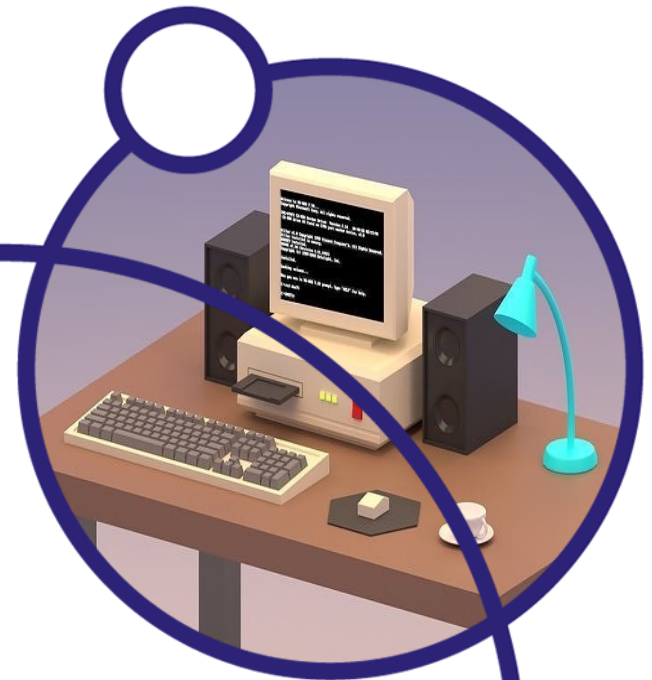


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GMP is an AQUEST project

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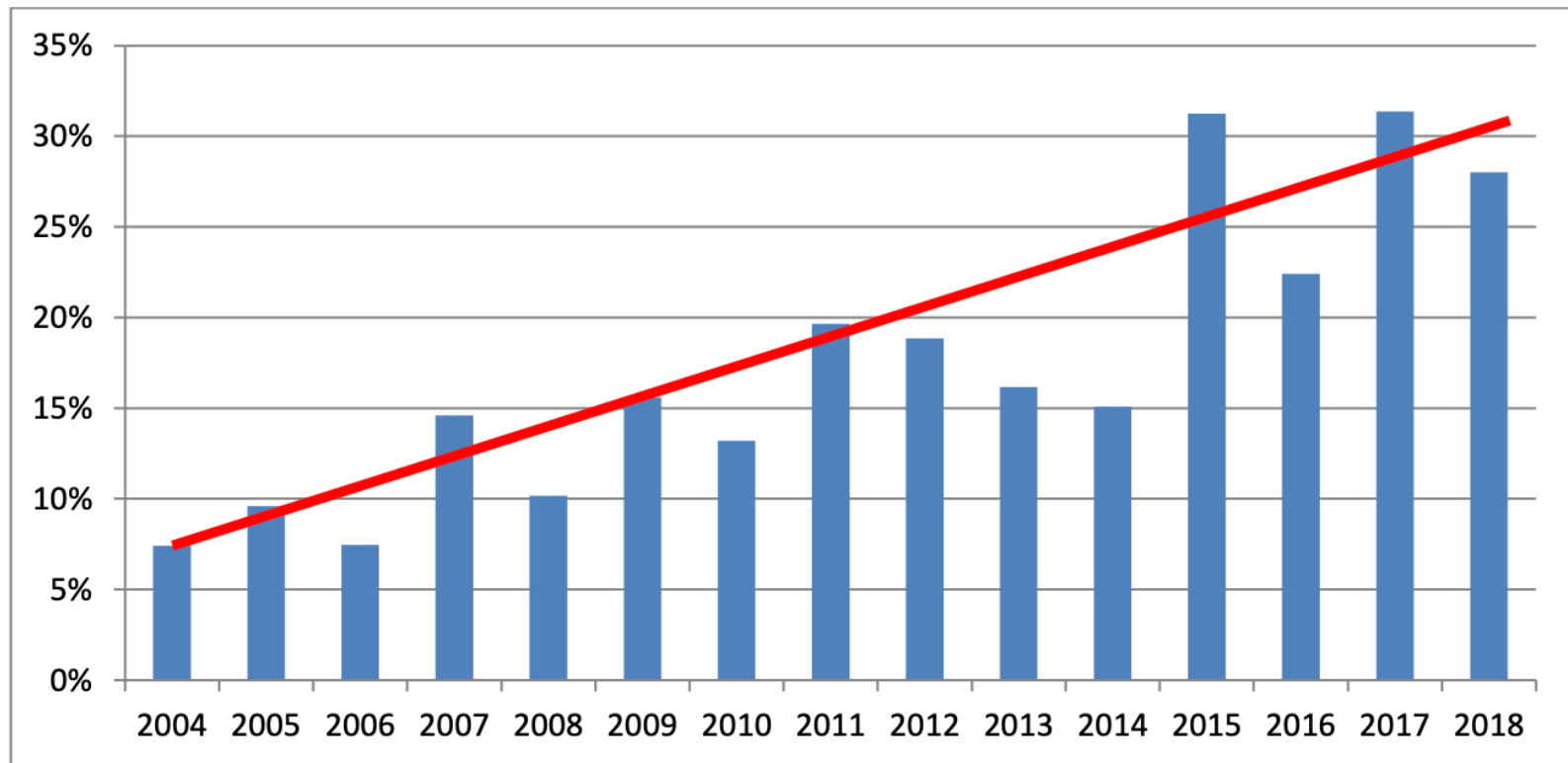
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Modelling for EU Policy support:  
Impact Assessments  
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## Modellen regeren Den Haag

Hoe rekenmodellen leiden tot onverantwoord beleid

Pieter Omtzigt

24 februari 2021

De overheid maakt op tal van onderwerpen gebruik van modellen, of het nu gaat over belastingen, klimaat- of milieumaatregelen, inkomenspolitiek of zelfs coronamaatregelen. Deze modellen bepalen in toenemende mate het beleid.

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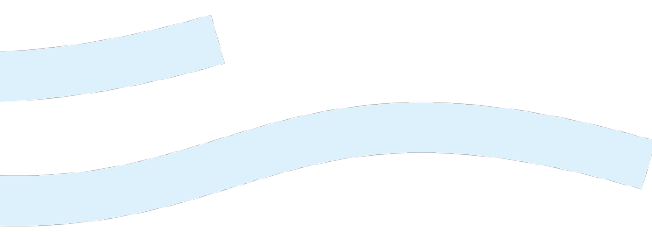
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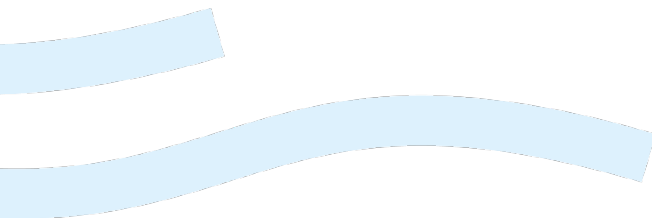




Strikte eisen

Losse richtlijnen

Niets



verbeelding, inspiratie, creativiteit,  
vindingrijkheid, ervaring, vaardigheid

**Is modelleren een kunst?**

**Kan je kunst inkaderen of beperken?**

**Wat als kunst besluitvorming ondersteunt?**

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Software delen / voorschrijven

Automatiseren

De procedure / workflow voorschrijven

Data delen / voorschrijven

Documenteren



# Standaarden

Verschillende vormen, verschillende doelen

Kwaliteitsborging

Draagvlak voor resultaten

Legitimiteit

Transparant, reproduceerbaar, uitlegbaar

Verantwoordelijkheden  
(opdrachtgever vs modelleur)

# Voorbeelden uit wetenschappelijke literatuur

## Responsible Modelling

Position Paper

### Ten iterative steps in development and evaluation of environmental models

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### Fit-for-purpose environmental modeling: Targeting the intersection of usability, reliability and feasibility

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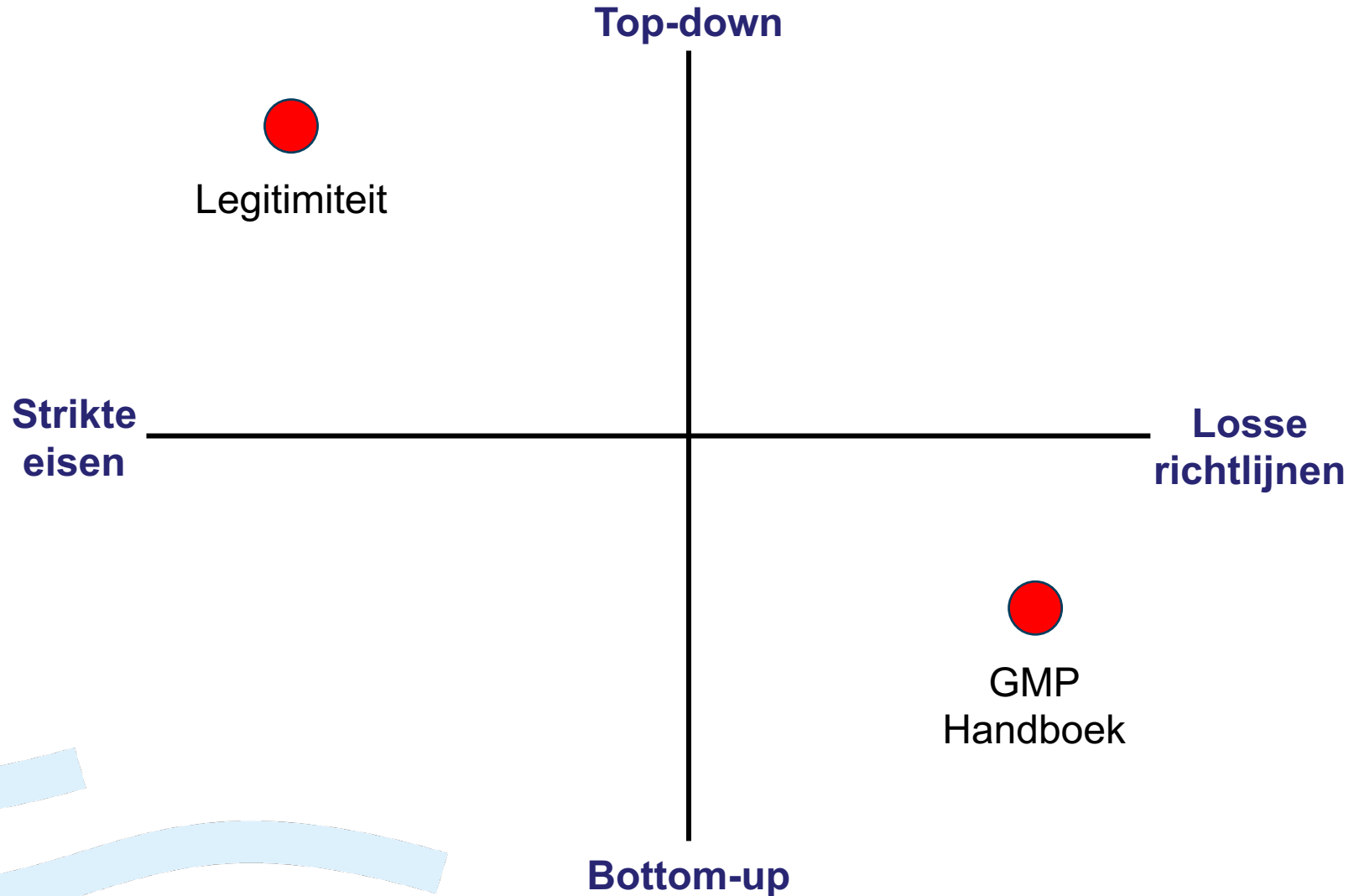
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### Towards better modelling and decision support: Documenting model development, testing, and analysis using TRACE

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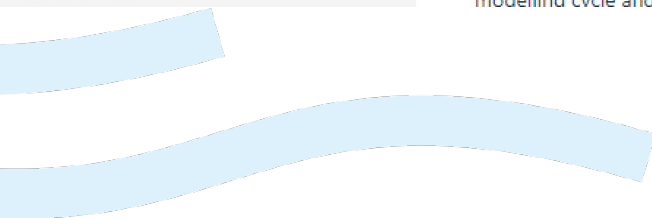
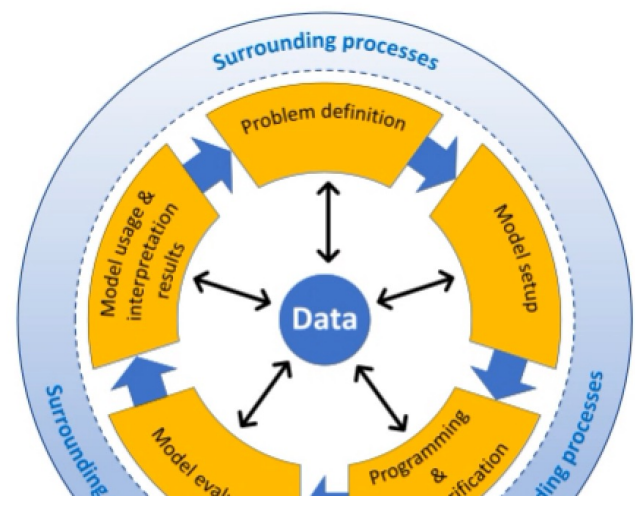
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## The modelling cycle

As mentioned on the [home page](#), the modelling process can be described as a cycle subdivided into a number of phases based on their purpose. It may take several cycles before a model is fit for purpose. A specific phase can be further subdivided into a number of steps. Going through the different phases in the modelling cycle is a good practice in itself. In addition, each (step within a) phase has its own specific GMP actions. It is advised to always start the GMP cycle with the problem definition phase, also if an already existing model is available. This will help to develop or re-use models that are suitable for the intended purpose of a study. In this wiki, we use the different phases and processes in the modelling cycle (see picture on the right) to organize the different GMP actions.

## GMP for the different phases of the modelling cycle

The links below explain the meaning of the different phases in the modelling cycle and (if applicable) how they are subdivided into smaller



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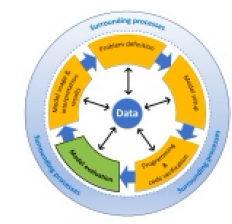
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In this phase, the ability of the model to describe and predict observed data in a qualitative and quantitative way will be tested. In addition, the importance of uncertainty in e.g. parameter values and model assumptions for the uncertainty in the model output will be assessed. This phase can be subdivided into a number of different steps:



### Step 1. Model calibration

This involves the estimation of uncertain model parameters by fitting the model to observations (data). This may be necessary when one or more model parameters cannot be directly and reliably determined from available data. Comparing the goodness of fit between different model versions also provides information about the importance of model assumptions for producing realistic model output. One should be aware that sometimes a calibration can result in something like "right for the wrong reason". Examples of good modelling practices for this step can be found here: [GMP - Model calibration](#).

### Step 2. Model validation

## Programming and code verifica

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A sensitivity analysis determines how the model output changes in response to deviations of model parameters from their default value or deviations from the default model structure. In this way, model parameters and assumptions with a relatively high influence on the model output can be identified in particular. The empirical and theoretical evidence basis to support these parameter values and model assumptions is of particular importance. Examples of good modelling practices for this step are given in the table below.

**Table with GMP for sensitivity analysis**

Method	Description/Possible questions	Literature and examples
Determine for what sources of uncertainty you want to calculate the sensitivity of the model output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>What do you expect to be the most important and uncertain assumptions underlying the model?</li></ul>	EFSA (2014) - 9.1 STOWA/RIZA (1999) - Part I: 4.3
Determine the endpoint for which the sensitivity should be calculated		Jakeman (2018) - 5.4.2
Determine appropriate ranges across which to vary input data and model parameter values in the sensitivity analysis		Wallach (2019) Pianosi (2016)
<b>Examples of methods for conducting sensitivity analysis</b>		
Structural sensitivity analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>This analysis determines the effect of one or more changes in the model structure on the model output. The model</li></ul>	

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Waar ligt de verantwoordelijkheid?**

# Bedankt voor jullie inbreng!

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