

European Rivers embraced?

Adding values in floodplains by working together

Community based adaptation to climate change along the rivers
Parrett (Somerset), Rijn and Meuse (Netherlands) and Rhein (Nordrhein-Westfalen)

en Maas

Independant event for people eager to reinforce networks, get inspired and connected

Nijmegen 30th January 2015

Friday, 10.30 am 5.00 pm



Invitation



*Maybe you were there exactly one year before at the conference entitled: 'European rivers embraced?' in Nijmegen, January 30th 2014? Then organised with the 'Knowledge for Climate Program' (Kennis voor Klimaat) to present midterm results. Now we are proud to present the final report: **"Inspiration document on adapting to climate change along the Dutch Rivers"**.*



Same time, same place. Everybody present in 2014 as well as some other people are kindly invited to come to Nijmegen once again. Together we'll make this conference into an attractive international event.



Our Motto:
Rivers connect people and countries –
and they speak all languages fluently!

The report will be presented by the author Marnix de Vriend. Some of the report's recommendations will be detailed and discussed as a source of inspiration for involved community members in The Netherlands, the United Kingdom and Germany. Thus we will try to contribute to a trilateral community of people involved in challenges posed by climate change in our flood plains. Can we embrace new solutions and turn the presence of the rivers into a benefit for our future? British experiences in living with floods and forging public private partnerships, German experience in maintaining retention areas and Dutch experience with big solutions as well as sound governance might emerge into even better solutions. This event offers a shared source of inspiration for communities to move forward. Whether it would be at Varik-Heesselt, Xanthen-Rees, Somerset, Köln-Rhodenkirchen or Rijnstrangen. Please do come and contribute!

Provisional program: Speakers and workshops

(confirmed, however can still be subject to alterations)

Marnix de Vriend *“Inspiration document Climate Change Adaptation along the Dutch rivers”*

Barry James, Strategic Commissioning Manager - Community Infrastructure, Somerset County Council on *“What happened in Somerset last Winter/ Spring and how to prevent that with communities in a 20 years Action Plan”*

Thomas Kahlix, Bürgerinitiative Rodenkirchen on *“The role of citizens in stimulating German capabilities in diminishing flood risks along the river Rhine and their potential downstream significance”*

Caspar Pompe, consultant water- and energy management will elaborate on *“The broad and promising potentials of Rhine Meuse connections”*

Björn Prudon and Peter Philipsen (of Waterboard Rivierenland, Tiel and Working With Nature in London Wageningen both active in Deelstroomgebied Rijn-West) with a movie and a talk on *“Fish Migration in the Dutch Delta”* and the Water Framework Directive

Huib de Vriend *“Long-term morphological effects of interventions in the Dutch Rhine branches”*

Ad Jeuken (Deltares, coordinator Fresh Water Program Deltaprogram) on Fresh water demands in times of Climate Change, the Dutch Deltaprogram decisions and the relevance for UK, Germany

Politician of municipality of Nijmegen on dyke relocation lent (380 M€ Room for the River project “Nijmegen embraces the River Waal”)

Debate with the audience preceded by 5 2 minute statements of politicians, public officers and representatives of UK and Dutch NGO's

Possibility to join a **free early morning excursion** to work in progress at Nijmegen Lent

Lambert Verheijen, Dijkgraaf (Chairman Waterboard) Aa & Maas in Den Bosch on governance and the role of waterboards in facing increasing flood risks as well as shortages and drought in the face of climate change

Dennis Martens of LinO and **Rebecca Planteijdt** of Rethink Landscape with two parallel active workshops on making more effective use of floodplains by involved and active communities: one on too much water (with Barry James of Somerset County Council) and one too little water (with Guy Adam of Thames partnership, London).

Representatives of Rijkswaterstaat, Ngo's, Deltares (Delft, Utrecht), Dutch and UK universities, City of Köln, Province of Gelderland, Bundesland NRW, Dutch Water Boards among others have confirmed attendance

Venue

Verhalenmagazijn (former library), Elzenstraat 3 in Nijmegen(-Oost), 5 minutes from Central Station

Costs

This (by choice) none subsidized event will cost € 42,00 for participants and € 22,00 for speakers (VAT excluded prices). This will be value for money as you will receive not only a full colour version of the Summary of the Inspiration Document, a (delicious) lunch but also a guided visit to the work in progress on the dyke relocation in Nijmegen - Lent and some music.

Purchase of tickets

You can apply for 1 or maximum 2 (for a colleague) of the limited number of tickets by sending an email to marnix@aquaemarnix.com as soon as possible (admittance on the basis of first in until sold out). You will receive a reply with confirmation and invoice (€ 50,80/ € 26,60 VAT included) within 10 days upon sending your e-mail message. On received payment a unique entrance code, the final program and details on travel and lunch will be forwarded to you by mail ultimately on the 24th of January 2015.

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