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SURE Network Meetings | January 19, 2023

Location: Heerlen, The Netherlands & MS Teams (online)

Morning Meeting

Next Generation Podium Research agenda - SURE Scientific Board Meeting

Attendees:

In person (Heerlen)

- 4 representatives from City of Amsterdam (Urban Planning & Sustainability Dept)
- 2 representatives from Delta Metropolis Association
- 1 representative from University of Aachen (Urban planning department)
- 2 representatives from TU Delft (Bouwkunde)
- 2 representatives from City of the Hague
- 1 representative from Province Zuid-Holland
- 1 representative from Brussels (Perspectives)
- + 2 representatives from Parkstad Limburg – joined at the end

Online

- 1 representative from TU Delft
- 1 representative from Delta Metropolis Association
- 1 representative from Institute for Transnational & Euregional cross border cooperation & mobility, Limburg

The Eurodelta organizes Next Generation Podium yearly. This is a yearly symposium hosted online and partially in-person, with the goal to include the young minds in the vision development of the Eurodelta development, while creating a knowledge platform to exchange solutions and initiatives in and around the megaregion. This is done through dialogues between experts from research and practice, students and young professionals in a range of fields related to architecture and design, geography, economics, sustainability, and spatial planning.

The main discussion topic of the morning session was the agenda of the Next Generation Podium. The attendees of this session (physical and online) included representatives of different partners that make up the SURE Network and representatives of academic institutions/universities that make up the Scientific Board; all from The Netherlands, Belgium and Germany.

During the meeting, a brief history of SURE was provided, followed by a presentation on the Next Generation Podium 2023, where details of the 2023 edition were presented including dates, potential themes and plans to develop a long-term plan for Next Generation Podium.

This first meeting session also included a pitch from TU Delft representatives (Bouwkunde department – Urbanism), focusing on the work on Port Cities, as well as relevant courses and programs to the Next Generation Podium agenda.

Main conclusions:

- Next Generation Podium 2023 will consist of 2 sessions (March & May 2023) instead of 1 week like done in previous years
 - March 2023: Lunch forums (+ online lectures) & office open days (live)



- May 2023: 2-day workshop
- Dates have been confirmed and invites will be sent out soon; details to be finalized in upcoming weeks
- Tentative themes for Next Generation Podium 2023: Circular Delta, Accessible Delta, Inclusive Delta
- The topic of water requires further clarity and emphasis in the context of the themes proposed for Next Generation Podium 2023
- Short term priority: the details and logistics of Next Generation Podium 2023 (including finding speakers and locations of office open days)
- Long term priority: 3-5 year plan and research agenda for Next Generation Podium

Action items:

- Adjustments to be made to what was presented on Next Generation Podium based on the feedback/input from the group – especially themes of 2023 edition
- Need to look for common interest when it comes to the topic of water & a real rationale (mission statement) for being involved in UN Waterweek; not only because we are participating
- Deltametropolis Association & Braun Urban focus on the 'short-term': Next Generation Podium 2023
- SURE Network to focus on the long term of Next Generation Podium & to formulate an agenda for next few years (**3-5 year plan**)
- SURE Network to also focus on other 'long-term' elements: finding grants to apply for, financing and further collaboration opportunities, etc.





Afternoon Meeting

Strategic SURE Network meeting - workplan and presentation

Attendees:

In Person: Heerlen

- 4 representatives from City of Amsterdam (Urban Planning & Sustainability Dept)
- 1 representative from University of Aachen (Urban planning department)
- 2 representatives from City of the Hague
- 1 representative from Province Zuid-Holland
- 1 representative from Brussels (Perspectives)
- 1 representative from Parkstad Limburg

Online

- 1 representative from METREX
- 1 representative from City of Lille (Circular Economy focus)

The main discussion topic of the afternoon session was the Strategic SURE Network Workplan. This session also included a presentation from Prof. Christa Reicher of the University of Aachen (Germany) on an ongoing project regarding the Spatial Strategy Zuid-Limburg and the informal planning practice of the 'Rivier Rheinland' in Euregionale Context.

The attendees of this session (physical and online) included representatives of different partners that make up the SURE Network; all from The Netherlands, Belgium, Germany and France (Lille).

The main discussion points regarding the workplan for the SURE Network included the roles and the current structure of partner involvement/collaboration within SURE, as well as the details of the agenda for 2023.

Main conclusions:

- Agenda 2023 consists of 2 working groups (*Smart Mobility* and *The Circular Delta: Smart Circular Transition*), Next Generation Podium 2023, Meet & learns (one a month) and various upcoming meetings to be coordinated accordingly
- Need to continue to build on the SURE Network – more partners especially France, Belgium and Germany
- Adjustments to be made to tagline and objective/vision for SURE Network based on feedback from group
- The current partner involvement/collaboration structure need to be adjusted
- Parkstad Limburg is interested in being an active partner in the SURE Network

Action items:

- For current partners to use own networks to bring on more partners (especially France, Belgium & Germany)
- To review and possibly adjust the tagline and objective/vision for SURE Network to be more appropriate, catchy and concise
- To adjust the current structure of the SURE Network from strategic team & observers to:
 - 1) Strategic team, 2) Stakeholders/active members, 3) observers
- To start the process of making Parkstad Limburg as an active member of the SURE Network
- To plan Working Group meetings for the different work programs and start a new Working group mobility