Elaboration of the Dutch Olympic approach  
Design of decision support instruments for multiple Olympic urban decision arenas

**Problem statement:** With the Olympic Plan 2028, the Netherlands launched their dream to organize the Olympic Games of 2028. Because the proportions of Dutch cities are too limited to accommodate the Olympic Games, the Olympic Plan 2028 should be approached as a national project, wherein both the national (top-down) and urban (bottom-up) interests are considered. Because of the financial involvement of both national and urban authorities in the (possible) realization of the Olympic Plan 2028, the objectives from both spatial scale levels in relation to the organization of the Olympic Games and, furthermore, the willingness of the market parties to develop the Olympic program are essential components for the success of the Olympic Plan 2028. However, the Dutch Olympic approach would require multiple decision arenas and, therefore, is time-consuming.

**Objective:** The initiative phase is the stage in Urban Area Development (UAD) processes where complexity is most substantial. Furthermore, the decreasing manageability in the contemporary practice of UAD processes, changed the task of steering and managing the development of urban areas. One of the methodological-technological and instrumental answers to the decreasing manageability could be the help of decision support instruments. The purpose of this thesis, for that reason, would be the design of multiple decision support instruments, which facilitate the decision-making of the Dutch Olympic UAD process, so that there can be steered on the content of decision-making. The design of these instruments, eventually, should contribute to an improved and accelerated decision-making process of realizing the Olympic Plan 2028.

**Results:** For the implementation of decision support instruments in the Dutch Olympic approach, the following preconditions should be taken into account:  
(1) The involvement of decision makers in the determination of relevant issues to be discussed in the decision arena;  
(2) The involvement of decision makers in the design of the decision support instrument;  
(3) Providing accurate technical circumstances for operating an decision arena;  
(4) Adequate management of the systems engineer in the decision arena;  
(5) The overall management of the Dutch Olympic approach.