



May 13  
8:30 – 13:00  
Meeting Room 17

Topic: Adaptation in different sectors

## **Governing climate adaptation: how to promote change towards more flood resilient cities in northern Europe**

### **Method(s) used for workshop:**

#### *Objective*

The objective of this session is to develop better insights in how climate adaptation strategies and related governance arrangements change over time and what factors can explain such change. Understanding these changes is in our opinion a necessary condition for promoting them. To make the discussion concrete we will focus on the domain of flood risk management in the northern European countries of the Netherlands, UK and Sweden.

The session will be a coproduction by researchers and practitioners. Since 2012, over 30 policy analysts and legal scholars involved in the STAR-FLOOD project have thoroughly collected and analysed detailed information about (changes in) flood risk management strategies and governance arrangements in 6 EU member States and 18 urban regions. It appears that there is no one size fits all solution, due to differences in physical and institutional context. Practitioners will give their own perspective on recent changes in their country or city and how these changes were induced. Then, the audience, researchers and practitioners will engage in an interactive, facilitated discussion on how changes can be explained and promoted in practice, and how differences in context influence the factors that enable change towards more flood resilient cities.

#### *Expected outcome*

- Shared insights in stability and change in flood risk management strategies and governance arrangements, factors that explain change and stability and similarities and differences between EU Member States.
- Identification of good practices in improving flood risk management strategies across countries and tools that policymakers / practitioners can use to influence climate adaptation and promote resilient cities.

#### *Involved actors*

- Convener: Tom Raadgever (Grontmij), Chair: Prof. Peter Driessen (Utrecht University)
- Presenters/panellists (research): Researchers (public administration & legal scholars) from the Netherlands, England and Sweden involved in the country and case studies, as well as researchers involved in the country comparison.
- Presenters/panellists (policy/practice): Policymakers / practitioners from the Netherlands, England and Sweden.



- Intended audience: Actors with their own experience in promoting change in flood risk management or other climate change adaptation domains from all EU Member States (focus northern Europe).

### Draft Programme

Time	Programme
08:30 – 08:35	Introduction of session Chairman: Prof. dr. P.P.J. (Peter) Driessen, Utrecht University
08:35 – 08:45	STAR-FLOOD: towards more resilient flood risk governance (presentation) Presenter: Dr.Ir. G.T. (Tom) Raadgever, Grontmij
08:45 – 08:55	Flood Risk Governance Arrangements in the Netherlands (presentation) Presenter: Prof. mr. H. F.M.W. (Marleen) van Rijswick, Utrecht University
08:55 – 09:05	Adaptation through urban change - a happy marriage? (presentation) Presenter: Peter van Veelen, City of Rotterdam
09:05 – 09:20	Q&A and discussion about the Netherlands (discussion) Moderator: Prof. dr. P.P.J. (Peter) Driessen, Utrecht University
09:20 – 09:30	Studying the past to determine the future: Opportunities and barriers to affecting change in flood risk governance in England (presentation) Presenter: Colin Green or Meghan Alexander, Middlesex University
09:30 – 09:40	London Sustainable Drainage Action Plan – shifting responsibilities for surface water flood risk management (presentation) Presenter: Alex Nickson, City of London
09:40 – 09:55	Q&A and discussion about England (discussion) Moderator: Prof. dr. P.P.J. (Peter) Driessen, Utrecht University
09:55 – 10:05	Flood Risk Governance Arrangements in Sweden (presentation) Presenter: Prof. Kristina Ek / Prof. Maria Pettersson, Lulea University
10:05 – 10:15	Gothenburg's climate adaptation strategies on short and long term (presentation) Presenter: Ulf Moback, City of Gothenburg
10:15 – 10:30	Q&A and discussion about Sweden (discussion) Moderator: Prof. dr. P.P.J. (Peter) Driessen, Utrecht University
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 11:10	Lessons from comparison between the six STAR-FLOOD countries (presentation) Presenter: dr. J.D. (Duncan) Liefferink, Radboud University Nijmegen
11:10 – 11:20	Q&A and discussion about comparison
11:20 – 12:20	Interactive discussion with panel and audience on good practices and tools (using propositions) Moderator: Prof. dr. P.P.J. (Peter) Driessen, Utrecht University
12:20 – 12:30	Concluding remarks by chairman Prof. dr. P.P.J. (Peter) Driessen, Utrecht University