

OCTOBER 20TH 2021

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through nature-based solutions*

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20th October, Conference Programme (time in CEST)

09:00 - 09:05 Welcome

- Dr. Sebastiaan van Herk, Conference Host

09:05 - 09:15 Conference opening

- Rik van der Linden, Alderman City of Dordrecht

09:15 - 09:30 Keynote speakers: The vision for liveable cities

- Dr. Anjes Tjarks, Senator City of Hamburg (online)

09:30 - 10:30 Interactive Talk Show: Creating liveable cities, the state of the art and the practice

- Dr. Robbert Snep, Wageningen University
- McKenna Davis, Ecologic Institute (online)
- Paul Sayers, Director Sayers and Partners
- Jens Thoms Ivarsson, Rain Gothenburg
- Ellen Kelder, City of Dordrecht
- Magnar Sekse, City of Bergen
- Lien Engels, City of Antwerp
- And you...

10:30 - 11:00 COFFEE BREAK

IN-PARALLEL HYBRID SESSIONS (select one):

DELIVERING EFFECTIVE NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE CHALLENGES

11:00 - 12:30 In-parallel hybrid Session 1:

Climate Change Adaptation and Nature-based Solutions

Adding meaning and purpose: Delivering effective NBS-projects in an increasingly complex and changing context.

Speakers

- Michiel van Driessche, Felixx Landscape Architects
- Katharine Cross, Water-Cities and Australian Water Partnership (online)

In-person facilitation

- Dr. William Veerbeek, IHE Delft Institute for Water Education
- Marie Rødsten Sagen, City of Bergen

Online facilitation

- Prof. Richard Ashley, University of Sheffield

11:00 - 12:30 In-parallel hybrid Session 2:

People, Society and Nature-based Solutions

Three cities, one story: Green and water as a leverage for liveability in vulnerable neighbourhoods

Speaker

- Lot Locher - One Architecture & Urbanism (online)

City representatives

- Malin Finlöf, City of Gothenburg
- Ellen Kelder, City of Dordrecht
- Eva Naessens, City of Ghent

In-person facilitation

- Berry Gersonius, City of Dordrecht

Online facilitation

- Dr. Lizet Kuitert, Erasmus University Rotterdam

11:00 - 12:30 In-parallel hybrid Session 3:

Health, Wellbeing and Nature-based Solutions

A city for healthy people and healthy nature: How to maximise health benefits before, during and after interventions

Speakers

- Saira, City of Bradford (online)
- Dr. Liz Sharp, University of Sheffield (online)

In-person facilitation

- Jannes Willems, University of Amsterdam
- Chris Eaton, City of Bradford
- Andrew Mindham, City of Bradford

Online facilitation

- Anna Kenyon, University of Central Lancashire
- Syd Simpson, City of Bradford
- Richard Middleton, City of Bradford

11:00 - 12:30 In-parallel hybrid Session 4:

Multifunctional and multi-benefit Nature-based Solutions

Re-greening cities for multiple benefits: How to introduce more greening into the city more effectively and the practicalities

Speakers

- Karen Van Eeden, City of Aberdeen (online)
- Lina-Elvira Back, City of Aberdeen (online)
- Stefan Kraatz, City of Hamburg (online)
- Dr. Gabriele Goennert, City of Hamburg (online)

- Bronwyn Buntine, Kent County (online)
- Chris Digman, Stantec

In-person facilitation

- Dr. Gabriele Goennert, LSBG, Hamburg
- Stefan Kraatz, LSBG, Hamburg

Online facilitation/Speakers

- Louise Walker, CIRIA
- Adrien Baudrimont, CIRIA

12:30 - 14:00 LUNCH BREAK & WALKING TOUR

14:00 - 14:05 Opening afternoon session

14:05 - 14:20 EU programmes and funding opportunities

- Christian Byrith, Head of Secretariat Interreg NSR (online)
- Albin Hunia, Interreg Advisor, RVO

14:20 - 14:55 Next Level project ideas pitches

14:55 - 15:00 Closing of online event

START OF IN-PERSON ONLY EVENT

15:00 - 15:30 COFFEE BREAK

15:30 - 16:30 Networking, matchmaking and project creation

16:30 - 16:55 What is the Next Level?

- You...
- Reflections by Jenny Thomsen, Secretariat Interreg NSR

16:55 - 17:00 Conference closure

17:00 - 18:00 NEXT LEVEL DRINKS

Conference organisers

- Ellen Kelder, City of Dordrecht
- Berry Gersonius, City of Dordrecht

Conference facilitators

- Dr. Sebastiaan van Herk, Bax & Company
- Sofia Aivalioti, Bax & Company

19th October, Social Activities Programme (time in CEST)

In parallel activities from 15:00 to 17:00 - reservation is required

Visit to the exhibition THE HIGH GROUND

It's now 600 years ago that Dordrecht was struck by what was perhaps the greatest flood disaster in the history of the Low Countries: the Saint Elizabeth's Flood. It made the city into an island, which to this day is very vulnerable to flooding. So water safety is clearly of the highest possible priority. Over the past two years, the IABR (International Architecture Biennale Rotterdam) Atelier Dordrecht, under its lead designer Adriaan Geuze (West 8), has investigated how the future need for self-sufficiency in the event of a major flood can be deployed in the search for an answer to the current sustainable area development challenge: How can water safety be used as leverage? The conclusions of the research are presented in the exhibition THE HIGH GROUND.

[CLICK HERE](#) to reserve your spot (space is limited)

Bicycle tour to Dordwijkzone City Park

Dordrecht wants to realize 10,000 extra homes without affecting the spatial quality. This presents the challenge of applying smart spatial solutions within the limited space of the existing city. The Dordwijkzone runs from north to south through the city and is currently not optimally designed, fragmented and poorly accessible. This blue-green corridor will play an important role in keeping the city attractive, healthy and resistant to extreme weather. The Dordwijkzone is being transformed into City Park XXL: a valuable city park full of opportunities for nature, recreation and culture. Important features of the transformation into City Park XXL are offering a more varied programme, enhancing the experience of nature and increasing the involvement of residents.

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