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// A new hope for National Planning in the Netherlands

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The policy pendulum

Golden Age of Dutch National Planning (1960-2000)

New Towns, Growth Centers, 'Vinex' neighborhoods

Green Heart, Buffer Zones, Ecological Main Structure

Decentralisation and Deregulation (2000-present)

Urbanization policy abolished, cutbacks green spaces

Reorganization/downsizing/moving of national agency

National 'activation' to tackle challenges (near future)

Planning back on the map!

A new awakening

Decentralisation has reached its limits

- Tension with centralized sectoral policies (e.g. EU)

- Widening gaps in developments and policy

- Inability to tackle structural challenges

Four challenges justify national planning

- A sustainable and competitive economy

- A carbon-neutral and climate-adapted society

- Future-proof and accessible working and living spaces

- A high-quality built and natural environment

A new requirement

The Environment and Planning Act (2021)

- Integrates all legislation for built and natural environment

- Strives for an integrated approach

- Requires a national strategy be drawn up

The National Environmental and Planning Strategy (NOVI)

- Public consultation since 2015

- New ministry/department since 2017

- Publication of draft in December 2018

- Adoption in 2019

A new philosophy

Environment and planning principles

Achieving multiple/mixed use of space

Minimizing externalities

Optimising spatial quality

Maximizing social support



Holistic/integrated policymaking



Problems on various levels demand space



Solutions sought by seeking synergies and making choices



A new governance

Approach: 4As

Analysis, Ambitions, Alliances and Actions

National government intervention

Responsibility for environment and planning system

Protects national interests with regulation

Connects parties and forges regional coalitions

Stimulates and facilitates grassroots initiatives

Together: spatial activation!



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