

**ASSOCIATED BENEFICIARY PROFILE (complete for each Associated Beneficiary)**

Associated Beneficiary profile information					
<b>Short name</b>	Provincie Zuid-Holland			<b>Beneficiary n°</b>	
Legal information on the Associated Beneficiary					
<b>Legal Name</b>	Provincie Zuid-Holland		<b>Legal Status</b>		
<b>VAT No</b>	NL.0023.06.608.B.02		<b>Public body</b>	X	
<b>Legal Registration No</b>	27375169		<b>Private commercial</b>		
<b>Registration Date</b>	18-03-2010		<b>Private non-commercial</b>		
<b>PIC No.</b>			<b>VAT reimbursement</b>	Y	
Legal address of the Associated Beneficiary					
<b>Street Name and No</b>	Zuid-Hollandplein 1		<b>PO Box</b>	90602	
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Brief description of the Associated Beneficiary's activities and experience in the area of the proposal					
<p>The province of Zuid-Holland is a regional authority responsible for spatial planning, economic policy, transport, energy, environmental policy, strategic water management, nature and agriculture and culture. In many ways provincial policies are derived from EU-policies and objectives. Already the province with the highest population density in the Netherlands, Zuid-Hollands population will grow further from the present 3,7 million people towards almost 4 million in people in 2040.</p> <p>As a Delta province Zuid-Holland is feeling the consequences of a changing climate. Increasing rain intensities and more frequent heatwaves effects the quality of life and causes damage to properties. Sea level rise and an increasing variability in the discharge of the rivers Rhine and Meuse necessitates investments in coastal protection, dike reinforcements and development of a more climate robust fresh water supply.</p> <p>In December 2018 the province of Zuid-Holland published a new climate adaptation strategy "Weather resilient Zuid-Holland". Main objective is the integration of climate adaptation in all relevant provincial policies by 2020 and to be fully climate proof and water robust in 2050. Main actions are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Integration of climate adaptation in the provinces environmental strategy and environmental regulation.</li> <li>➤ Climate proofing of provincial investments in infrastructure, landscape and nature.</li> <li>➤ Connect municipalities, water boards, industry and societal partners in climate proofing their policies and investments within the provincial area.</li> <li>➤ Co-financing of climate adaptation investments, in anticipation of national funding of climate investments from 2021.</li> <li>➤ Stimulate knowledge creation and diffusion.</li> <li>➤ Development of new climate adaptation policies.</li> </ul> <p>Main purpose of the IP-action is integration of climate adaptation in all relevant provincial policy, regulation and provincial investments. Although the new climate adaptation strategy sets the</p>					

framework for doing this, still a lot has to be done to mainstream climate adaptation in the provinces operational policy and in investments.

#### *IP-Activities*

The following activities are discerned:

- As a first step the new climate adaptation strategy has to be formally integrated in the provincial environmental strategy and regulation under the new Environment and Planning Act. This will be done in the period 2020-2024. Integration will increase the awareness in other sectors of provincial policy and will provide a legal framework for realizing the strategy's objectives.
- In addition to the described formal procedure and in collaboration with relevant partners an implementation agenda will be drawn for each theme in which financial ambitions and priorities will be set (2020-2024).
- In 2017 and 2018 two climate impact atlases have been developed. In 2021 KNMI will publish new climate scenarios for the Netherlands as a translation of the global findings of the sixth assessment report of the IPCC. The existing atlases will be updated with the latest state of the art scientific information. The new information will be shared with our partners and, if necessary, proposals for policy adjustments will be discussed and implemented (2020-2024).

The proposed LIFE IP action can speed up the proposed actions, facilitates learning on a national scale and contributes to realizing EU-goals on nature, water and agriculture.

#### *Experience*

Since the beginning of this century the province has development policies on water safety, water nuisance and fresh water supply. The province has participated in the national programs Knowledge for Climate and Climate Changes Spatial Planning, which provided the scientific base for the National Adaptation Strategy and the delta decision on spatial adaptation. The increase of climate extremes necessitates an adjustment of current policies and a further integration (mainstreaming) of climate adaptation in policy areas other than water management.

As part of the new provincial adaptation strategy the province has set up a network with municipalities and water boards to facilitate the implementation of the national delta decision on spatial adaptation and the National Adaptation Strategy.

The province has extensive experience in participating in European projects, both as partner or lead partner.