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Health in SEA- National Strategy on Spatial Planning and the Environment, The Netherlands

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Outline

- Background : Environmental Act
- (Draft) National strategy on spatial planning
- SEA of the strategy
- How was health included?
- Conclusion





New Dutch Environmental Act

- Call for transparent and less complex regulations
- *In view of sustainable development and environmental protection, the Act aims at:*
 - *A safe and healthy physical living environment*
 - *To develop living environment to fulfill societal needs*



mobility

energy

buildings

health

nature



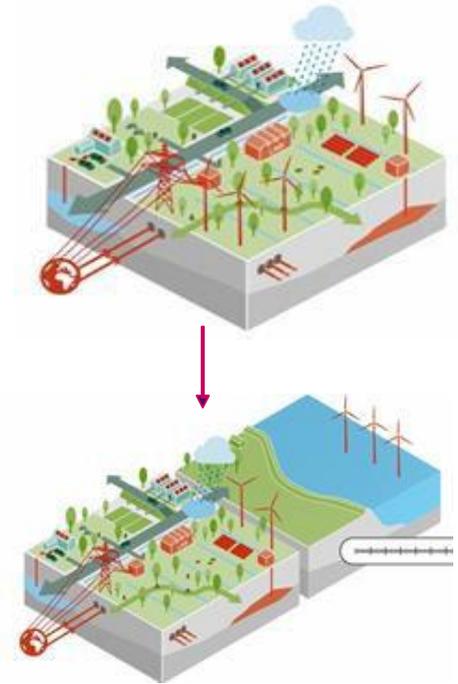
Why a national strategy on spatial planning?



Challenges



Claims and impacts on living environment



Added value of national-regional approach



National strategy spatial planning and environment

Priorities:

1. Space for climate change and energy transition
2. Sustainable economic growth
3. Strong and healthy cities
4. Sustainable development of rural areas

2019: Draft strategy – Parliament

2019: SEA

2020: Final strategy



Example : Strong and healthy cities and regions

Integrated urbanization
strategy:
living, work, economy, mobility,
health, green and blue space





Health in strategy

Perspective:

- Living environment that protects AND promotes health

National interests:

- Realisation of good environmental quality
- Safeguard and develop healthy and safe environment

Result of active role Ministry of Health



Approach SEA



- 'Picture' current situation
- Evaluation trends 2030
- Qualitative evaluation of trends against objectives for set of indicators
- Evaluation of (potential) measures/decisions



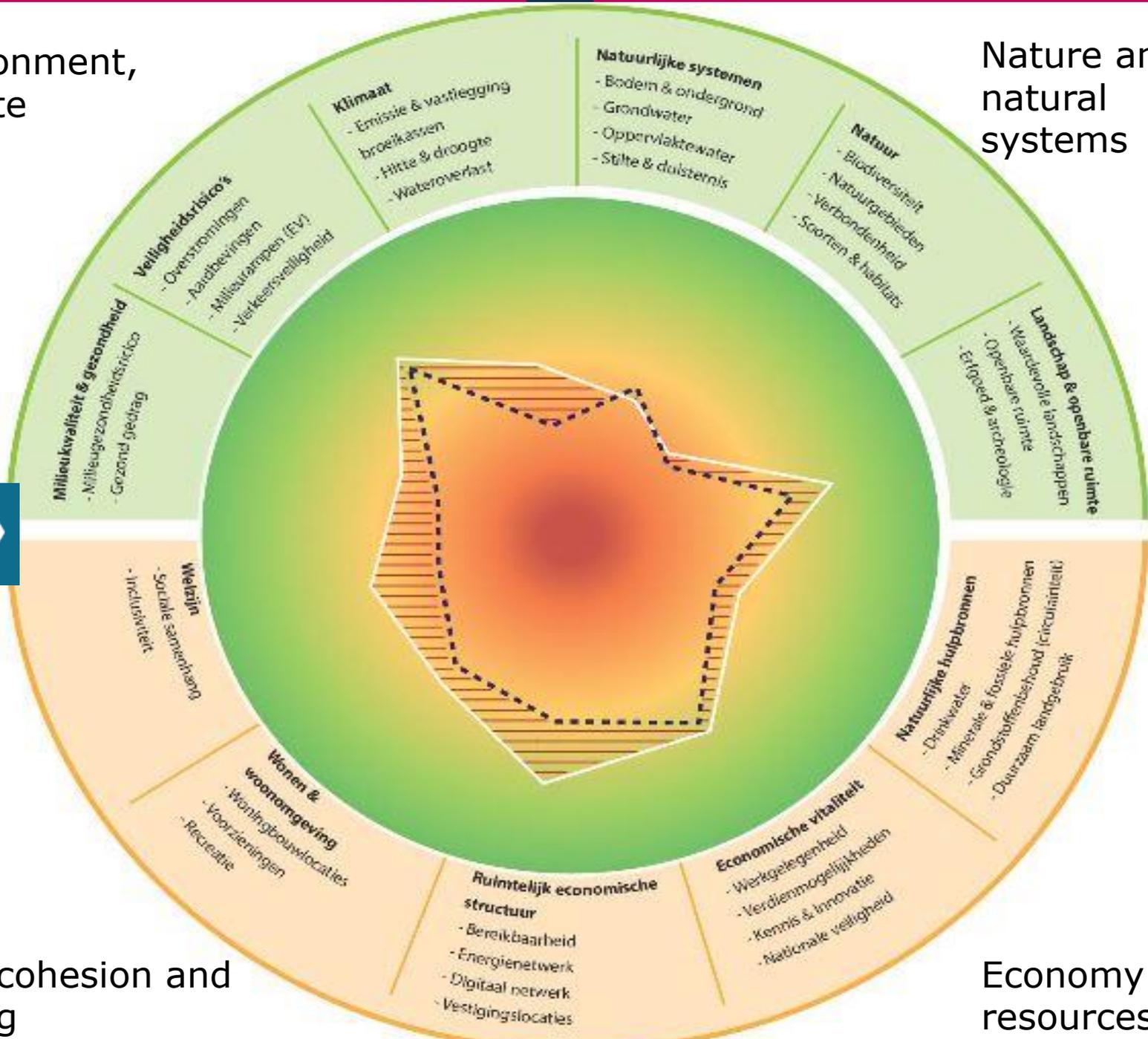
Challenges:

- Strategy not very concrete (as yet)
- Uncertainty future scenarios

Environment,
climate

Nature and
natural
systems

Health



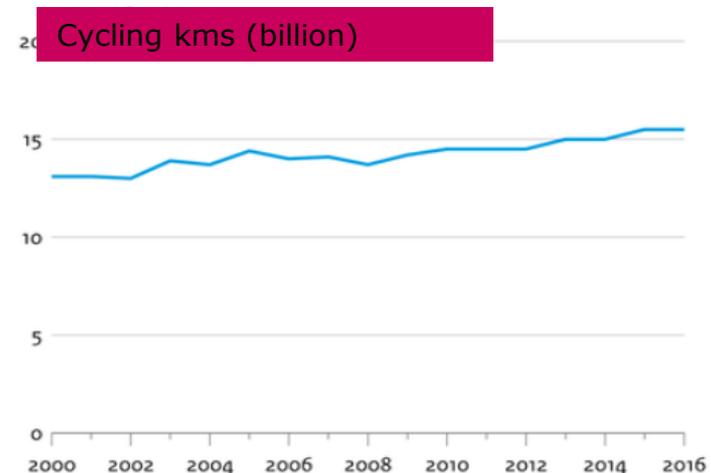
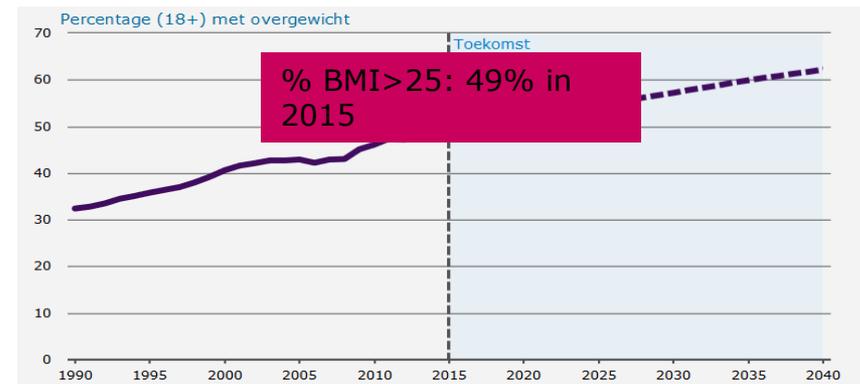
Social cohesion and
housing

Economy and
resources



Evaluation health indicators (now -2030)

- Health risks noise, air pollution will increase
- Healthy behavior (😊, ☹️)
- Increase health risks due to higher temperatures
- Decrease social cohesion
- Decrease inclusion/participation

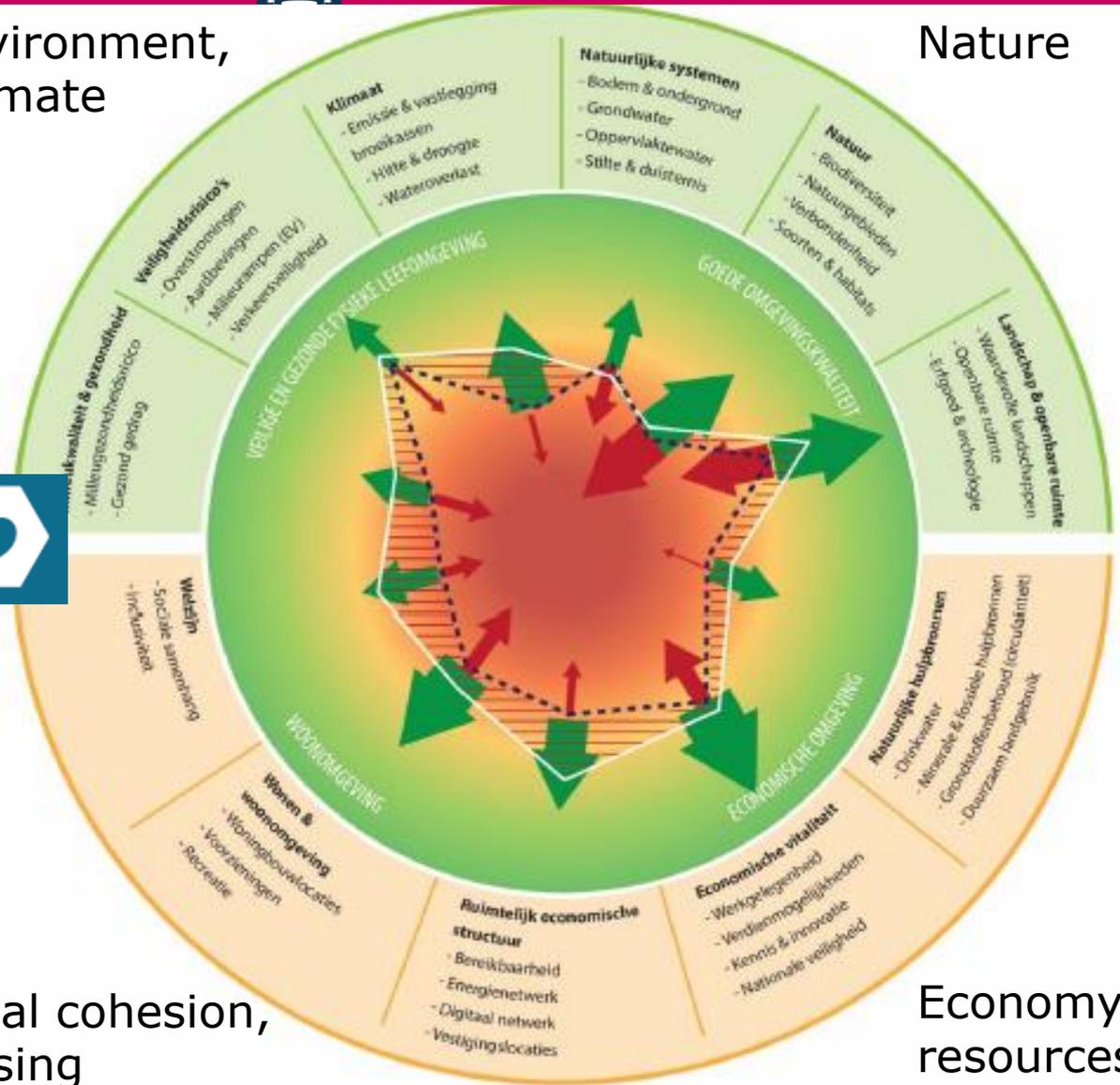




Environment,
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Nature

Evaluation
measures:
More
chances
than risks?



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Conclusions SEA

- Environmental quality under pressure (Now-2030)
- Risks for health (a.o. climate change)
- Regional differences
- Integrated strategy : opportunities and risks
- Additional measures/decisions needed for 'vulnerable' themes:
health –welfare – nature
- Region-specific policy

- Interactive consultation process



Health in SEA and next steps

What helped:

- 'Ambassador'
- Health objectives in environmental legislation
- Health and wellbeing part of evaluation wheel
- Interest Ministry of Health in prevention, living environment
- Collaboration – network of health and planning experts

Next steps:

- Interministerial working group : how to safeguard attention for vulnerable themes in final national strategy and regional plans



Any questions?

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