

Motives and challenges for engaging in Science-based policy advice at Wageningen University & Research

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Our mission

To explore
the potential
of nature to
improve the
quality of **life**



Science for Impact

Main global challenges



Needed transitions



Impact on global challenges



National Science-based policy interface

Internal organisation at WUR

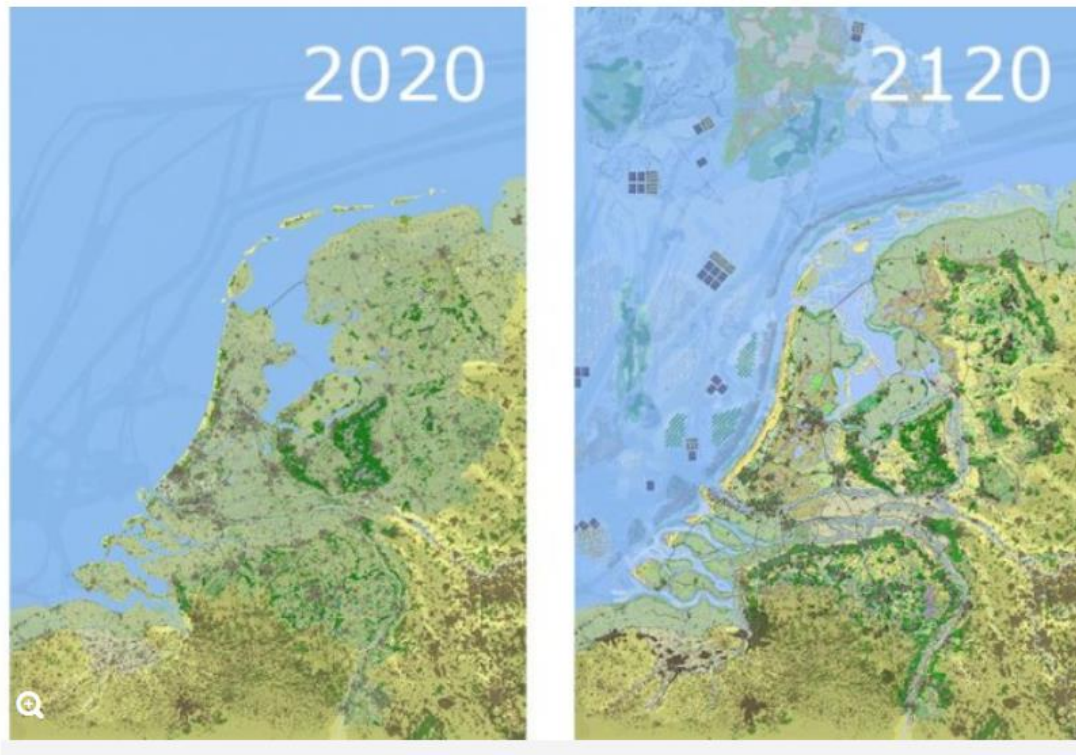
- Executive Board – High level policy interaction
- Corporate Strategic Account team:
 - Ministry of Agriculture, Nature & Food Quality (ANF)
 - Other Ministries
 - Dutch regions (Provinces, Cities, ...)
 - Public Affairs officer
- Funded policy advice research programs (ANF):
 - Policy support projects
 - Legal statutory tasks



Science communication: Agenda setting and informing



“Moonshot” Land use Netherlands 2120: Nature-based approach

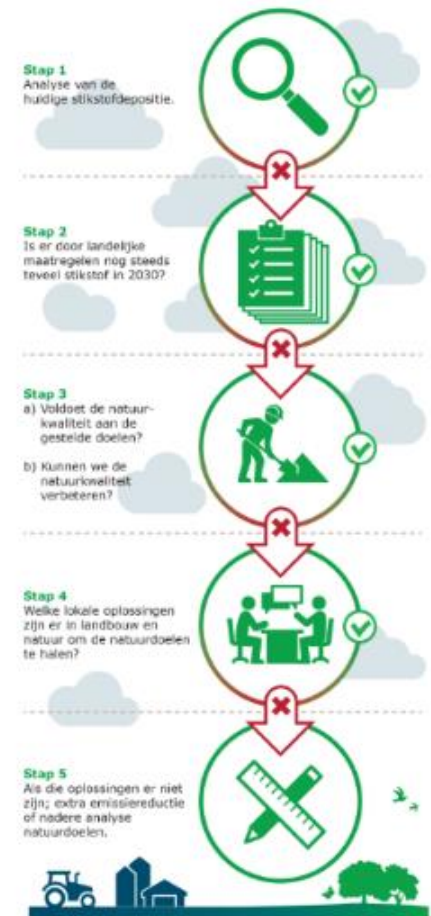


One Wageningen Taskforce Nitrogen

- Bring all Wageningen disciplines together ("top-down")
- Weekly meetings on Nitrogen crisis
- Ad-hoc advise to Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality (reactive)
- Action plan to address nitrogen issue (integral spatial systems approach)

Action Plan

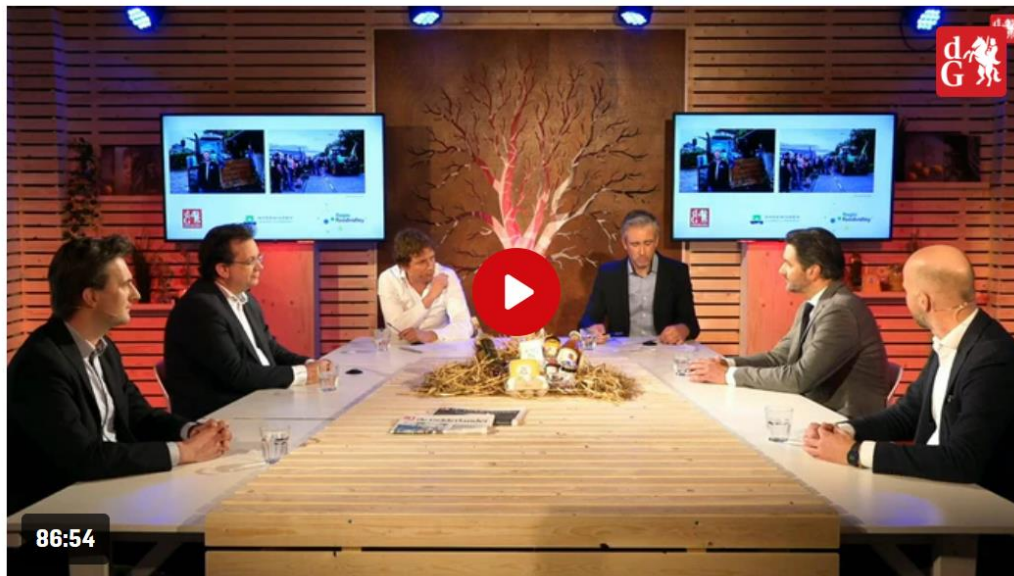
Stappenplan aanpak stikstofprobleem



Dialogues versus Debates ...



Wageningen Dialogues



News

Dialogue Centre: Open yourself up to other perspectives

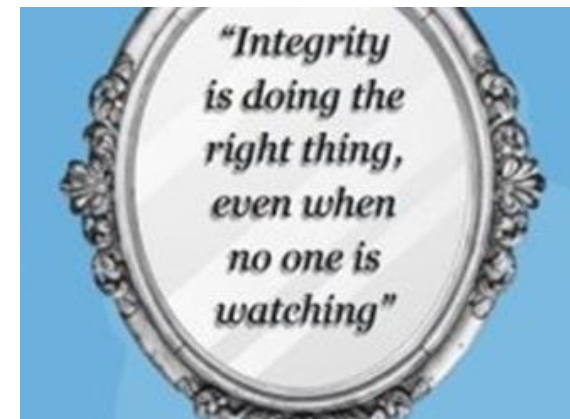


Scientific integrity

Every person at Wageningen University & Research who is involved in any way whatsoever in scientific education and research is individually responsible for monitoring and safeguarding scientific integrity.

- Confidential Councellors
- Scientific Integrity Committee

Workshops (scientific) integrity: principles and dilemmas →



Science-based policy advice

Some dilemmas...

- “Academic freedom” vs. “Reputation risk organisation”
- “Mono-disciplinary advice” and
“Lack of expertise Ministries”
- “Different scientific advices” and “Evidence-based”?
- “Independent science” vs. “Dependent on funding”

Thank you for your attention!



Finding
answers
together



WUR Strategic plan 2019-2022



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