

# Make the Difference

A Firm Response to Regional Economic Challenges

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## Presentation set-up

1. The **rationale** of **multilevel governance** and **triple helix cooperation** based on report **Make the difference**
2. Recommendations from the **Dutch National Advisory Committee on Public Administration and Governance**



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## Building a regional programme

### Questions for the sustainable heritage management of waterway regions:

- What makes this a **regional** challenge?
- How to deal with the **multiplicity of scales**?
- How to **commit** stakeholders to the intended result?
- How to deal with **administrative borders**?

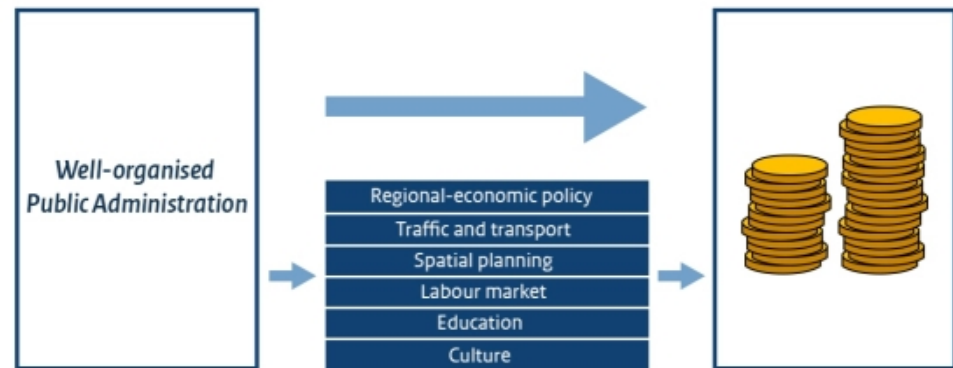
## Assignment

- ‘How can the **structure** and **practices** of Dutch public administration be better **matched** with current and future **social** and **economic developments**?’
- **Economic perspective** on public administration and governance
- **Evidence-based** approach



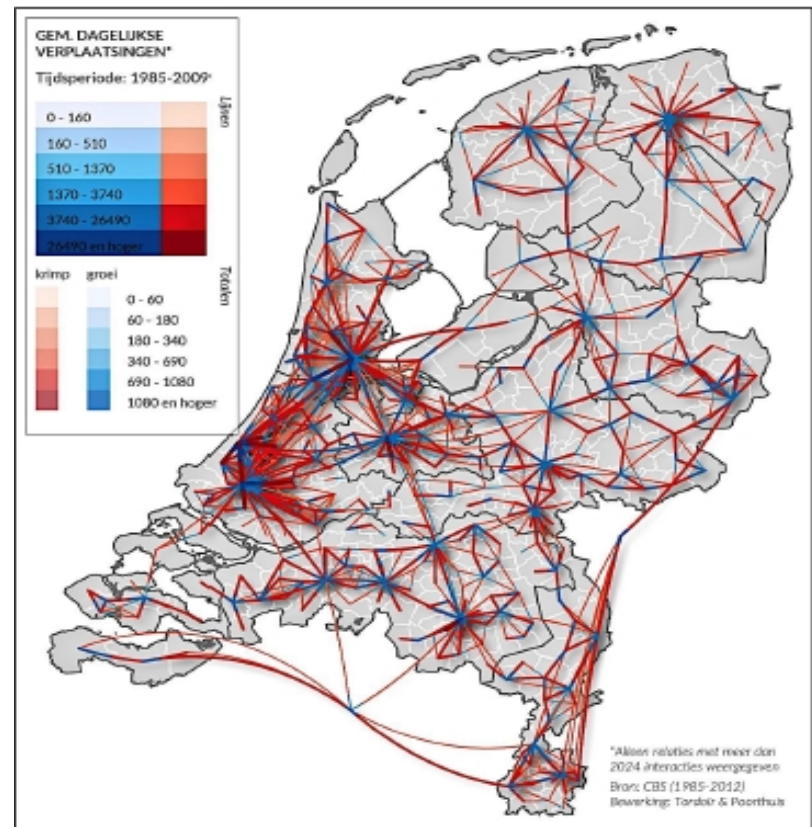
## Public Administration Matters

- **Well organized** public administration and good governance **reduce 'transaction costs'** and **administrative fragmentation**



## Analysis: Increasing Activity at Regional Level

- Economic activity to a **lesser extent restricted** to a single municipality
- Every-day activities in cross-border context: **'daily regional systems'**



## Analysis: Increasing Activity at Regional Level

- Economic challenges **differ** from region to region
- However...**administrative uniformity**





## How to deal with the **multiplicity of scales?**

- Economic challenges **not restricted to certain sectors or domains**
- Importance of the **quality of networks**



## Recommendations

- **Regional** challenges as **starting point**
- Municipalities are invited to write with their regional municipal partners an **integral economic governance programme** in partnership with stakeholders and other levels of government (including water boards)



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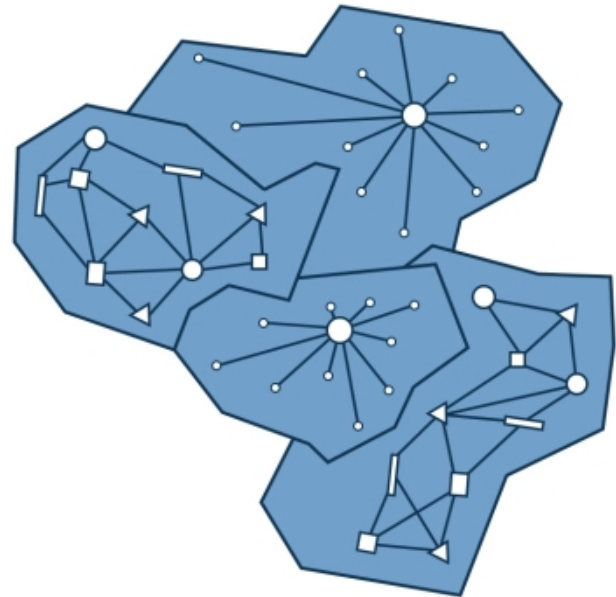
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## Recommendations

- No new structure/blueprint but **less permissive** (inter-municipal) **cooperation** to reduce fragmentation
- **Differentiation, deregulation & less hierarchy between provinces and municipalities**
- Increase adaptability for municipalities (and provinces) to **respond** to the **multiplicity of scales**.



## Recommendations

- Invest in building **skills** for **mayors, alderman, politicians and civil servants**



## 6 Pilot Regions

- **Joint initiative** Ministry of the Interior, the Association of Netherlands Municipalities and the Association of the Provinces
- Test conclusions Make the Difference by **practical experiences in 6 different regions**
- Outcomes of pilots will be brought together in advice towards the **formation of the new Dutch cabinet in 2017**











Thank you

