

Rotterdam: Water & Climate Resilient Delta City



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Stormwater 2023

Te Roopu Wai Āwhātanga

23–25 May | Cordis, Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland



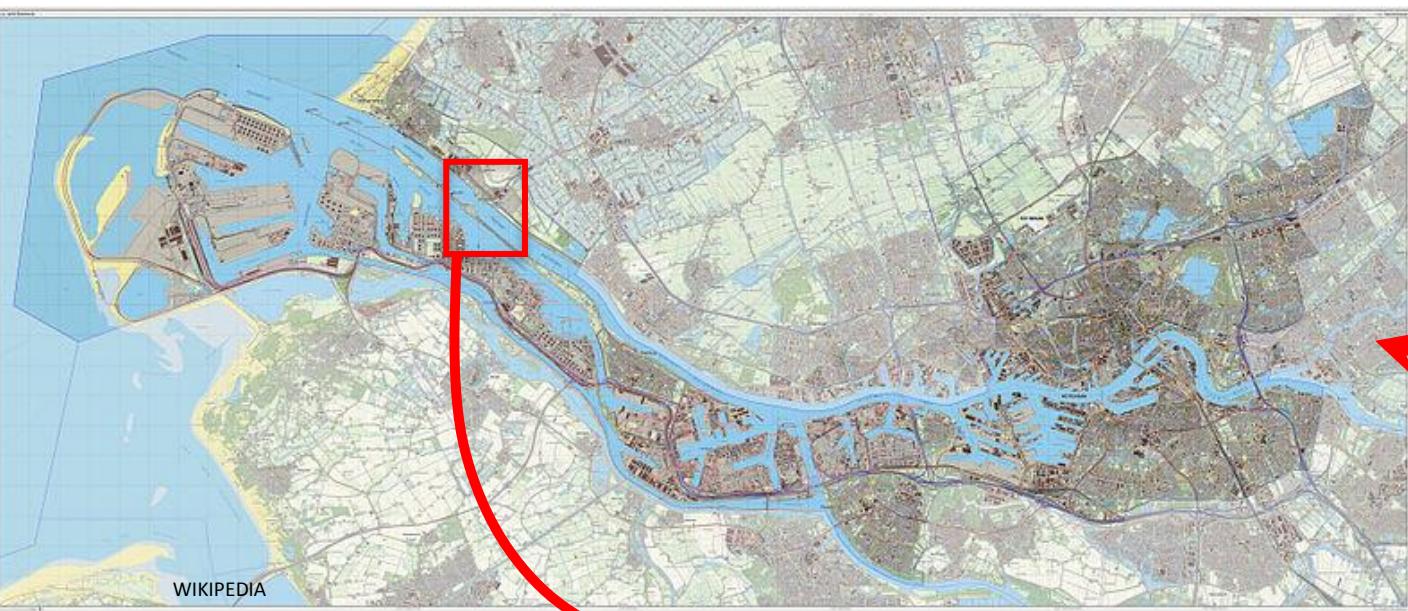
Rotterdam Delta and Port City

City

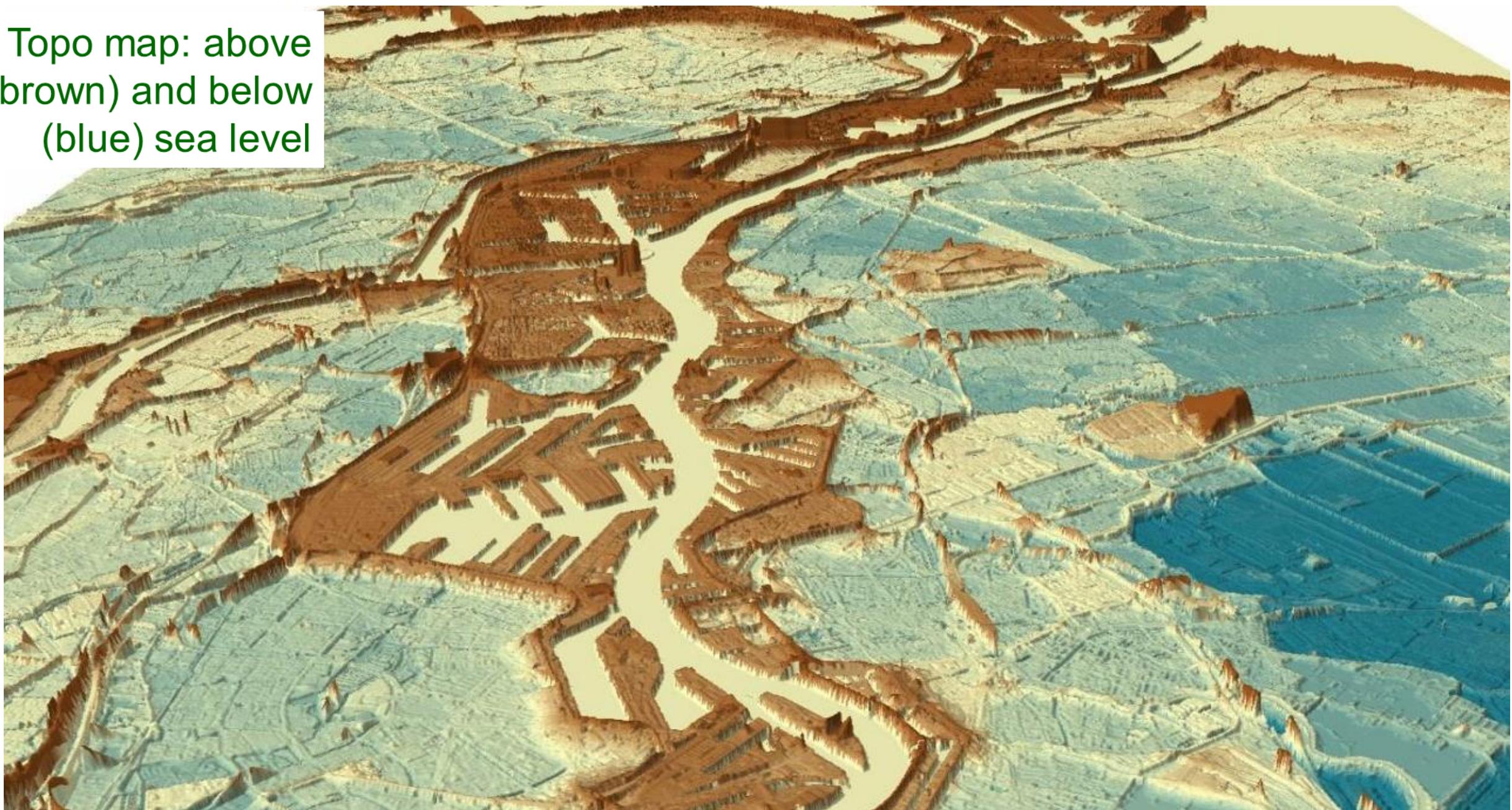
Area : 320 km²
Inhabitants: 650.000
Nationalities: 175
Municipal Budget: 4 billion Euro's

Port

Area: 105 km² (50 km² commercial sites)
Length of port area: 45 km.
Direct employment: over 70,000 jobs



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







+ 50.000 HOUSES



fotografie



Precipitation

River

Sea

Groundwater

Effects related to Climate Change



Flooding Noordereiland



Water quality



Excessive rain fall



Levee breakthrough (drought)

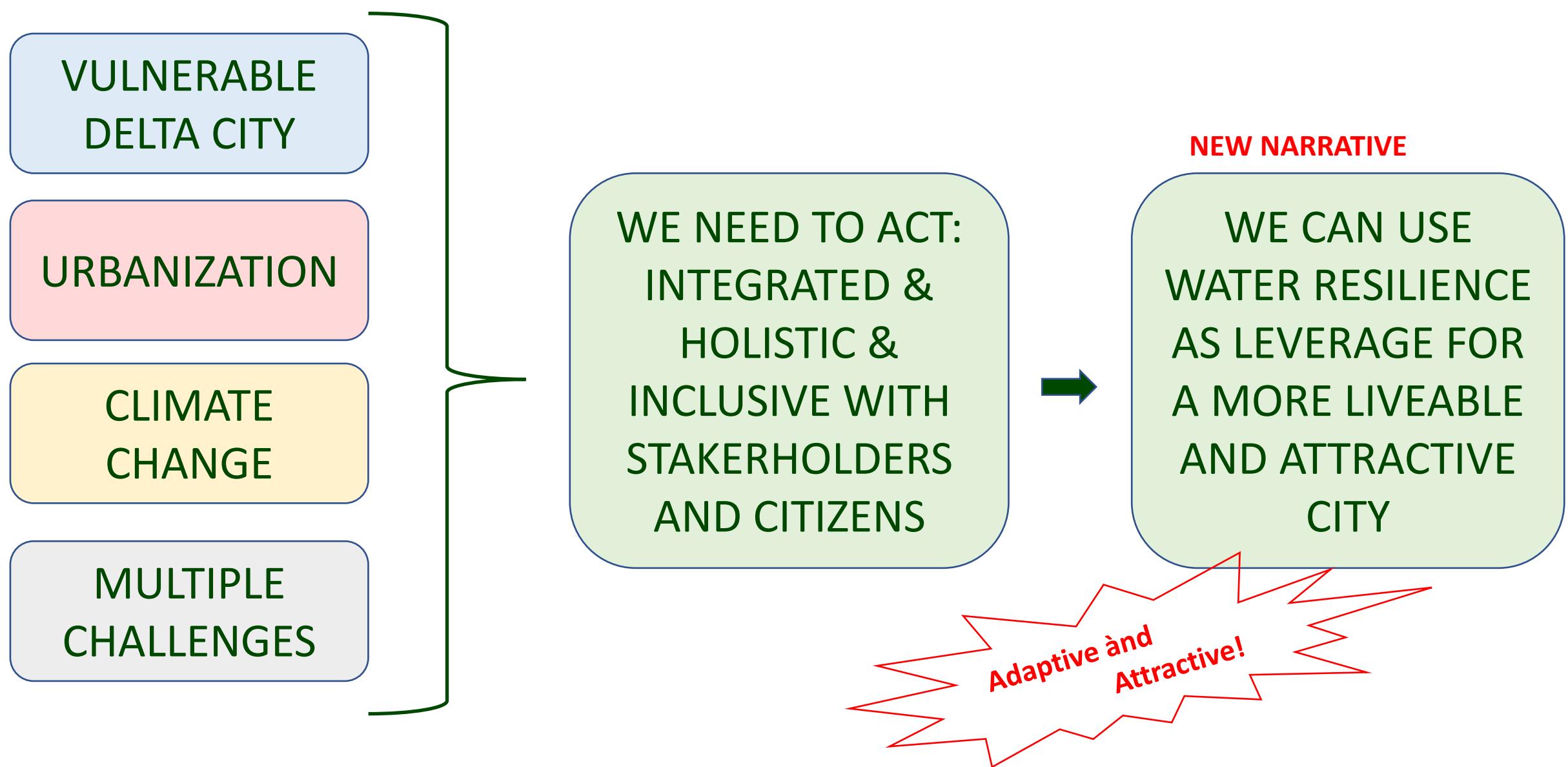


Inundated cellars

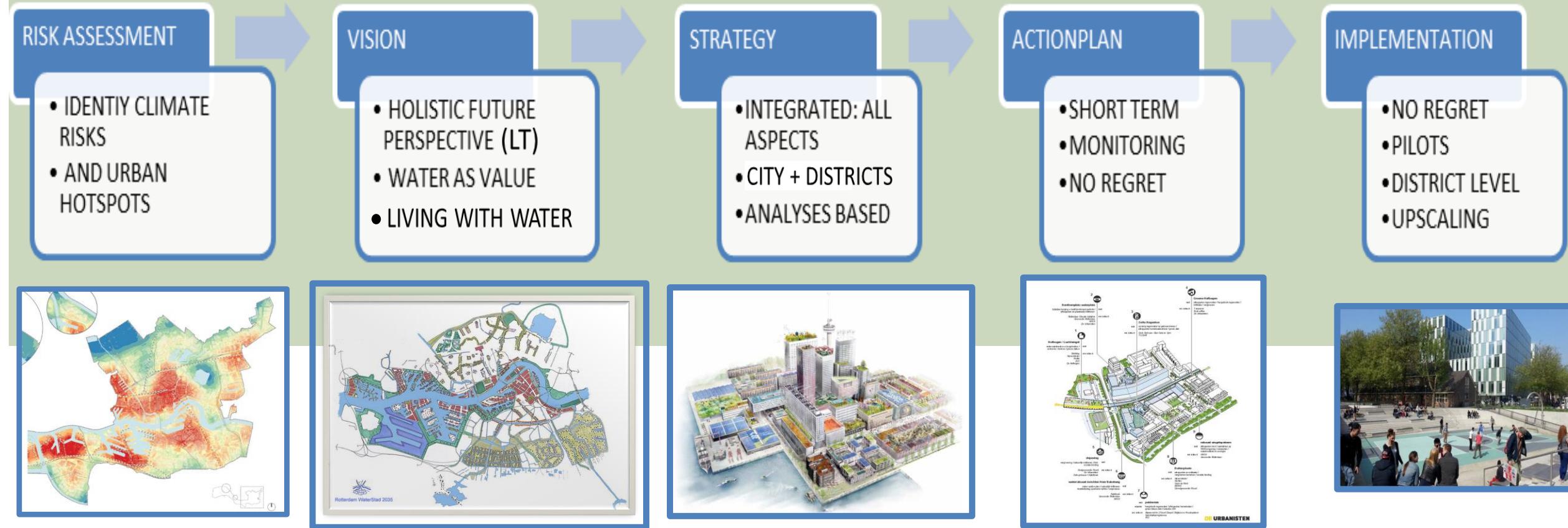


Heat waves

Integrated and Holistic approach is needed



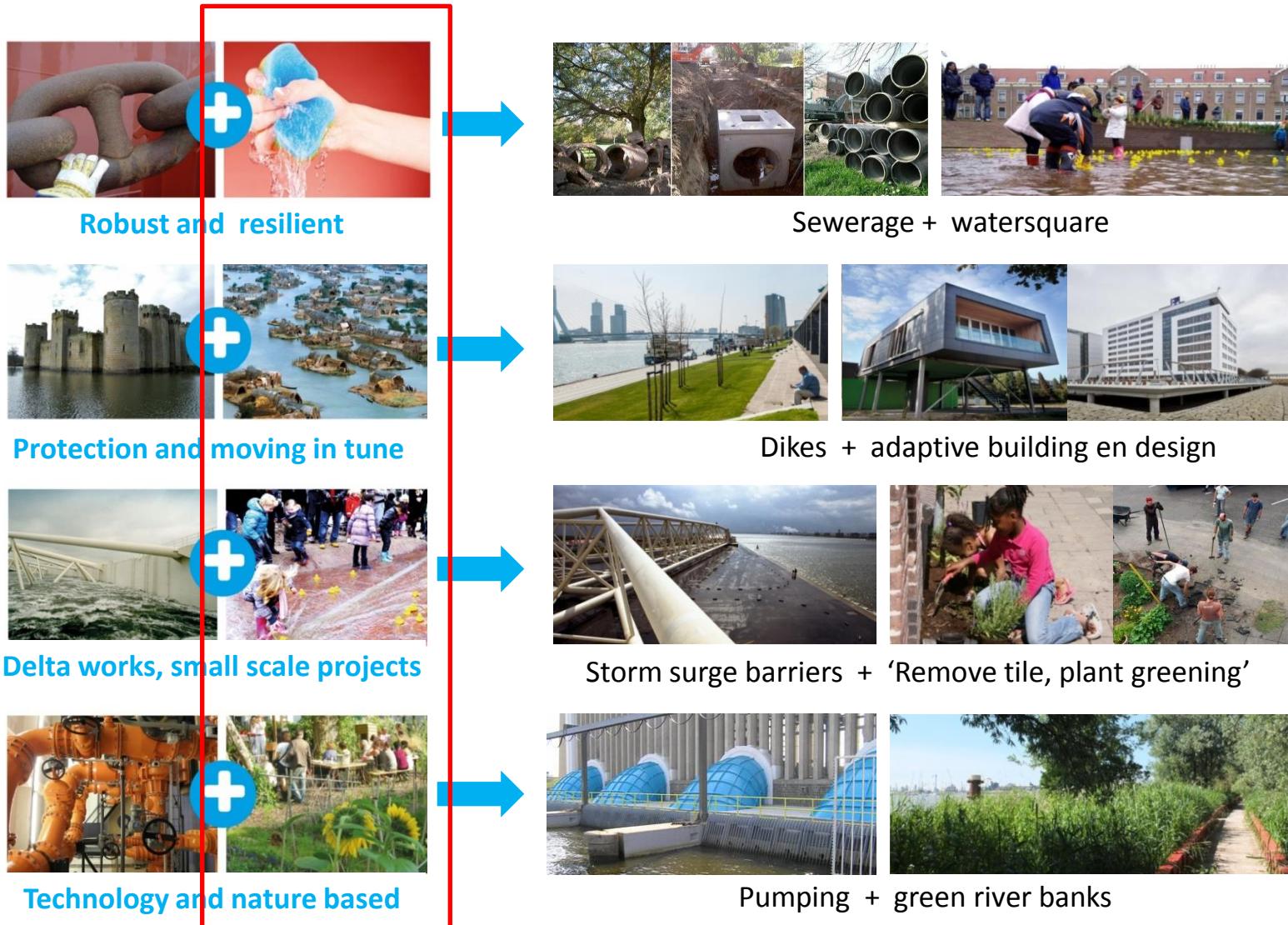
ROTTERDAM APPROACH: COMPONENTS



ROTTERDAM CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION STRATEGY



Holistic, multi-level and multi-stakeholder strategy



PROGRAM FRAMEWORK ROTTERDAM WEATHERWISE 2030

1 CLIMATE ADAPTATION CHALLENGES



Flooding



Rainfall



Heat



Groundwater



Land Subsidence



Drought

2 IMPLEMENTATION OPPORTUNITIES



New Developments



Existing built Environment



Public Space



The Rotterdammers



Energy- / Mobility- /
biodiversity Transition

ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK

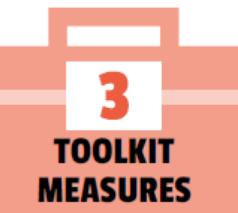
4 WEATHERWISE PRIORITIES 2030



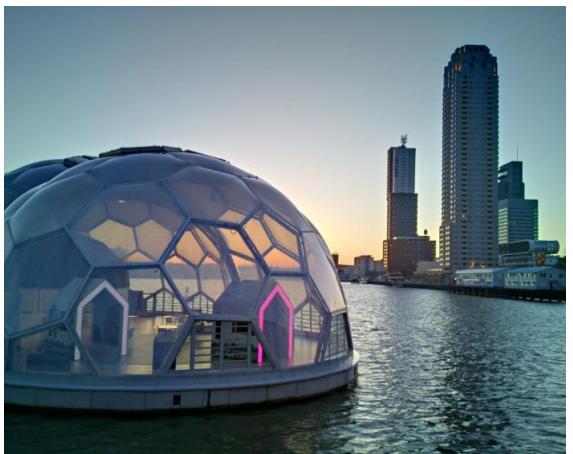
Implementation agenda 2022 - 2026



Implementation agenda 2026 - 2030



3 TOOLKIT MEASURES



MULTI BENEFIT SOLUTIONS



WATER SQUARE Bentemplein...



MULTI BENEFITS: SOCIAL RESILIENCE





... CLIMATE RESILIENCE BY DESIGN...



'URBAN FLOODPLAIN'







GREEN ROOFTOP PROGRAM (460.000 m²)





... SEA LEVEL RISE - CLIMATE RESILIENCE BY DESIGN...

BUILDING WITH NATURE: green solutions



TIDAL PARKS:

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



Huidige situatie

Current



Toekomstige situatie

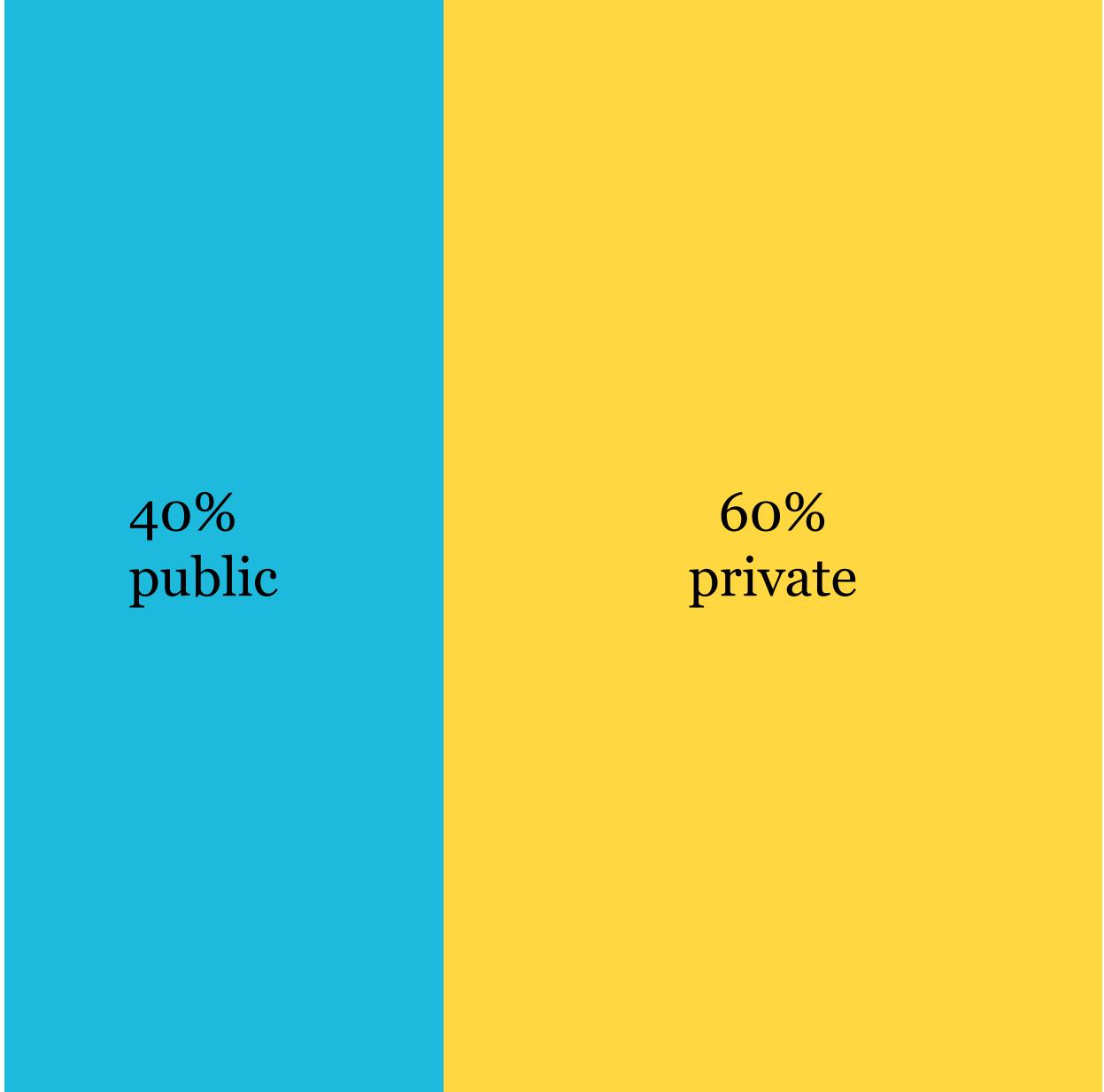
Future





FLOATING URBAN DEVELOPMENT





40%
public

60%
private

From ‘together with citizens’ to ‘done by citizens’



POST-OFFICE



NATIONAL COMPETITION
TILE POPPING

**NK
TEGELWIPPE**N



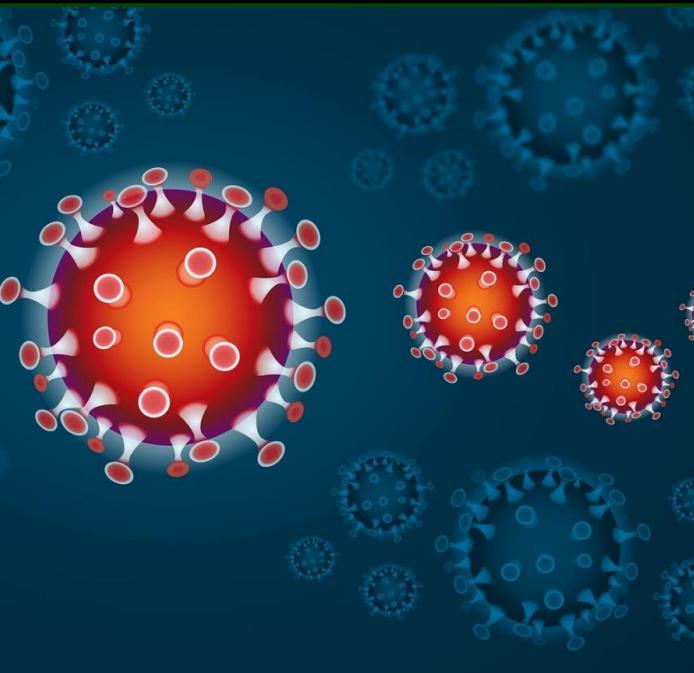
Bloomberg CityLab Environment
One Way to Green a City: Knock Out the Tiles

Removing the Netherlands' ubiquitous tiles from front gardens is part of a broader initiative to expand green space in several cities.

By Diederik Baazil
5 januari 2021 07:00 CET

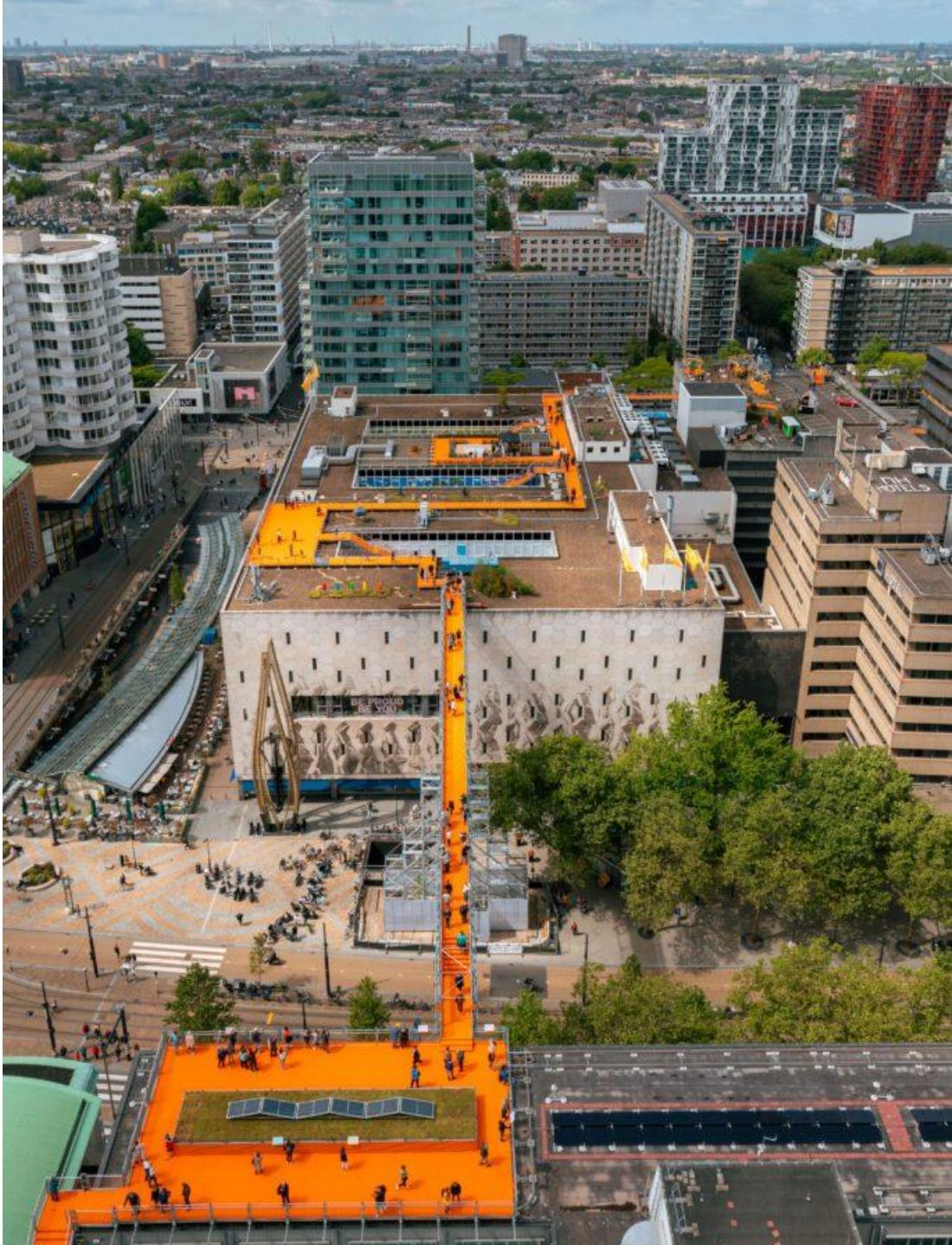


MORE CHALLENGES



MULTI-
FUNCTIONAL
ROOFTOP
LANDSCAPE

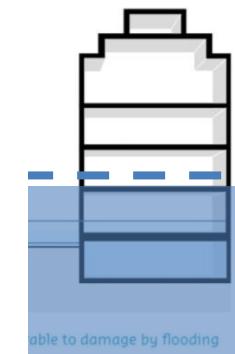
NEXT LEVEL INTEGRATED APPROACH NEEDED



ACCELERATION SEA LEVEL RISE



FLOODING &
VITAL INFRASTRUCTURE:
CASCADE EFFECTS



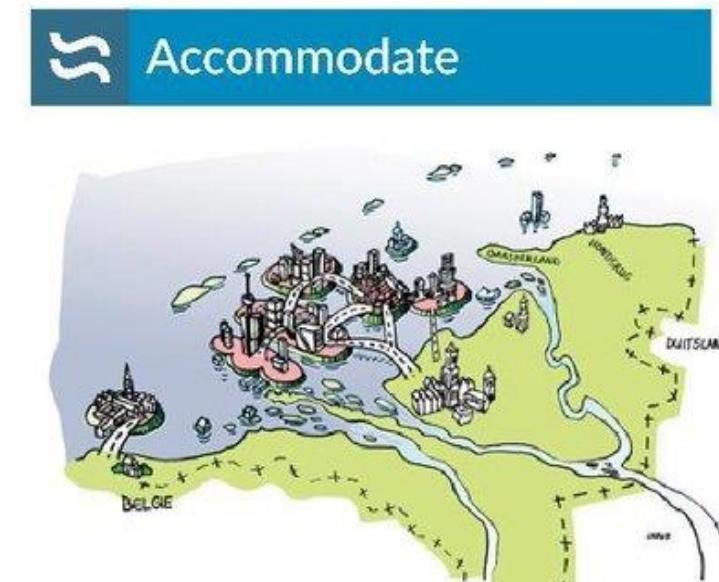
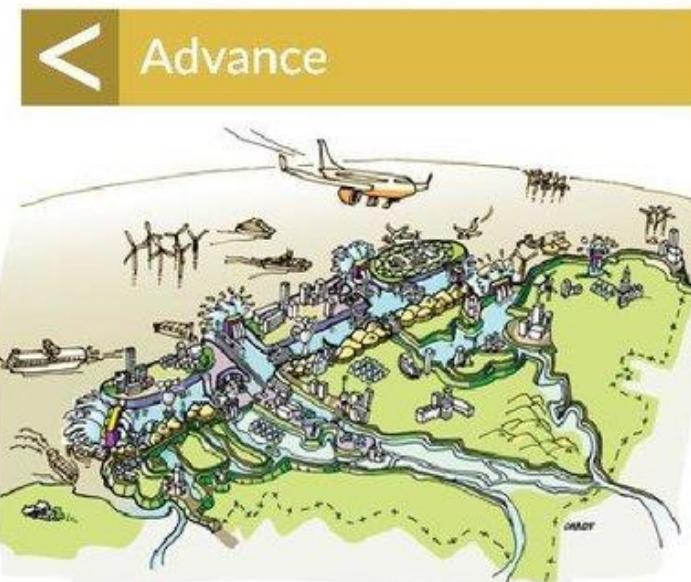
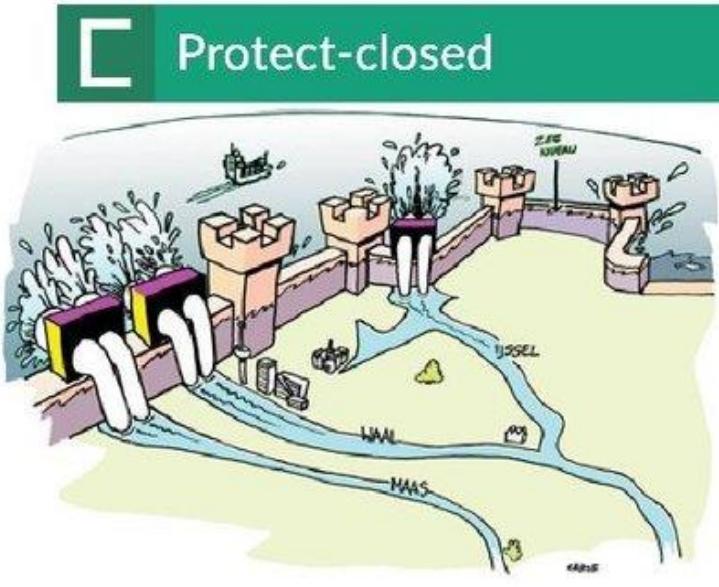
LONG TERM SCENARIO'S 3 METER SEA LEVEL RISE
WATER RESILIENCE <> ECONOMICAL RESILIENCE

MANAGED RETREAT?

4 LONG TERM FUTURE SCENARIO'S (EXTREMES)

RETHINK THE DELTA!

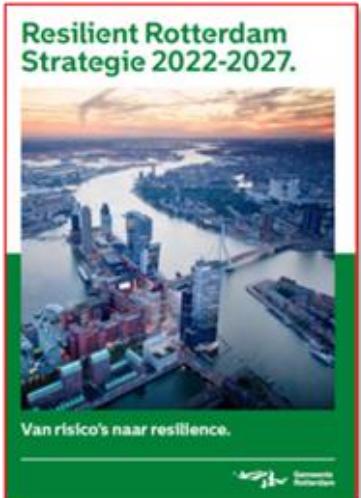
IMPORTANT FOR SHORT TERM DECISIONS





New York: b by Hurricane Sandy in okt. 2012: Black-out

Source: Iwan Baan



HOW RESILIENT IS
OUR CRITICAL
INFRASTRUCTURE?

SMART AND
RESILIENT !?

CLIMATE AND CYBER RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE IS NEEDED





CITIES EXCHANGE!! WATER ADAPTATION COMMUNITY (GCA-WAC)

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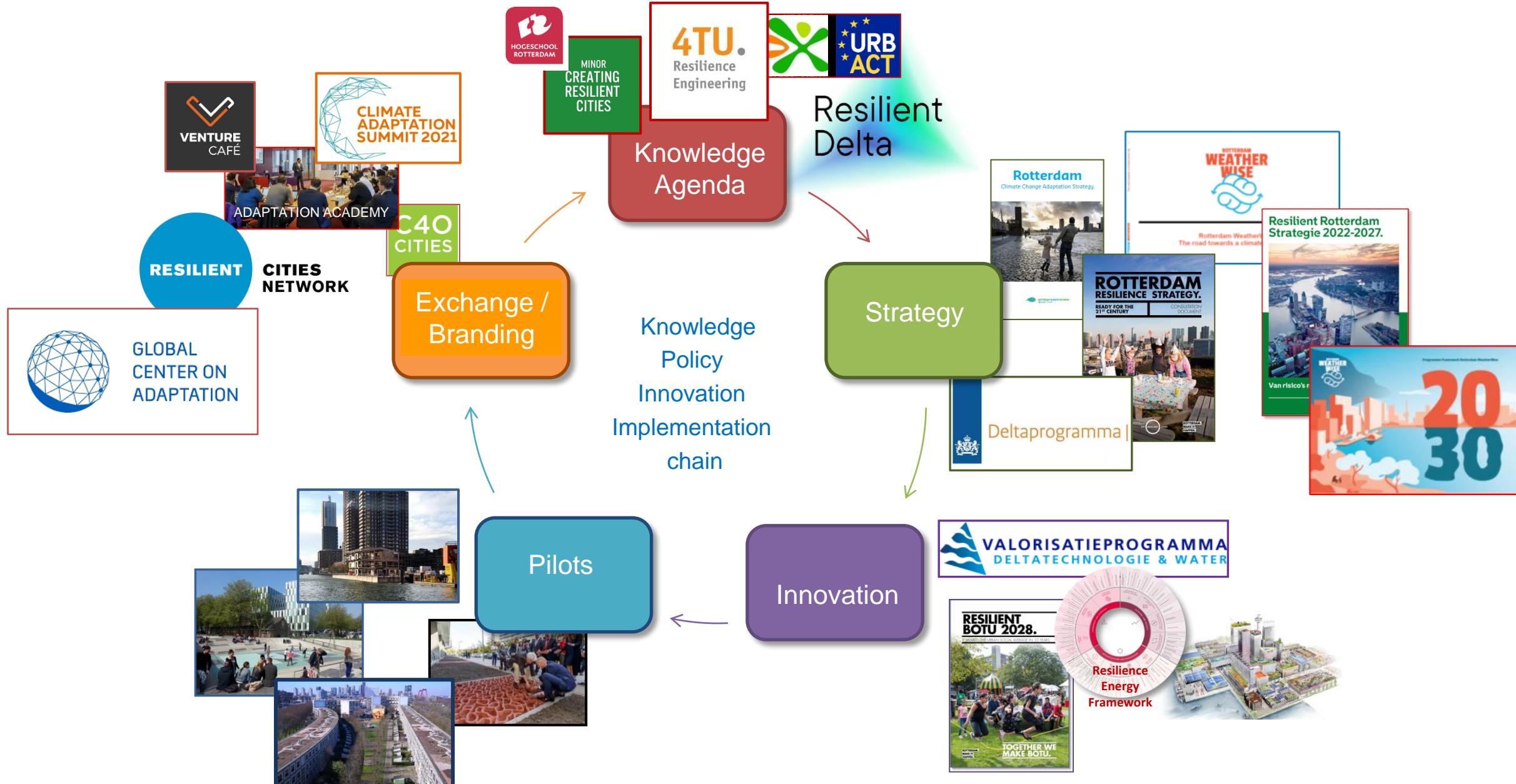
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Resilient Cities Network

A new global initiative

THE RESILIENT ROTTERDAM ‘ECOSYSTEM’



INTEGRATED/HOLISTIC APPROACH NEEDED!

ON ALL LEVELS WE HAVE TO BRAKE DOWN SILO'S

BASED ON ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF RESIDENTS

MULTI BENEFIT SOLUTIONS ARE NEEDED

COLLABORATE EN EXCHANGE WITH OTHER CITIES



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[Resilient Rotterdam Strategy 2022-2027](#)