



GOOD PRACTICE

Title of the practice

Joint approach for making cross border flood maps for The Netherlands and Flanders.

Detailed description of the practice



In the past, the two Meuse river authorities in the Netherlands and Flanders have been confronted with different ways of implementing European directives (e.g. Water Framework Directive and Natura-2000), which made cross border collaboration difficult. The implementation work of European directives is generally carried out at a national level, and at that level the international cooperation is usually not the first action. In order to avoid similar problems with the implementation of the Flood Risk Management Directive, the two Meuse river authorities in Flanders and in the Netherlands (Rijkswaterstaat and nv De Scheepvaart) decided already in an early stage that they could work together and make one common flood hazard map, based on one hydraulic model and a similar set of input parameters. To achieve such a collaboration, the national working groups in both countries had to be convinced. This was done successfully. Key success factor: two parties with a good initiative, a strong will and convincing powers. The Netherlands and Flanders have agreed to make common flood hazard map for the common Meuse river. For this purpose, one hydraulic model and a mutually agreed set of input parameters (including occurrence frequencies and discharge levels) was used.

Evidence of success

Flanders and The Netherlands will send the same flood hazard map to Brussels for the common Meuse river. Similar methods, similar results!

Location of the practice

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City: *Maastricht*

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