2016)

An impression ... rescue, recovery and post-disaster actions

















#### SUMMARY WATERWOLF

#### Lessons learnt, e.g.

- Body language
- Who does what
- Signages
- Control over meetings
- Communication & involvement

#### What went well, e.g.

- Working with 1 info system (LCMS)
- Competency profiles
- Accreditation of staff
- Involvement of public
- Co-operation eagerness

#### Joint agenda with USACE and EA

- Crisis reponse (incl training, exercises)
- Risk communication
- Early warning
- Resiliance and self reliance
- Contingency planning