

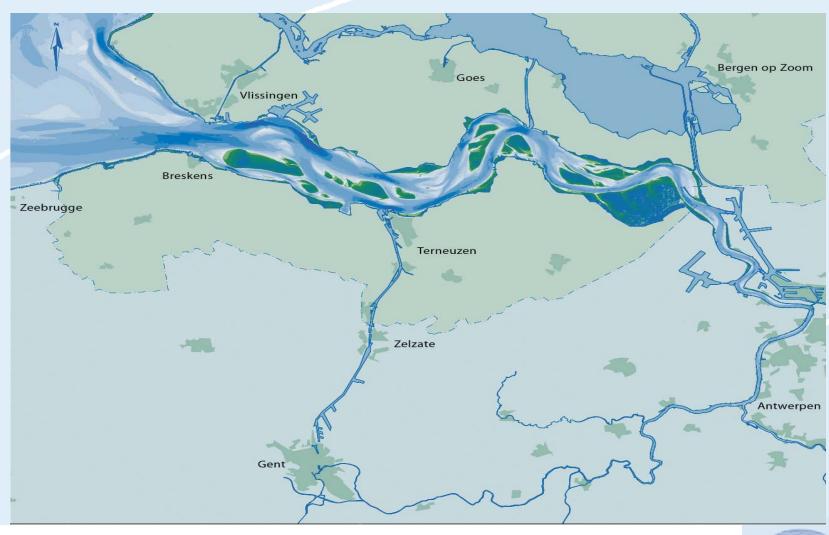
SEA for the Schelde Estuary Development Plan 2010: Flanders and the Netherlands work together on a large scale water project of international importance

Outline

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Where is the Schelde estuary located





History en problem definition

- 2001 preliminary study "Long Term Vision" signed by both gouvernements
- Problem definition :
 - Accessibility of the Harbours (mainly the Harbour of Antwerp);
 - Nature: decrease of biotopes of significant international importance (Dutch and Flemish problem);
 - Safety against flooding (mainly a Flemish problem).
- Beginning of a joint project management between the Flanders en the Netherlands = ProSes (<u>Project</u> management <u>Schelde Estuary</u>).



Previous studies

- Nature Development plan
- 3 Social Cost Benefit Analysis
- Joint SEA made (two countries involved)
- Development plan 2010 for the estuary



The SEA

- Procedure
 - Establishing a procedure that can be accepted by both countries
- Problems of differences in legislation
 - Who is competent authority in a joint procedure
 - Identical guidelines for the environmental report
 - Differences in timing between legislation



The SEA

- Dutch EIA-commission versus common EIA commission for the Netherlands and the Flanders
- Public participation (two moments: beginning of the SEA-procedure (starting notice and review of the env. report)
- Acceptance of the SEA by local authorities versus EIA



Elements for discussion

- Differences of legislation
- SEA versus EIA
- Advantage of public participation



Next steps

- Three transboundary EIA's
- Several domestic SEA's and EIA's
- Implementation of measures and projects

