

# Rotterdam Climate Resilient Delta City

Approach; Governance; Implementation;  
Mainstreaming; Stakeholders



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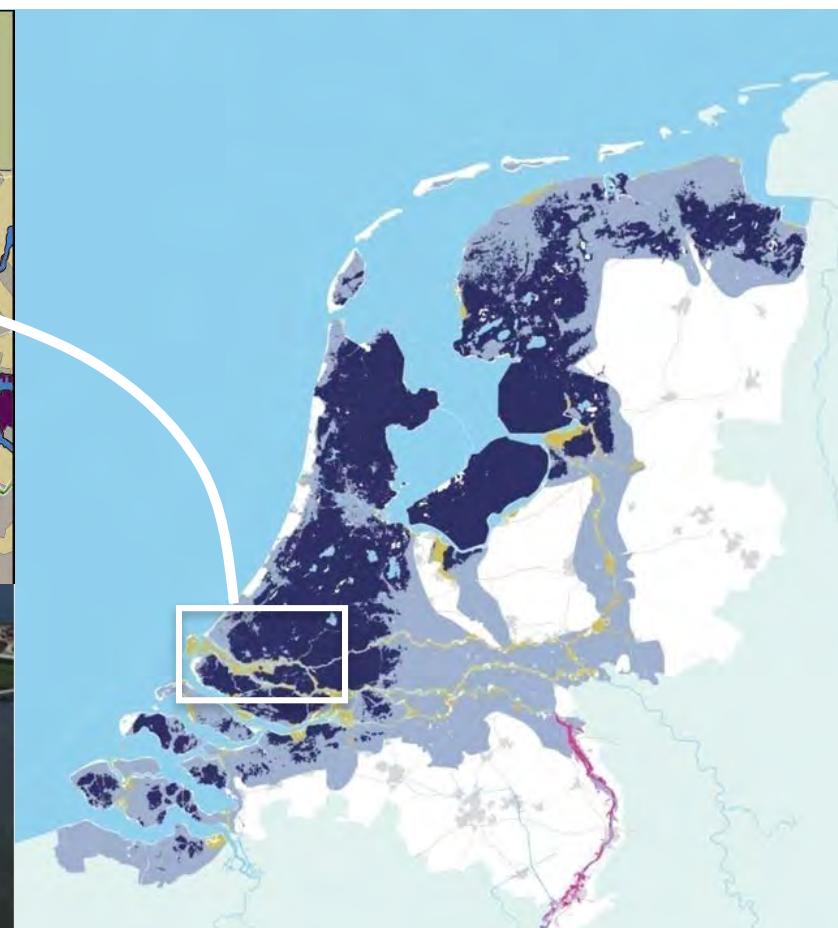
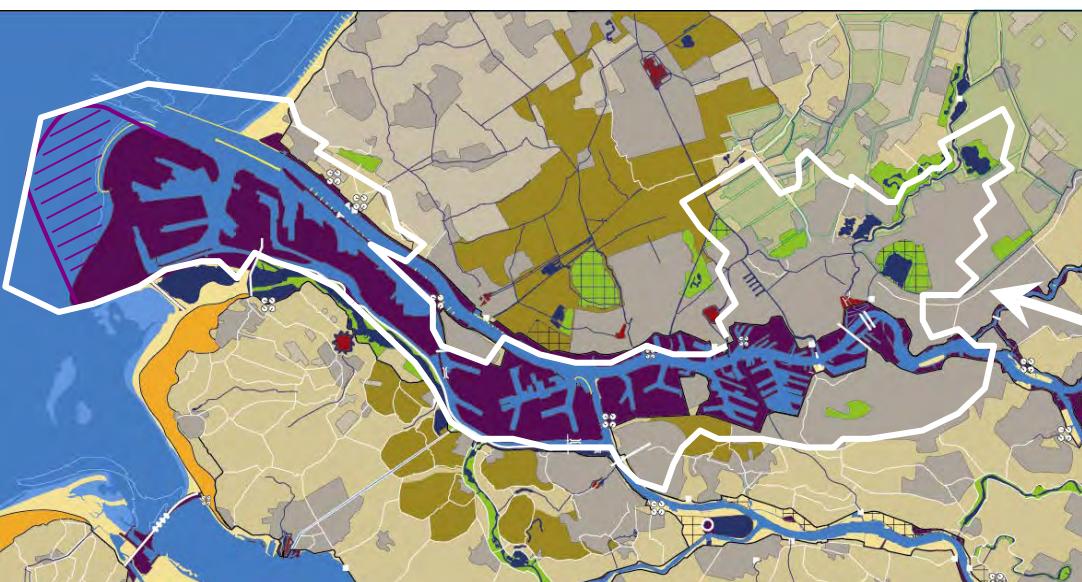
# Rotterdam Resilient Port City

## City

Area : 320 km2  
Inhabitants: 625.000  
Nationalities: 175  
Municipal Budget: 4,2 billion Euro's

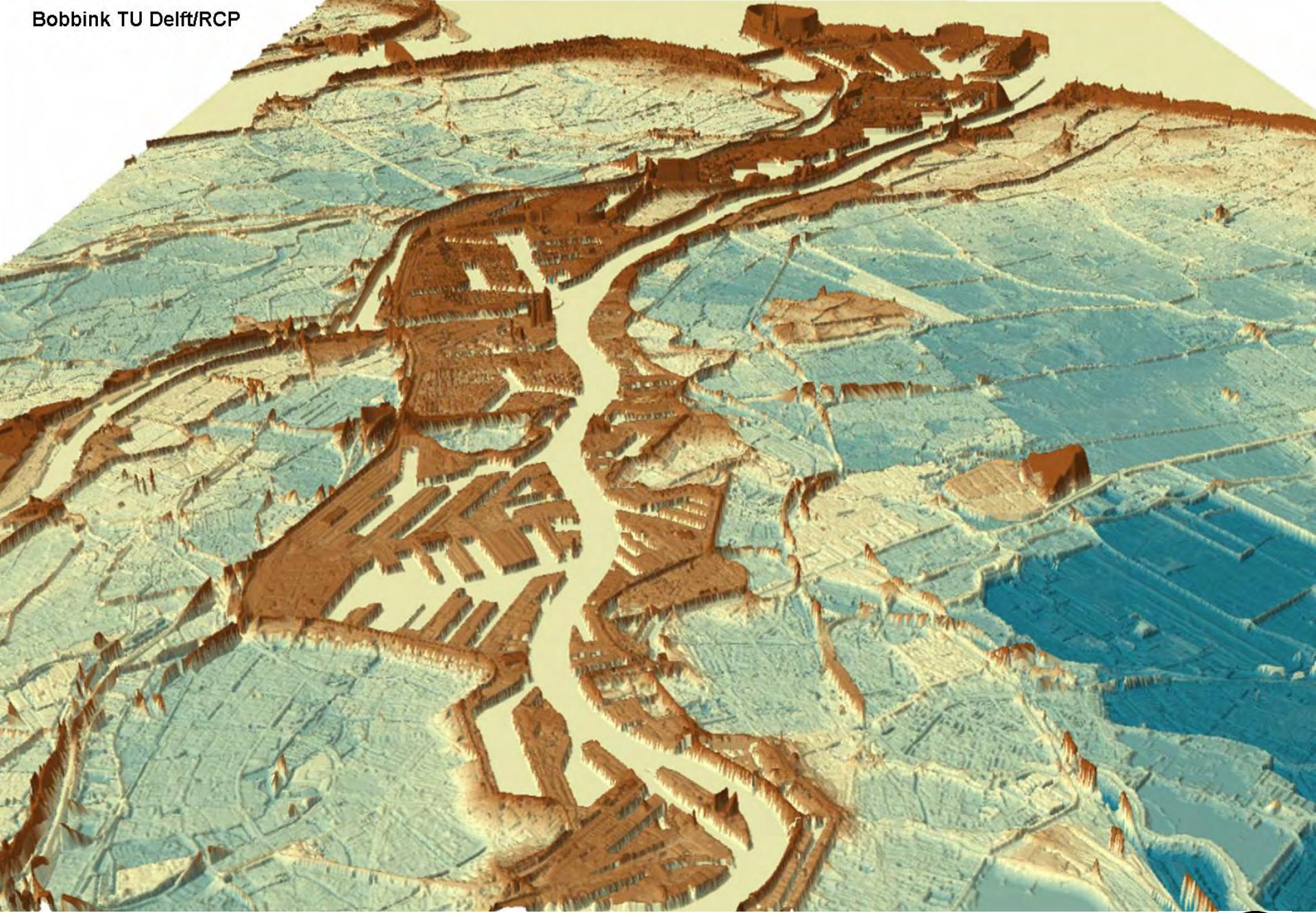
## Port

Area: 105 km2 (50 km2 commercial sites)  
Length of port area: 45 km.  
Direct employment: over 70,000 jobs  
Goods throughput: over 400 million tonnes of goods per annum  
Shipping: 33,000 sea-going vessels and 110,000 inland vessels per annum





# Challenges



Topo map: above (brown) and below (blue) sea level



Ongoing urban development...



2nd July 2011 | Copenhagen | more than 150 mm of rain fell in 2 hours causing an estimated 6 billion € of damage



# 7 Dec 2015: FLOODING IN THE UK



# June 2016/2017: Flooded Seine River in Paris hits 6m





# 23 Juni Randstad: Damage estimated 20 miljn euro





# Effects related to Climate Change



Flooding Noordereiland



Water quality



Excessive rain fall



Levee breakthrough (drought)



Inundated cellars



Heat waves



# The Process



# Water = Urban Quality...



# Rotterdam climate change adaptation strategy

## Holistic, multi-level and multi-stakeholder strategy



Robust and resilient



Sewerage + watersquare



Protection and moving in tune



Dikes + adaptive building en design



Delta works, small scale projects



Storm surge barriers + 'Remove tile, plant greening'



Technology and nature



Pumping + green banks

# Timeline Rotterdam's transition process towards a resilient delta city



Water

+ Spatial Planning

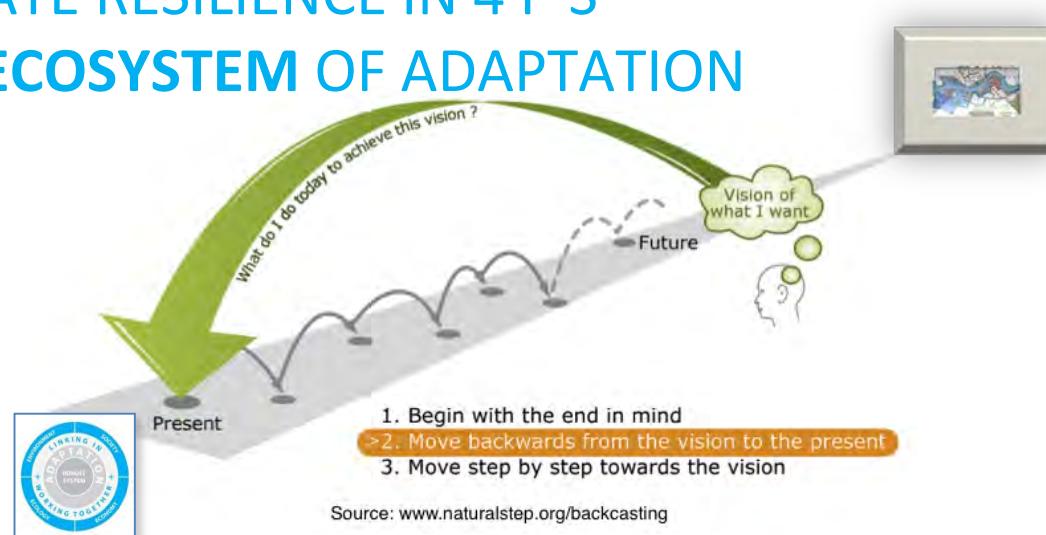
+ Climate Change

+ Resilience (wide spectrum)



# Rotterdam Approach (10 principles)

1. TRANSFORM CHALLENGE'S INTO OPPORTUNITIES
2. ADD VALUE: CREATE A BETTER CITY (HOLISTIC)
3. USING WATER AS A DESIGNING PRINCIPLE
4. INVEST IN MULTI BENEFIT SOLUTIONS
5. LONG TERM VISION WITH SHARED OWNERSHIP
6. SHORT TERM ACTION PLAN
7. LEARNING BY DOING: START NO REGRET MEASURES
8. UPSCALE FROM OBJECT TO DISTRICT TO CITY SCALE
9. EMBED CLIMATE RESILIENCE IN 4 P'S
10. CREATE AN ECOSYSTEM OF ADAPTATION

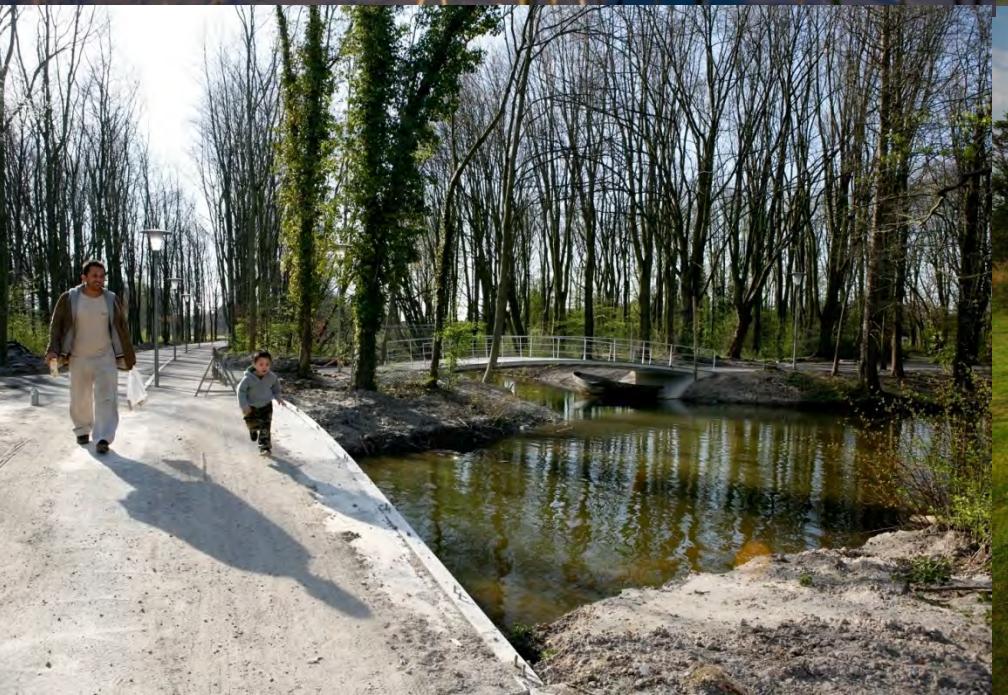




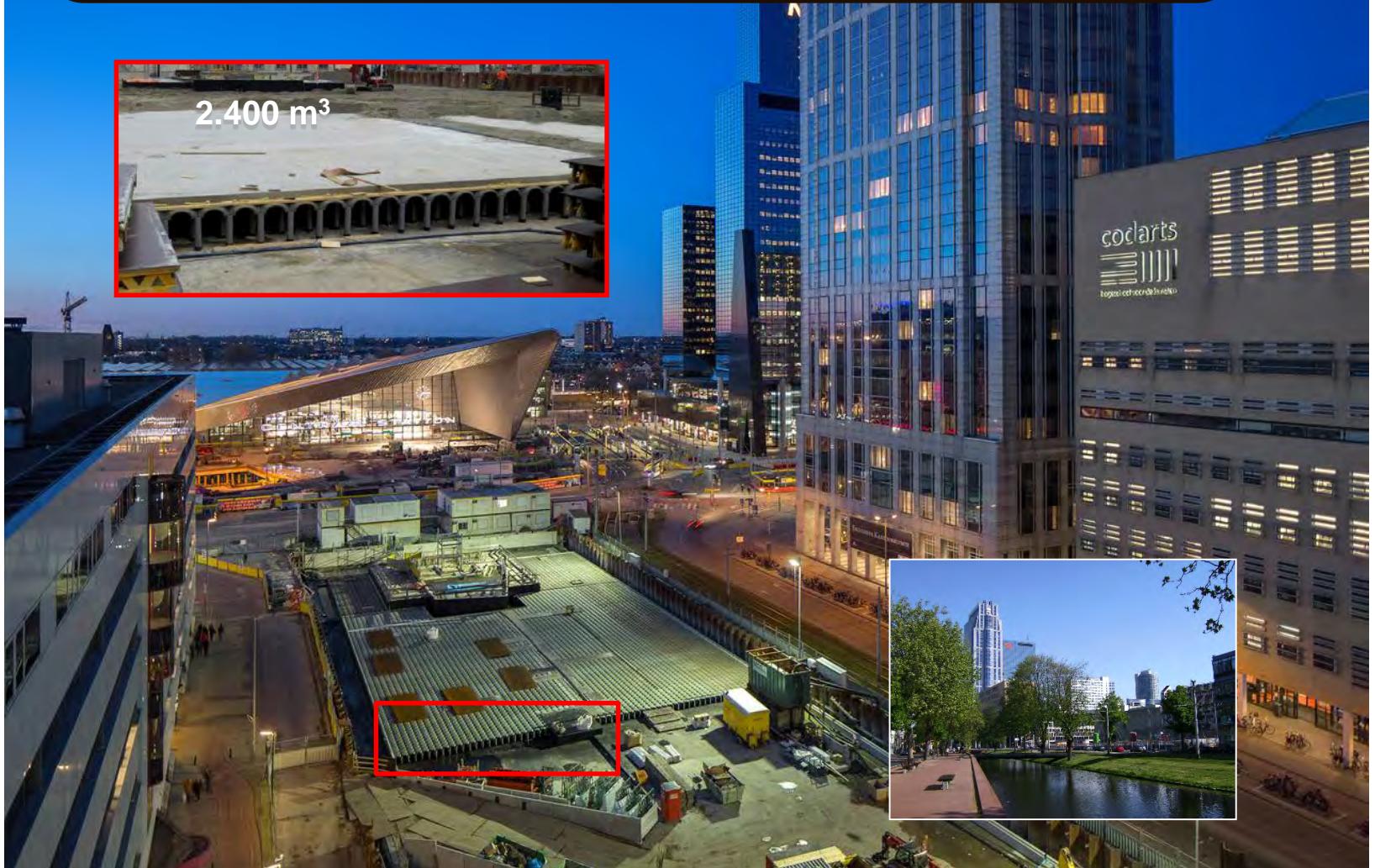
# Implementation



# Multifunctional Solutions



# INTEGRATED URBAN PLANNING



Extended canal: waterstorage Kruisplein



# Water square Bentemplein...



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...AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE BY DESIGN...





# Urban Floodplain

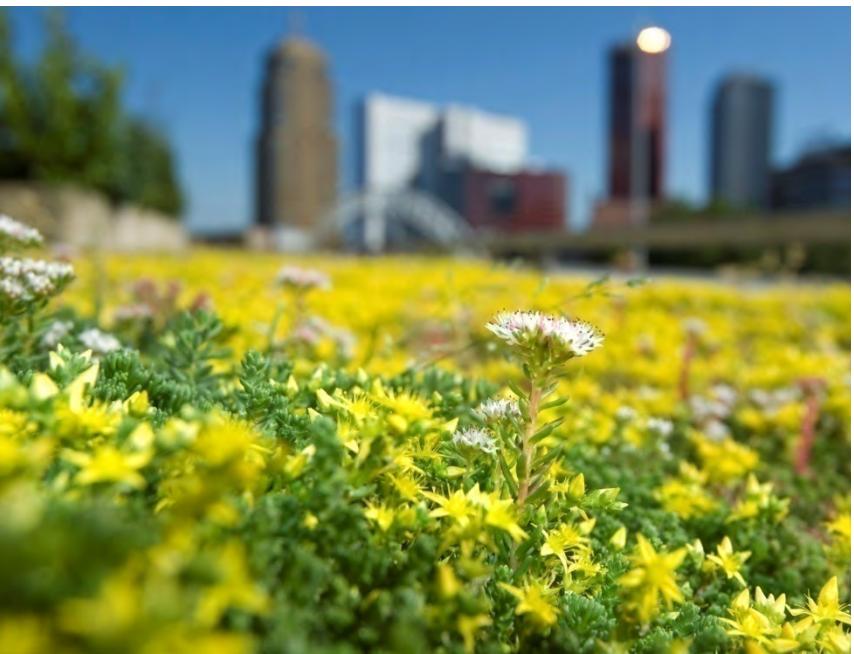


## PLAY GROUND & WATER SQUARE FREDERIKSPLAAT



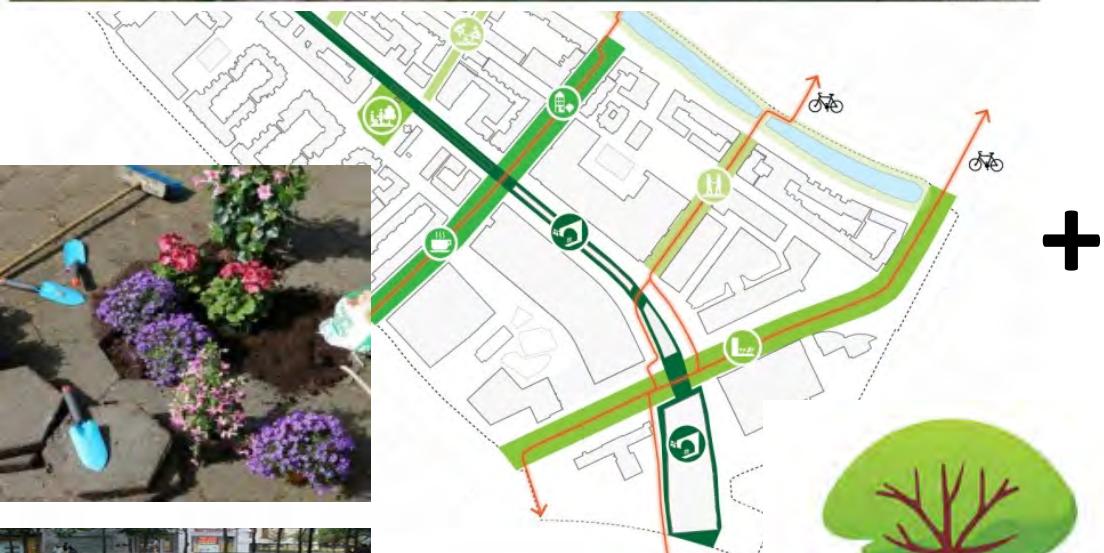


## Green Roofs Program: community involvement



# ZOHO: First Climate Proof District

Building a green framework and programmatic clusters for and with the neighbourhood



# Rotterdam climate change adaptation strategy

## Perspective for the climate resilient delta city

Illustrative reproduction of the possibilities for climate adaptation for different types of city districts

- What **measures** could we apply here?
- Which **stakeholders** are important to play a role?
- What **value** is added by those measures?
- Which stakeholders **profit**?



City centre



River zone districts



Urban districts near centre



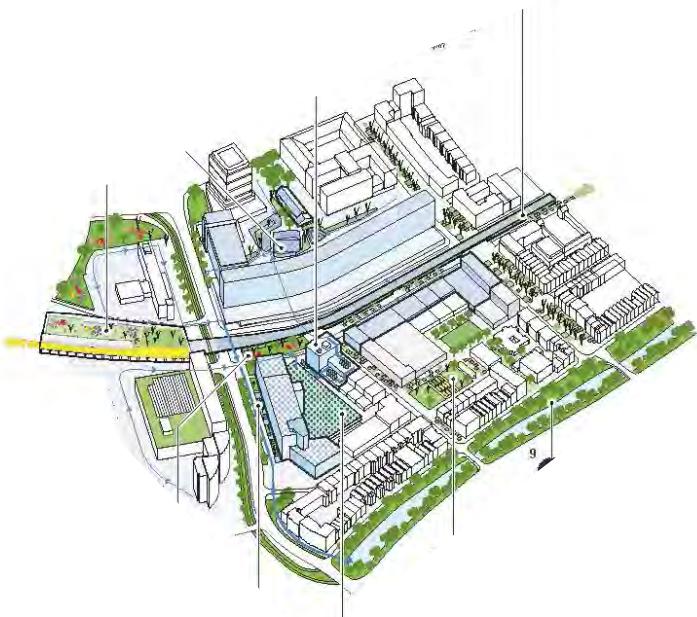
Port areas



Suburbs



City-Port



DE URBANISTEN



FROM PILOT TO MAINSTREAM

# Water Sensitive Rotterdam



POST-OFFICE



7 SEASONS



DE URBANISTEN

GREENING HOFBOGEN = WORK IN PROGRESS

DE URBANISTEN



...SEALEVEL RISE - RESILIENCE BY DESIGN...

# Building with Nature: green solutions



- 1: NEW ECO-HABITATS
- 2: REUSE OF SEDIMENTS
- 3: WAVE REDUCTION
- 4: BETTER WATER QUALITY

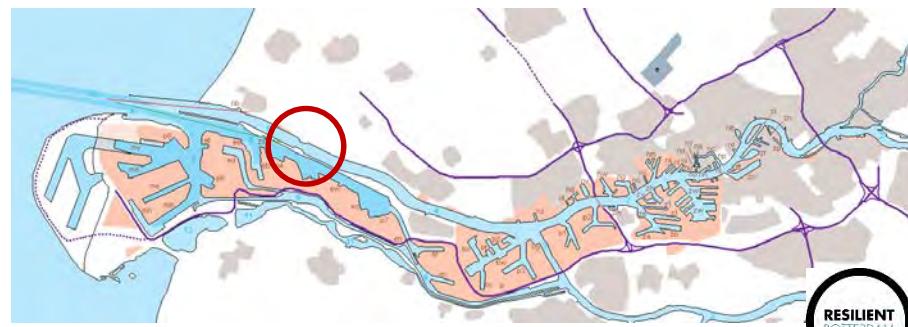


Huidige situatie  
Current



Toekomstige situatie  
Future

## New Business cases



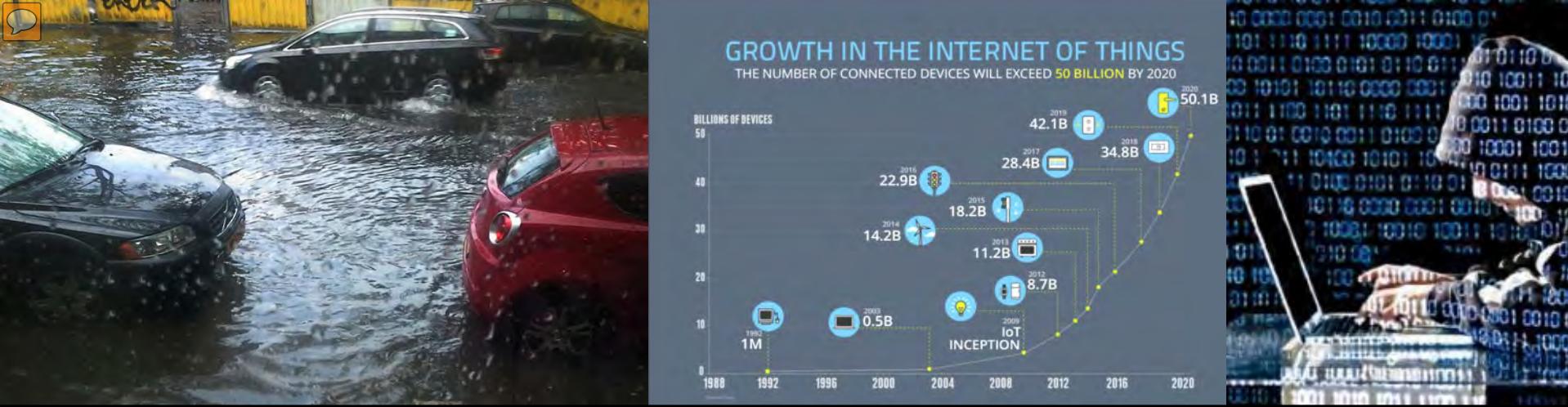


## Opportunity: Adaptive Water Front development



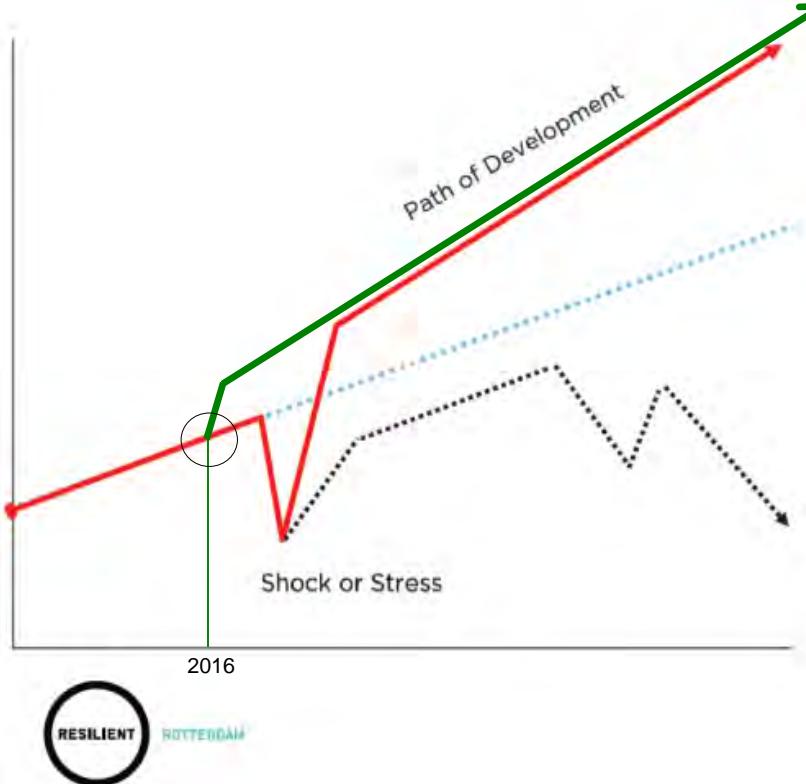


# Next Level



# CHALLENGES





Shocks and stresses can bring opportunities for cities to evolve and in some circumstances transform.

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## SEVEN QUALITIES OF RESILIENCE



### REFLECTIVE

using past experience to inform future decisions



### RESOURCEFUL

recognizing alternative ways to use resources



### ROBUST

well-conceived, constructed, and managed systems



### REDUNDANT

spare capacity purposively created to accommodate disruption



### FLEXIBLE

willingness and ability to adopt alternative strategies in response to changing circumstances



### INCLUSIVE

prioritize broad consultation to create a sense of shared ownership in decision making



### INTEGRATED

bring together a range of distinct systems and institutions

# ROTTERDAM RESILIENCE STRATEGY.

READY FOR THE  
21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

CONSULTATION  
DOCUMENT



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ROTTERDAM.  
MAKE IT  
HAPPEN.



# OUR RESILIENCE GOALS.



1. Rotterdam: A balanced society



2. World port city built on clean and reliable energy



3. Rotterdam Cyber Port City



4. Climate resilient Rotterdam to the next level



5. Infrastructure ready for the 21<sup>st</sup> century



6. Rotterdam Networkcity – truly our city



7. Anchoring resilience in the city

RESILIENCE GOALS.

GOAL 4:

**CLIMATE ADAPTIVE ROTTERDAM  
TO A NEW LEVEL**



**“Climate proof plus cyber  
proof critical infrastructure”**

**“Large scale implementation  
of small scale solutions  
together with citizens”**

**“Next level of integrated  
approach”**

**1.000.000 M<sup>2</sup> SUSTAINABLE  
ROOF LANDSCAPE IN  
ROTTERDAM CITY CENTRE**

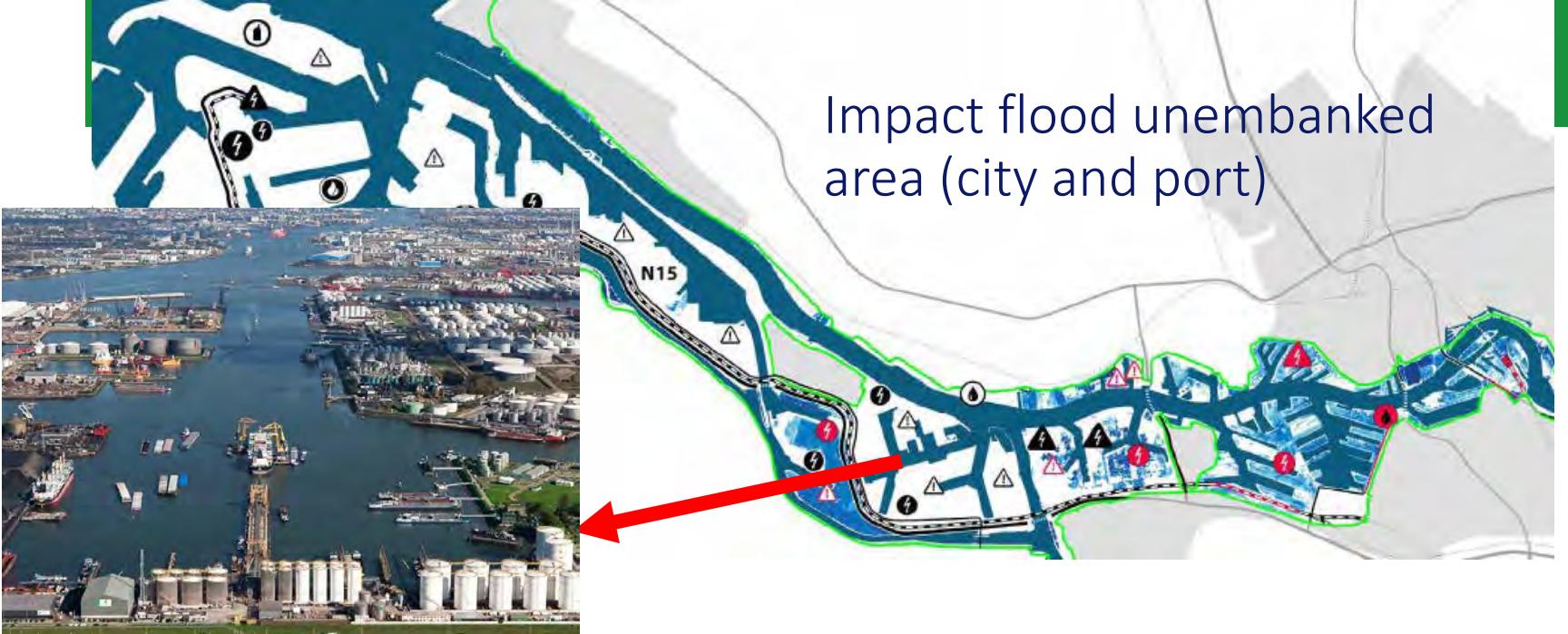




**New York:** black-out by Hurricane Sandy in okt. 2012

Inadequate protection of vital infrastructure

Source: Iwan Baan



## Impact flood unembanked area (city and port)

- Flood probability (1:4.000)

vs

External safety regulation (1:100.000)

Questions addressed via public/private joint fact finding:

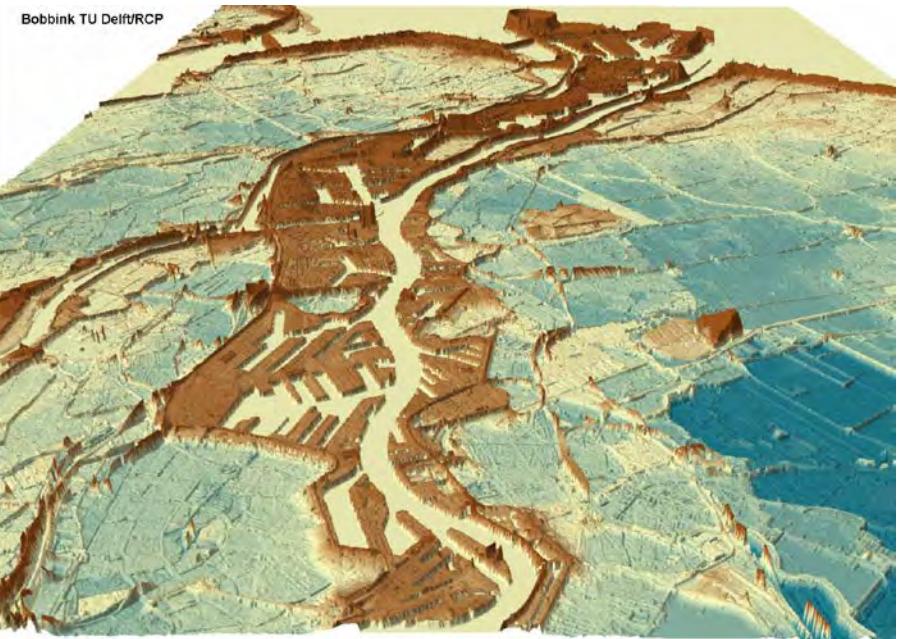
- vulnerability of chemical plants?
- acceptable risk level?

Return period	Direct losses (in billions Euro)	Indirect losses (in billions Euro)	Total losses (in billions Euro)	Time to recover (99% of initial production)
1/10	0.22	0.13	0.35	18 days
1/100	0.44	0.29	0.73	78 days
1/1,000	0.76	0.61	1.37	173 days
1/2,000	0.92	0.83	1.76	255 days
1/4,000	1.10	1.14	2.23	351 days
1/10,000	1.88	2.51	4.39	647 days
EAD (million Euro/year)	36.1	23.4	59.5	

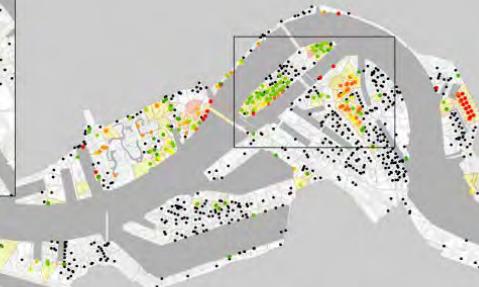
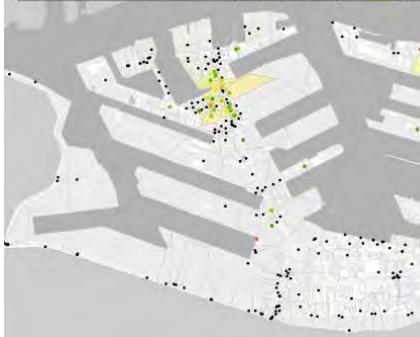
Estimated flood damage is very high due to chain effects

# INFRASTRUCTUUR EN KWESTBAARHEID

Bobbink TU Delft/RCP



## VERTIKAAL EVACUEREN



## FLOODING & ENERGY BREAKDOWN



The historic outer-dike areas are the most vulnerable to damage by flooding



Transformer stations are vulnerable to inundation depths greater than 30 cm



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# SMART CITY

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VULNERABLE!!

**RESILIENCE GOALS.****GOAL 3:  
ROTTERDAM CYBER PORT CITY**

**"Rotterdam aims to be a cyber resilient city and port; an important condition required to attract new business and investment"**

**THE ROTTERDAM  
"DELТАPLAN" CYBER****1. Cyber Aware Society****2. Cyber Competence Improvement****3. Cyber Resilience Desk****4. Cyber Resilience Co-Op****5. Cyber Building Codes****6. Disruption Learning Cycle****7. Cyber Resilience Community of Practice**



# COOPERATION



100RC: “*We help cities around the world become more resilient to the physical, social, and economic challenges that are a growing part of the 21st century*”





Climate  
Adaptation  
Academy

## C40 & Connecting Delta Cities & 100RC

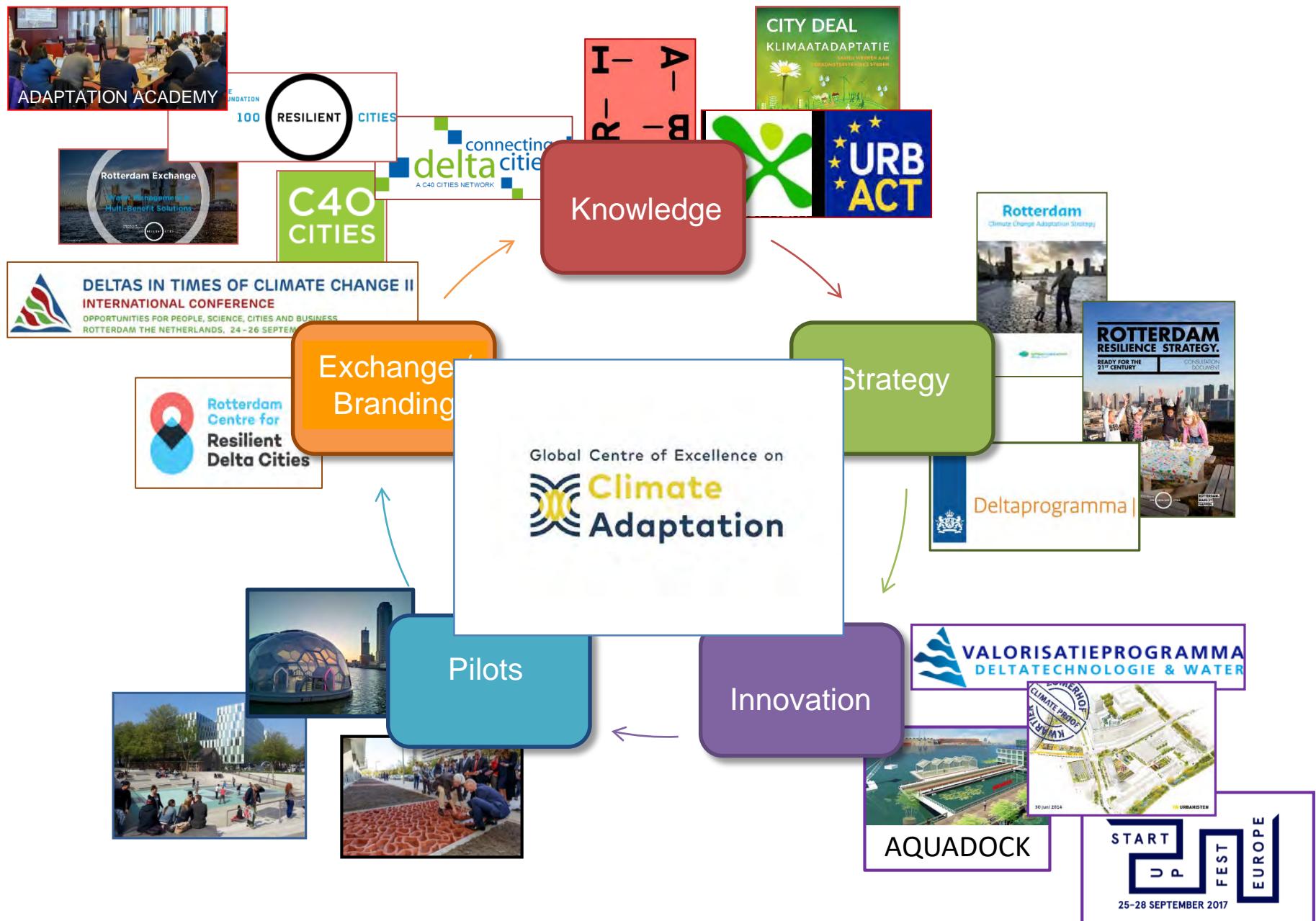


# CLIMATE ADAPTATION ECOSYSTEM ROTTERDAM REGION

## PARTNERS



# ROTTERDAM'S CLIMATE RESILIENCE 'ECOSYSTEM'



# ROTTERDAM IS READY TO SHARE AND TO HELP!

- **APPROACH:** HOLISTIC CLIMATE RESILIENCE STRATEGY
- **SOLUTIONS:** MULTIFUNCTIONAL, USE NATURE & WATER SENSITIVE DESIGN
- **PARTNERS:** KNOWLEDGE INST., CONSULTANCIES & DESIGN BUREAUS

M. BLOOMBERG: “*Each part of the climate change problem has a solution that can make our society healthier & stronger*”

## Thank You!

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