
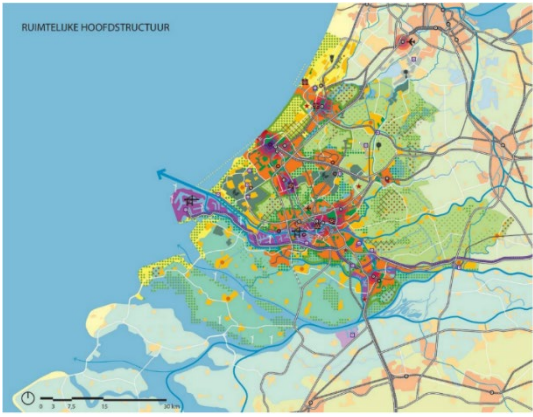



Fact sheet for planning levels

| Planning level | | Type of plan | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Province | | Spatial Plan for Zuid Holland (2019) | | | | |
|  <p>Planning system of the Netherlands (post-2024 Environment and Planning Act)</p> | | | | | | |
| Planning level | Planning instrument | Content of plan | Legal basis | Policymaker | Legal impact | Scale |
| National, provincial, municipal | Environmental Vision (<i>Omgevingsvisie</i>) | Outlines a strategic, long-term vision for spatial development and the physical environment | Environment and Planning Act, 2024 (<i>Omgevingswet</i>) | State, province or municipality | Self-binding | National, provincial or municipal |
| All levels | Programme (<i>Programma</i>) | Action-oriented plan outlining specific measures to protect, manage, use and develop the physical living environment | Environment and Planning Act, 2024 (<i>Omgevingswet</i>) | Any level of government, possibly jointly | Binding if linked to legal standards; otherwise indicative | Thematic, sectoral or area-based |
| National, provincial, water board | Project Decision (<i>Projectbesluit</i>) | Enables specific projects of national or provincial interest to proceed outside of existing plans in the event of overriding interests. Overrides municipal environmental plans. | Environment and Planning Act, 2024 (<i>Omgevingswet</i>) | State, province, water boards | Legally binding for all legal and natural persons | Project-level |
| Province | Environmental Ordinance (<i>Omgevingsverordening</i>) | Includes all spatial and environmental rules at the provincial level | Environment and Planning Act, 2024 (<i>Omgevingswet</i>) | Province | Legally binding to municipalities and water boards within the province | Province |
| Municipal | Environmental Plan (<i>Omgevingsplan</i>) | Sets out where development may take place, what may be built, the size of the development and what it may be used for | Environment and Planning Act, 2024 (<i>Omgevingswet</i>) | Municipality | Legally binding for all legal and natural persons | Municipality |
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|  2025 www.arl-international.com | | | | | | |
| Source: Provincie Zuid Holland | | | | | | |

Facts: Spatial Plan for Zuid Holland (2019)

Legal basis

In anticipation of the entry into force of the national Environment and Planning Act (*Omgevingswet*), the province of Zuid Holland developed and introduced a new spatial plan which contains a spatial vision and accompanying regulations. The provincial spatial plan entered into force in April 2019 and is entitled '*Omgevingsvisie Zuid-Holland*'.

Competences

The spatial plan was prepared by the Province of Zuid Holland in response to the Environment and Planning Act which mandates provinces to prepare a spatial plan.

Binding force

The spatial plan is a requirement of the new Environment and Planning Act which was approved in 2016 and entered into force on 1 January 2024.

Tasks and content

The spatial plan comprises:

- an introduction to the spatial plan, including a summary of the main spatial structure;
- the overall direction and ambitions for development, and governance arrangements;
- a description of desirable environmental and spatial qualities; and
- a specification and justification of policy choices.

Process, duration, participation

- The province used various forms of participation involving the public and professionals to help develop the spatial plan. This took place over a period between 2017 and 2018.

Duration of validity

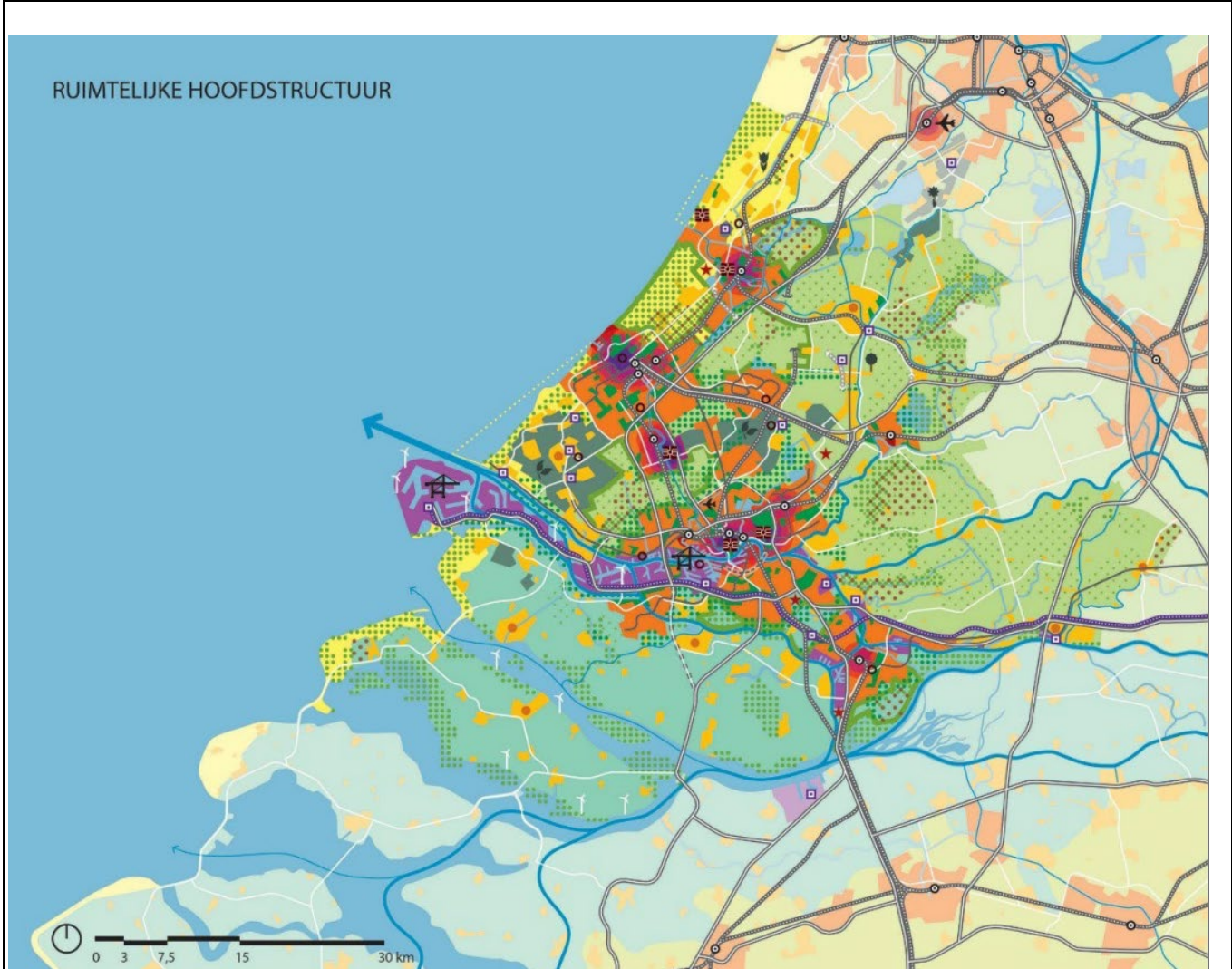
- The document contains policy ambitions for 2030 and 2050.

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Details of the plan



Detail 1: Main spatial structure Source: Provincie Zuid Holland

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Legend:

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|---|---|---|---|
|  | Stedelijke agglomeratie |  | (Boven)regionaal HOV-net |
|  | Stedelijk centrumgebied |  | Ontbrekende schakel (boven)regionaal HOV-net |
|  | Stedelijke dynamiek |  | (Inter)nationaal wegennet |
|  | Kern |  | Ontbrekende schakel (inter)nationaal wegennet |
|  | Regiokern |  | (Boven)regionaal wegennet |
|  | Havenindustriële complex |  | Ontbrekende schakel (boven)regionaal wegennet (tracé indicatief) |
|  | Glastuinbouwgebied |  | (Inter)nationaal vaarwegennet |
|  | HOV knooppunt |  | (Boven)regionaal vaarwegennet |
|  | Logistiek overslagpunt |  | Betuwelijn |
|  | Science Park | | |
|  | Kenniscentrum |  | Kustlandschappen |
|  | Mainport Rotterdam |  | Veenlandschappen |
|  | Greenport Westland Oostland |  | Rivierdeltalandschappen |
|  | Greenport Boskoop |  | Water (zoet/zout) |
|  | Greenport Bollenstreek |  | Studiezone kustontwikkeling |
|  | Greenport Aalsmeer | | |
|  | Stedelijke ontwikkelingsruimte van bovenreg. belang |  | Natuurgebied |
|  | Luchthaven |  | Recreatiegebied |
|  | Grootschalige locaties windenergie |  | Belangrijk weidevogelgebied |
|  | (Inter)nationaal HOV-net |  | Kroonjuweel cultureel erfgoed |
| | |  | Groene buffer |
| | |  | Stedelijk groen |

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Characteristics

Location of the area

The spatial plan covers the whole territory of Zuid Holland, the most populous province in the Netherlands containing the cities of The Hague and Rotterdam.

Initial situation

The predecessor to this spatial plan was produced in 2010 (*'Visie op Zuid-Holland'*).

Particularities of the procedure and/or content

The provincial spatial plan for Zuid Holland was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the national Environment and Planning Act prior to it entering into force. Because of this, it has a different format to the previous provincial spatial plan.

Notes and links

Provincie Zuid Holland (2019). Omgevingsvisie Zuid-Holland Deel 1. Den Haag, Provincie Zuid Holland, <https://www.zuidholland.nl/actueel/omgevingsbeleid/> (Accessed 2 December 2021).