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BE-C[C13]-I[I-124] Blue Deal

BE-C[C13]-I[I-124]-M[42] Land purchases to reinforce biodiversity and/or mitigate climate change effects

Date of completion: Q4 2023

**1) Context: description of the measure and relevant context from the CID annex** [text in full from the English version]

The Blue Deal investment is part of a bigger plan of 80 projects and actions aiming for better preparedness for longer periods of drought and more frequent heat waves by addressing drought problems in a structural way. Under the plan, nine sub-actions of diverse nature shall be supported, addressing different actors, including industry, farmers and municipalities. The actions cover: (A) landscape projects for drought mitigation, (B) a research program in agriculture, (C) two projects on waterway pumps and locks, (D) a water management support scheme for companies that invest in innovative water saving technologies, (F) innovative projects on circular water use and digital monitoring and smart water data systems, (G) implementation of nature-based solutions in four defined areas and (I) wetland restoration projects. The implementation of the investment shall be completed by 30 June 2026.

**2) Copy of the milestone/target wording** [text in full from the English version]

Seq.num	Measure (reform or investment)	Milestone/Target	Name	Qualitative indicators (for milestones)	Quantitative indicators (for targets)			Indicative timetable for completion		Reporting and implementation responsibility	Description of each milestone and target
					Unit of measure	Baseline	Goal	Quarter	Year		
42	C13.I-124 Blue Deal	Milestone	Land purchases to reinforce biodiversity and/or mitigate climate change effects	Title deeds				Q4	2023		Land purchases finalised for wetland restoration projects (I) and for areas for nature-based solutions (G) (Approximately 1 000 hectares)

Verification mechanism:

Summary document duly justifying how the milestone (including the relevant elements of the milestone, as listed in the description of milestone and of the corresponding measure in the CID annex) was satisfactorily fulfilled. This document shall include as an annex the following documentary evidence: Listing and copies of title deeds of the purchases, with indication of the matching project site, the objective of the project (wetland restoration or other) and number of ha covered.

Further specification: (if relevant)

**3) List of key evidence provided in FENIX**

	Identifier [same as in FENIX]	Name of the evidence. For legal acts please provide the full legal reference and date of entry into force	Short description	Link to the requirements below
1	M42_A_1	Landpurchase Vlaggenschipproject ANB 1	Real estate purchase deed for purchase of 154,2 ha in the catchment of the Zwarte Beek by ANB	1
2	M42_A_2	Land purchases RRF Blue deal (Vlaggenschipprojecten)	Overview table on the land purchases for projects 43, 44, and 45 with amount and area for each project.	
3	M42_B_1	VLM-documenten VV34_VLM_GB Blue Deal_Kleine Nete_dossier 103765	Real estate purchase deed for purchase of 2,1462 ha by VLM for Vlaggenschipproject Kleine Nete	1
4	M42_B_2	VV34_VLM_GB Blue Deal_Kleine Nete_dossier 105425	Real estate purchase deed for purchase of 8,89 ha by VLM for Vlaggenschipproject Kleine Nete	1
5	M42_B_3	Overzicht grondaankopen relance door VLM ikv Vlaggenschipprojecten	Overview table on the land purchases for Vlaggenschipprojecten, including the Kleine Nete. In total 11,036 ha is purchased for project the Kleine Nete.	
6	M42_C_1	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 99141	Real estate purchase deed for purchase of 8,3785 ha by VLM for Vlaggenschipproject Rivierherstel Leie	1
7	M42_C_2	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 99166	Real estate purchase deed for purchase of 10,0584 ha by VLM for Vlaggenschipproject Rivierherstel Leie	1
8	M42_C_3	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 100572	Real estate purchase deed for purchase of 0,6514 ha by VLM for Vlaggenschipproject Rivierherstel Leie	1
9	M42_C_4	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 100572 EP	Singed document on the termination of lease agreement	
10	M42_C_5	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 100741	Real estate purchase deed for purchase of 1,5964 ha by VLM for Vlaggenschipproject Rivierherstel Leie	1
11	M42_C_6	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 101040	Real estate purchase deed for purchase of 2,05 ha by VLM for Vlaggenschipproject Rivierherstel Leie	1
12	M42_C_7	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 101147	Real estate purchase deed for purchase of 0,3392 ha by VLM for Vlaggenschipproject Rivierherstel Leie	1
13	M42_C_8	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 101243	Real estate purchase deed for purchase of 24,5114 ha by VLM for Vlaggenschipproject Rivierherstel Leie	1
14	M42_C_9	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 101722	Real estate purchase deed for purchase of 5,945 ha by VLM for Vlaggenschipproject Rivierherstel Leie	1
14a	M42_C_9a	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 101722_Belofte verkoop	Sales promise for Vlaggenschipproject Rivierherstel Leie	
15	M42_C_10	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 101746	Real estate purchase deed for purchase of 1,5535 ha by VLM for Vlaggenschipproject Rivierherstel Leie	1
16	M42_C_11	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 101746 EP	Singed document on the termination of lease agreement	
17	M42_C_12	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 101754	Real estate purchase deed for purchase of 5,7 ha by VLM for Vlaggenschipproject Rivierherstel Leie	1
18	M42_C_13	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 101780	Real estate purchase deed for purchase of 0,858 ha by VLM for Vlaggenschipproject Rivierherstel Leie	1
19	M42_C_14	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 104089- ondertekende akte	Real estate purchase deed for purchase of 0,628 ha by VLM for Vlaggenschipproject Rivierherstel Leie	1

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20	M42_C_15	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 104373	Real estate purchase deed for purchase of 2,0188 ha by VLM for Vlaggenschipproject Rivierherstel Leie	1
21	M42_C_16	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 104373 EP	Singed document on the termination of lease agreement	
22	M42_C_17	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 104396	Real estate purchase deed for purchase of 1,734 ha by VLM for Vlaggenschipproject Rivierherstel Leie	1
23	M42_C_18	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 104654- ondertekende akte	Real estate purchase deed for purchase of 0,843 ha by VLM for Vlaggenschipproject Rivierherstel Leie	1
24	M42_C_19	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 104666	Real estate purchase deed for purchase of 1,4363 ha by VLM for Vlaggenschipproject Rivierherstel Leie	1
25	M42_C_20	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 104789	Real estate purchase deed for purchase of 1,4567 ha by VLM for Vlaggenschipproject Rivierherstel Leie	1
26	M42_C_21	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 104797	Real estate purchase deed for purchase of 3,542 ha by VLM for Vlaggenschipproject Rivierherstel Leie	1
27	M42_C_22	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 104797 EP1	Singed document on the termination of lease agreement	
28	M42_C_23	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 104797 EP2	Singed document on the termination of lease agreement	
29	M42_C_24	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 104797 EP3	Singed document on the termination of lease agreement	
30	M42_C_25	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 104797 EP4	Singed document on the termination of lease agreement	
31	M42_C_26	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 104950- ondertekende akte	Real estate purchase deed for purchase of 3,2625 ha by VLM for Vlaggenschipproject Rivierherstel Leie	1
32	M42_C_27	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 105046- ondertekende akte	Approved agreement on transfer of 8,3345 ha of land to the project Rivierherstel Leie	
33	M42_C_28	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 105046	Real estate purchase deed for purchase of 8,3345 ha by VLM for Vlaggenschipproject Rivierherstel Leie	1
34	M42_C_29	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 105153	Real estate purchase deed for purchase of 0,2724 ha by VLM for Vlaggenschipproject Rivierherstel Leie	1
35	M42_C_30	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 105153 EP	Singed document on the termination of lease agreement	
36	M42_C_31	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 105191	Real estate purchase deed for purchase of 0,162 ha by VLM for Vlaggenschipproject Rivierherstel Leie	1
37	M42_C_32	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 105205	Real estate purchase deed for purchase of 0,2542 ha by VLM for Vlaggenschipproject Rivierherstel Leie	1
38	M42_C_33	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 105205 EP	Singed document on the termination of lease agreement	
39	M42_C_34	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 105324	Real estate purchase deed for purchase of 3,6705 ha by VLM for Vlaggenschipproject Rivierherstel Leie	1
40	M42_C_35	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 105337- ondertekende akte	Real estate purchase deed for purchase of 0,2387 ha by VLM for Vlaggenschipproject Rivierherstel Leie	1
41	M42_C_36	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 105352	Real estate purchase deed for purchase of 2,1375 ha by VLM for Vlaggenschipproject Rivierherstel Leie	1
42	M42_C_37	VV34_VLM_GB RHL ANB_dossier 105352 EP	Singed document on the termination of lease agreement	

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43	M42_C_38	Overzicht grondaankopen relance door VLM ikv Vlaggenschipprojecten	Overview table on the land purchases for Vlaggenschipprojecten, including Rivierherstel Leie. In total 91,6329 ha is purchased for project Rivierherstel Leie	
44	M42_D_1	Land purchases ANB 1	Purchase agreement for purchase of 164 ha	1
45	M42_D_2	Land purchases ANB 2	Purchase agreement for purchase of 52 ha	1
46	M42_D_3	Land purchases ANB 3	Purchase agreement for purchase of 22,9 ha	1
47	M42_D_4	Land purchases ANB 4	Purchase agreement for purchase of 18,6 ha	1
48	M42_D_5	Land purchases ANB 5	Purchase agreement for purchase of 65,9 ha	1
49	M42_D_6	Land purchases ANB 6	Purchase agreement for purchase of 16,8 ha	1
50	M42_D_7	Land purchases ANB 7	Purchase agreement for purchase of 24,2 ha	1
51	M42_D_8	Land purchases ANB 8	Purchase agreement for purchase of 13,3 ha	1
52	M42_D_9	Land purchases ANB 9	Purchase agreement for purchase of 34,3 ha	1
53	M42_D_10	Land purchases ANB 10	Purchase agreement (surface enclosed in M42_D_1)	1
54	M42_D_11	Land purchases ANB 11	Purchase agreement for purchase of 22,7 ha	1
55	M42_D_12	Land purchases ANB 12	Purchase agreement for purchase of 3,6 ha	1
56	M42_D_13	Land purchases ANB 13	Purchase agreement for purchase of 13,9 ha	1
57	M42_D_14	Land purchases ANB 14	Purchase agreement for purchase of 15,8 ha	1
58	M42_D_15	Land purchases ANB 15	Purchase agreement for purchase of 14,9 ha	1
59	M42_D_16	Land purchases ANB 16	Purchase agreement for purchase of 8,4 ha	1
60	M42_D_17	Land purchases ANB 17	Purchase agreement for purchase of 9,9 ha	1
61	M42_D_18	Land purchases RRF Blue deal (Natte natuur)	Overview document on land purchases by ANB (in total 501 ha) with project description, amount, surface, location, and status	

#### 4) Detailed justification

*[Explain clearly how the achievement of the milestone/target is demonstrated by the evidence provided, **covering ALL elements of the milestone/target and the elements of the measure description that are directly or indirectly linked to the milestone/target's requirements.** (e.g. the fact that (i) a certain institution had (ii) to accomplish something (iii) in a certain way in order (iv) to achieve a certain goal (v) by a certain date). Please provide **a clear link between all the below elements and the one or more evidence items listed above.***

Requirement 1: 'Title Deeds' for land purchases to reinforce biodiversity and/or mitigate climate change effects

*The title deeds for the land purchases for the three Vlaggenschipprojecten (parts A (by ANB), B (by VLM), and C (by VLM) of Milestone 42 documents) are the documents M42\_A\_1, M42\_B\_1, M42\_B\_2, M42\_C\_1 to M42\_C\_3, M42\_C\_5 to M42\_C\_10, M42\_C\_12 to M42\_C\_15, M42\_C\_17 to M42\_C\_21, M42\_C\_26, M42\_C\_28 to M42\_C\_29, M42\_C\_31 to M42\_C\_32, and M42\_C\_34 to M42\_C\_36.*

*For the land purchases for wetland restoration by ANB, the title deeds M42\_D\_1 to M42\_D\_17 certify that these transactions have been realized.*