

Abstract Template

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Organisation : Port of Amsterdam

Short description:

Port of Amsterdam is a company of the city of Amsterdam. With a transshipment volume of nearly 75 mln tonnes, it is the 4th port of Europe.

Presentation title:

Port-City Amsterdam: three prospects for future sustainable maritime-urban solutions

Executive Summary of your Abstract:

The Port of Amsterdam and the City of Amsterdam have together conducted a study to a sustainable future of a busy port area within the city centre of Amsterdam.

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Port-City, under this denominator the Port of Amsterdam and the municipal Spatial Planning Department, have explored a future perspective for the Western Dockland, a busy port area within the city centre of Amsterdam. Due to a continuously increasing need for space from both the city and the port, after a period of divergence, they are now growing towards each other. This calls for reorientation of the relationship between the city and the port. In three prospects a perspective has been drawn up of the desirability and feasibility of urban-maritime combinations along the river IJ. The main question that presented itself was whether the existing port activities could actually be combined with housing construction, or if relocation or restructuring of port activities would be required. The prospects are focused on the 2020-2040 period.

To consider the desirability and feasibility of the prospects, attention has been paid to many aspects including maritime value, housing demands, metropolitan accessibility, metropolitan landscaping, investment costs and general sustainability. None of the prospects respond best to all these principles. From the viewpoint of sustainability, the favorite prospect serves both port and city. In this scenario the growth potential and land demand of both city and port are in balance whereby an impulse is also given to better connectivity of urban public transport. The challenge for the port is to achieve cleaner and quieter port activities within a feasible financial framework within a period of 20 years.

Resumé: Pito Dingemanse is head of the planning and environment department of the Port of Amsterdam and involved in both port and city policies on spatial planning and environmental issues.

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