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Metrex-Symposium

Rules and Space to Speed up Circular Construction

The Hague, 14-15 November 2024

Day 1 | 14 November | afternoon session

Day 2 | 15 November | morning session



What are relevant current and future laws and regulations on circular construction? What spatial strategies do help regions and companies?

As a follow-up of the first webinar of the series [EU Policies Explained](#) which took place only a few weeks ago, the **Municipality of The Hague** together with the METREX Network, and in cooperation with [Circulaw](#), is organizing a two-day **Symposium on Circular Construction**. The event will be held in The Hague on November 14 (afternoon) and November 15 (morning).

As for the previous appointment, this activity is connected to the [Interreg NWE Project ASSET](#).

If we continue to use the resources we do now, we will need three planets of Earth by 2050. Due to resource constraints and climate issues, the EU aims to move from a 'take-use-dispose' society to a carbon-neutral, environmentally sustainable, toxic-free, and fully circular economy by 2050 at the latest. Building construction accounts for 50% of the extraction and consumption of resources and 40% of the EU's energy consumption. Circular buildings are therefore crucial to reach this very ambitious aim. But what does this mean for densely built-up urban areas? Where can we find space to accommodate circular construction? What are current European and national laws and regulations to stimulate circularity in construction and what new rules are upcoming?

Come to the METREX Symposium and discover the latest spatial developments and laws affecting the construction industry, both for companies and public authorities, with concrete examples from front-running cities. We will discuss spatial strategies and explore the impact of current and upcoming rules such as the reviewed Construction Products Regulation (CPR).

Sign up and discover how your region or company can play a catalysing role towards a sustainable and circular future via this link to the METREX website.

LOCATIONS OF THE SYMPOSIUM

Day 1 | 14 Nov

- Light lunch from 12:15: Margriet room at Hotel Park Centraal, Molenstraat 53, 2513 BJ The Hague
- Afternoon (13:00-17:00): Irene room, Park Centraal, Molenstraat 53, 2513 BJ The Hague
- Dinner (19:00-21:00): at Botanica, Kneuterdijk 8, 2514 EN, The Hague

Day 2 | 15 Nov

Morning (09:00-12:00): De Titaan, Saturnusstraat 95, 2516 AG The Hague

DAY 1

14 November 2024 (13.00-17.00 CET time)

Venue: *Park Centraal, Molenstraat 53, 2513 BJ The Hague*

Rules - The necessity of building in a circular way | What are relevant rules | The experiences of a Dutch urban region

13.00 **Introduction** by moderator [Willem van Winden](#). Willem is professor Urban Economic Innovation at the Hogeschool Amsterdam and focuses on Circular Economy and Doughnut Economics

13.10 **Welcome** by Henk Bouwman, Secretary General of METREX

13.20 **Why to build in a circular way? What is the urgency of the topic?**

With [Menno Rubbens](#), cepezed, Menno has been a project developer and director of cepezedprojects since 2000. In each project, he tries to incorporate a new element or aspect on behalf of circular architecture.

13.45 Q&A

13.55 **Latest insights into (EU-) laws and regulations on Circular Construction.**

With [Fanauw Hoppe and Eveline Bakker](#), Circulaw, a knowledge platform that provides legal tools and insight into Dutch and European legislation for the circular transition. Fanauw is specialized in strategy, procurement and contracting for sustainable, climate neutral/positive and circular development. Eveline is specialized in procurement law and sustainability and in legal instruments to accelerate the circular economy.

14.15 Q&A

14.35 Break

15.00 **Circular construction policies and activities of the Leiden region and their experiences with laws and regulations.** [Michiel Bosch](#), City of Leiden. Michiel is Advisor Circular and Future Proof Constructing .

15.20 Q&A

15.30 Discussion on separate tables with experts on EU rules and spatial experts from Metrex regions

16.30 Conclusions of the afternoon (including plenary discussion)

17.00 End of programme of day 1

Rapporteur: [Mariia Chernova](#), Amsterdam Municipality

19.00-21:00 **Network Dinner at Botanica**, Kneuterdijk 8, 2514 EN, The Hague

DAY 2

15 November 2024 (09.00-12.00 CET time)

Venue: De Titaan, Saturnusstraat 95, 2516 AG The Hague

Space - The spatial consequences of circular construction | The experiences of a Dutch urban region | Panel discussion

9:00 Introduction by moderator [Willem van Winden](#)

9:10 [Jurgen Nieuwenhuisen](#), COO Unknown Group, Introduction Titaan and Circularity

9:20 [Bart Bomas](#), BVR: spatial strategies for circular construction, Bart is senior project leader at BVR advisors on spatial developments.

9:40 Q&A

9:50 [Chandar van der Zande](#), City of Amsterdam, The EU Taxonomy and how to translate to local circular construction policies

10:10 Q&A

10:20 Break

10.50 Panel discussion and conclusions of the Symposium

Panel members: TBC

- [Arco Timmermans](#), Leiden University
- [Menno Rubbens](#), cepezed
- [Richard Koek](#), City of The Hague
- [Eveline Bakker](#), Circulaw
- [Chandar van der Zande](#), City of Amsterdam
- [Bart Bomas](#), BVR
- [Michiel Bosch](#), City of Leiden

- Expected takeaways of the Symposium
 - o Which spatial strategies can help regions and companies to speed up circularity in construction?
 - o What are urgent issues on circular construction which should be put on regional, national and European agendas?

- Rapporteur: [Jurre Baijards](#), City of The Hague

12:00 Closing of the Symposium

12:00 –13:00 Network Lunch at De Titaan