

Drinking water supply and the challenges of underground activities

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#### **Outline**

- 1. Water supply in the Netherlands
- 2. Underground spatial planning
- 3. Drinking water infrastructure



# From source ..... to tap



resources



treatment



distribution



installations



tap 126 l. pppd

#### Water abstraction in The Netherlands 1224 million m<sup>3</sup>

Surface water 466 million m<sup>3</sup>



Groundwater

68 million m3



Rivergroundwater Natural dune water 14 million m<sup>3</sup>



Facts:

Property: public

Water production: 1.224 mln. m<sup>3</sup>/yr

Sources: 60% groundwater

40% surface water

Nr of connections: 8 million

Water pipe system: 119.000 km

#### Water companies



#### Water resources



Main challenges – quality and availability of resources

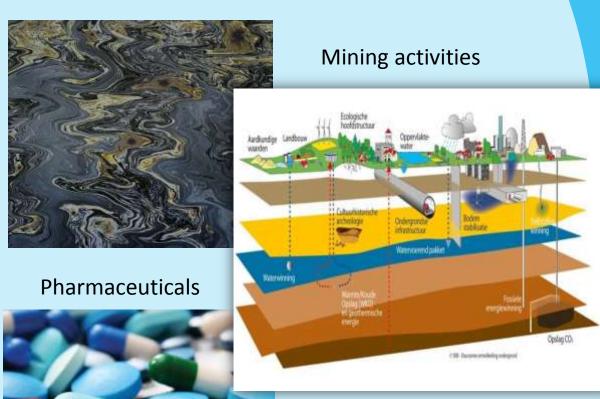
Farming



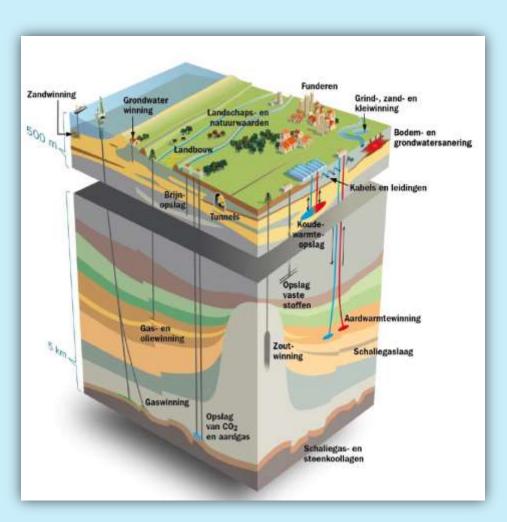
Industry



Soil pollution



## 2. Underground spatial planning



Spatial plan for underground activities of National interest

#### Targets:

- Maintain robust system for drinking water supply
- Designate and protect new resources for future drinking water
- Accomodate energy transition

### Planning underground activities

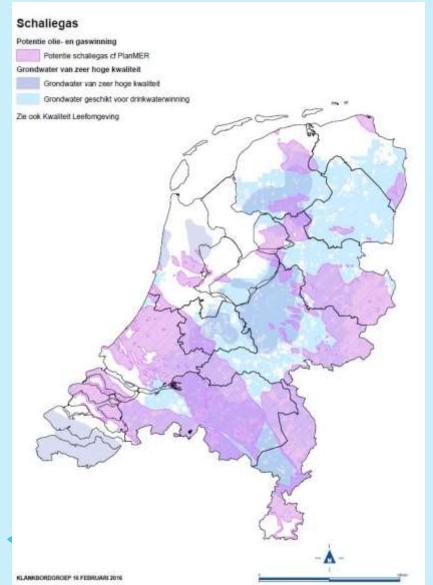
Dutch approach

#### **Challenge:**

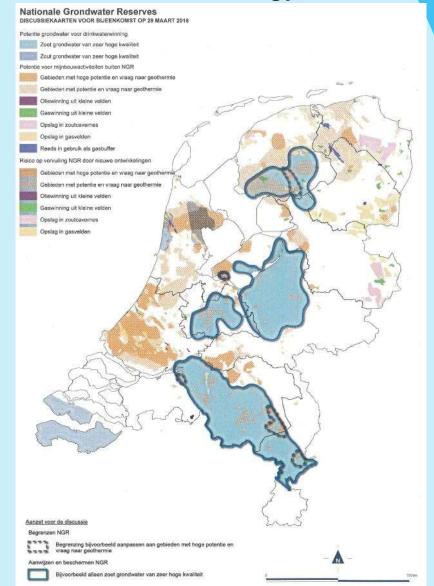
- Extra drinking water demand in 2040 is +30% in GE-scenario
- Designation of Additional Strategic reserves by provinces
- Designation of National Groundwater reserves in National spatial plan for the underground
- Protection of these resources in relation to mining activities

## Planning underground activities

Shale gas



Geothermal energy



## 3. Drinking water infrastructure

Challenges for renovation, repair and renewal

Prevent damage



Space for alignment



Safety

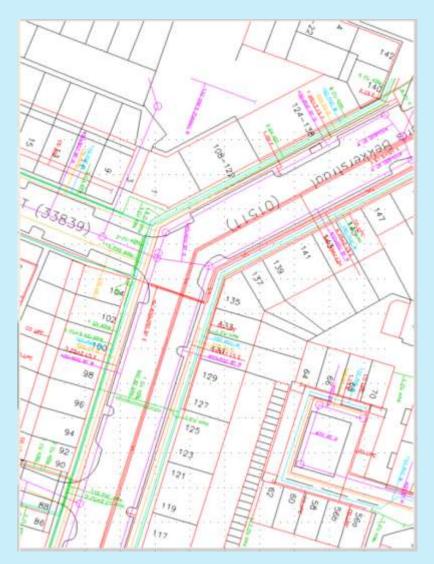


Increase of replacement



## 3. Drinking water infrastructure

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#### 3. Drinking water infrastructure

Challenges for renovation, repair and renewal



- **→** Better Coordination
- **→** Better Cooperation
- ➤ Improve information exchange
- Take better account of infrastructure in spatial planning

### Thank you for your attention

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