

Treaty on the expansion of the fairway in the Western Scheldt

Official reference	Verdrag tussen het Vlaams Gewest en het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden inzake de verruiming van de vaarweg in de Westerschelde, ondertekend te Antwerpen op 17 januari 1995	
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	Ratification by Flanders	22/12/1995
Policy level	International (bilateral)	
Type of instrument	Treaty	
Geographical reach	Scheldt estuary	
International contact point	Technical Scheldt Commission (followed by the Flemish-Dutch Scheldt Commission (VNSC))	
Flemish ratification decree	Decreet van 22 december 1995 tot goedkeuring van het Verdrag tussen het Vlaamse Gewest en het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden inzake de verruiming van de vaarweg in de Westerschelde en van de bijlagen A, B, C, D, E, F en G, ondertekend te Antwerpen op 17 januari 1995	

// abstract:

This treaty deals with the expansion of the fairway in the Western Scheldt. The Netherlands are responsible for the preparation and the execution of the clearance work, the bank revetments and the restoration of the natural value. On the other hand, Flanders is responsible for the execution and the preparation of the local expansion works. The regulation on the payment of the costs is discussed. The Technical Scheldt Commission (substituted by the current Flemish-Dutch Scheldt Commission) monitors the preparation, the execution and the maintenance of the works. Flanders and the Netherlands commit themselves to the maintenance and exploitation of adjacent monitoring networks and information systems for hydro-meteorological data regarding the Western Scheldt. Finally the settlement of disputes is incorporated into the treaty.