

## Press release

### **Portfolio Climate and Waterschappen: Towards a climate-proof regional water management**

The Unie van Waterschappen (Dutch association of regional water management authorities) presents its portfolio 'Climate and Waterschappen: towards a climate-proof water management'. The portfolio presents an overview of climate activities of the Waterschappen. The portfolio wants to inspire as well as inform parties about climate and water management. The aim of this book is to give examples of adaptation and mitigation projects; to put parties in contact with each other and to learn from each other's knowledge and experience. In this way it contributes to sustainable, safe and reliable water systems that provide the best possible conditions for living, working and recreation.

The book is about the various water management themes and shows for every theme one or two sample projects. It is not an exhaustive overview, but it shows in which way the waterschappen are responding to the problem. Examples of these activities are measures to strengthen coastal defences and measures to create more storage capacity to prevent floodings and minimise water shortages. The book will serve as input into the Dutch national programme on Climate Adaptation and Spatial Planning (ARK), but may also prove useful to those undertaking collaborative ventures with international parties.

The aims of the Unie van Waterschappen in the field of climate and sustainability are:

1. To develop sustainable water systems that are adapted to climate change in terms of water safety, water quantity and water quality and to contribute to a safe and attractive living environment.
2. To play an exemplary role in the promotion of sustainability through the dissemination of knowledge and experience to other sectors and other countries.
3. To help create a sustainable living environment by using raw materials and energy responsibly and combating climate change by minimising greenhouse gas emissions.

If you would like to know more about climate adaptation in general and the climate activities of waterschappen in particular, please visit [www.uvw.nl](http://www.uvw.nl) or [www.vrom.nl](http://www.vrom.nl).

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