

# Developing participatory adaptation plans for river basins – a handbook

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# Why a handbook on participatory adaptation planning?



**A global screening of water management initiatives revealed that so far few attempts have been made to operationally integrate climate change in river basin management.**



**There is a need for flexible methodology that is co-developed with experts, practitioners, policy makers and citizens AND tested in practice.**



**There is increasing recognition of the value and importance of co-creation in adaptation planning.**

# Who should read and use this handbook?



## **The handbook aims to reach:**

- Professionals involved in river basin management
- Researchers and other groups/individuals wishing to increase the participatory involvement of stakeholders in a given decision-making process



## **The Handbook will be also be relevant for:**

- Policy makers at the local or regional levels who wish to support their river basins
- Professionals from other sectors that are interested to integrate adaptation actions into their sectorial plans on basin level

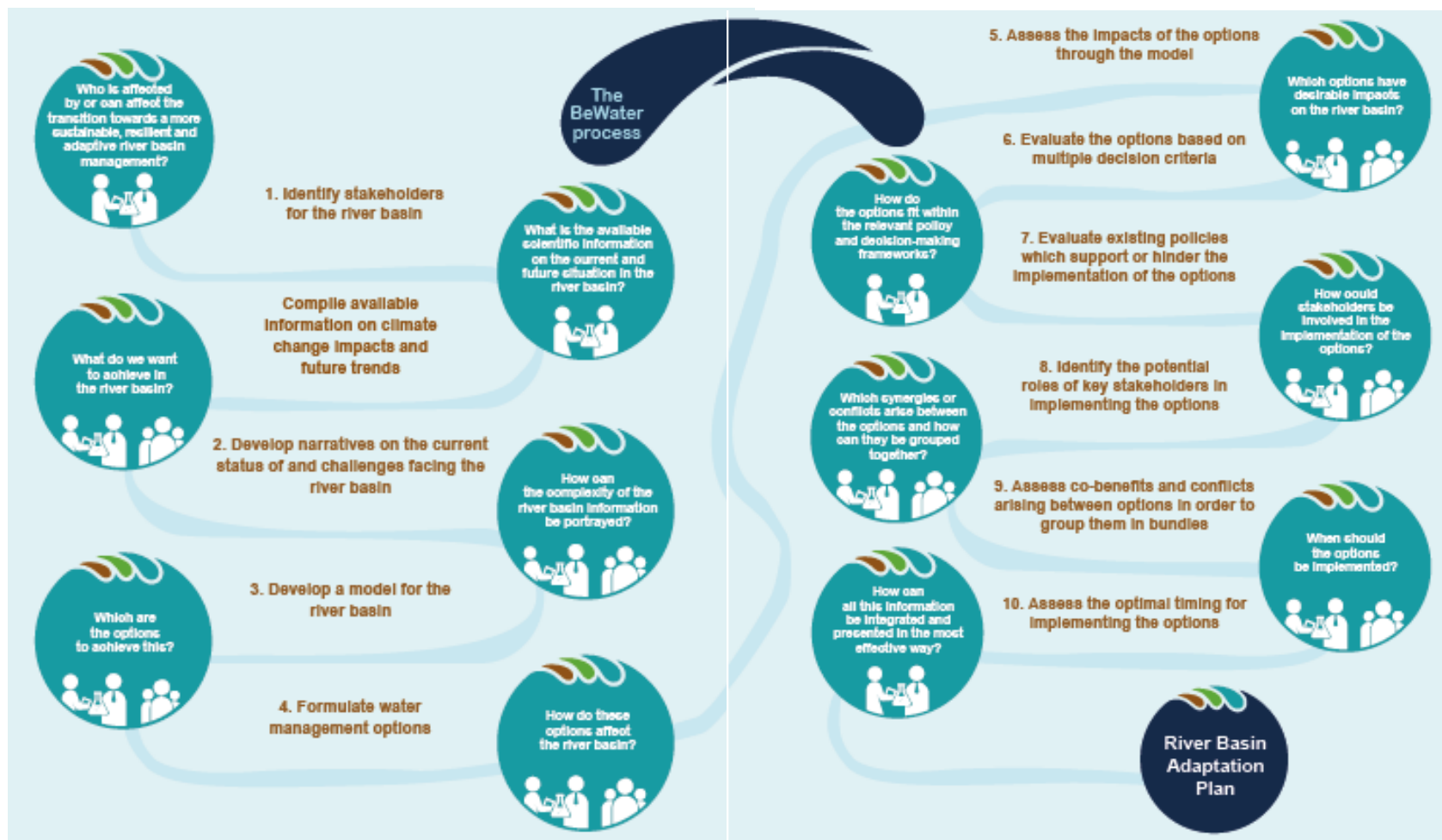


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# Methodology: a step-by-step guide



# Key findings for river basin adaptation planning



**Participatory adaption planning for river basins is still a developing concept and could benefit greatly from wider application.**



**The BeWater participatory approach goes beyond methods commonly applied.**



**River basins have proven to be an excellent geographical area of scope to analyse and develop water management options for adaptation.**



**The role of local authorities, such as municipalities, is crucial in the design, implementation and monitoring of adaptation actions.**



**Society is willing to engage in intense participatory experiences when their involvement in the decision-making process is clear and their role is acknowledged and legitimized.**



**Assessment methods need to be adjusted to local contexts, available data, and stages in the adaptation policy cycle. There is no panacea for all problem settings.**



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# Thanks! Any more Questions?

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