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# **FLOATING URBANISATION**

Researching the preconditions for urban development on surface water in the Netherlands

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# 'I am worried, although not about the Dutch capacity to manage the rising sea levels'

Ties Rijcken (TU Delft)





KuiperCompagnons - Omarm de chaos, Jan Rotmans

# What are the preconditions for the development of floating urbanisation in the Netherlands?









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# Definition

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A piece of water or land that can be flooded has been given an urban purpose and the constructed buildings are adaptable to changing water levels



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Knowledge & skills	Regulation & legislation	Exploitation & economy	Infrastructure & planning	Technology & scale	Environment & ecology	Public perception

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#### Waterbuurt West



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1 conditions as they are now make floating urbanisation possible

2 gaining knowledge and experience

3 improving the conditions will probably enhance the amount of projects

4 appropriate location (short term, long term)

#### **Recommendations**

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Society

1 understand the need

2 explore design possibilities

3 learn from practice

### Floating urbanisation guide for municipalities suggestions for action to get the most out of floating urbanisation projects

Guide

	process level observations	governance level suggestions action	means	partners	institutional level suggestions
Public perception	is floating urbanisation the solution to combine the built environment with rising water levels?	compare floating urbanisation with other water adaptive solutions within the context of the location and the water management system	research initiate or contribute to (scientific) research, applied to a specific location	research institute	
Regulation	limited legal instruments available (because it is movable property)	learn from the legal solutions in realised floating urbanisation projects	advise consult a legal advisor that understands how the current legal instruments can be utilised in this project	legal advisor national lawmaker	two possible adjustments to the law: make the legal instruments available for movable property or regard floating buildings immovable property in some situations*
and legislation	building regulations are not sufficient	watch out! the applicability of the building regulations is limited (tidal water and waterways are excluded) and they merely focus on strength and stability	<b>tender</b> use the tender requirements to fill the gaps of the building regulations	national lawmaker	<ul> <li>adaptation of the building regulations with rules that are better tuned in to the practice of floating urbanisation and do not exempt most of the Dutch water</li> </ul>
Exploitation and economy	preparing the water and realising floating buildings is more expensive than a similar project on land	be aware that a sound business case for affordable housing on the water is hard due to the high costs	<b>policy</b> increase the number of units to create economies of scale	project developer architect	
	utilities are not fit for installation on floating objects	be aware that extra attention is needed to install utilities for floating buildings	<b>tender</b> include self-sufficiency in the tender requirements or involve utilty companies in an early stage	utility companies national lawmaker	<ul> <li>adjust the building regulations to make self-sufficient buildings easier (with regards to drinking water, electricity, sewage)</li> </ul>
and planning	what are the possible locations?	research into available and appropriate locations, analysis of the building typology that suits the location	<b>policy</b> use the policy instruments to allocate functions to the water. Floating urbanisation just one of the functions	-	
Technology	little innovative designs (houses that could have been built on land)	use the strenghts of the water to enhance the design (unusual shape, temporality, diversity)	tender stimulate design innovation in the tender requirements, use the experience of developers to prepare the tender	developers of floating urbanisation	
and scale	what scale of floating urbanisation is wanted?	take into account that water serves a public purpose, large scale projects should also add to public space (not only take it away)	<b>policy</b> consider the aim of the new project and regulate the scale of the project through policy	-	
Environment and ecology	long term influence on environment and ecology is unknown, water quality could be diminished	(scientific) research into possibilities to stimulate the environment and ecology and the the long term negative impact due to floating urbanisation	tender / subsidy tender the research or subsidise exologists that do the research	scientists	regulate the maximum impact and/or minimum ecological addition that these projects should have
Knowledge and skills	lack of knowledge about the development process	learn from existing projects	evaluation experiment with projects and evaluate gather knowledge other projects	- other municipalities	
	gained knowledge is barely shared, loss of information when people are succeeded	make these available to other interested parties	share knowledge publish the evaluation and share within the organisation	-	

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Master thesis: TU Delft, Management in the Built environment

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