

Confirmed Innovative Practices per track

Track 3 'Partnerships for sustainable energy'

EUROPE –Statistics Netherlands (NSI-CBS)

Statistics Netherlands (CBS) enables people and organizations to have debates and make decisions on social issues on the basis of reliable statistical information. The mission of CBS is to publish reliable and coherent statistical information which responds to the needs of Dutch society. The responsibility of CBS is twofold: firstly, to compile (official) national statistics and secondly to compile European (community) statistics. One way of realizing this responsibility are building Urban Data Centers. An Urban Data Center (UDC) is a collaboration between CBS and a local government/municipality or a cluster of municipalities. An UDC combines the knowledge of CBS about data infrastructure, data processing and privacy with the ambition of the local government to develop itself to a data driven smart society. The translation of national statistics to regional level is already happening for a long time. However, because of the introduction of UDCs this is developing itself with big steps. A big breakthrough was making the connection between two government agencies in the application of statistics in decision-making. Because of this, a better image arise of how the real reality looks like. Key to success is working together in order to achieve concrete results.

Speakers

Hereby a first overview of the participating speakers:

- Bas Eickhout, member of the European Parliament
- Tjark Tjin-A-Tsoi, Director General Statistics Netherlands
- Jorge Vasconcelos, Chairman of NEWES
- Robert Hermans, director Urban Data Center (Statistics Netherlands)
- Ivo Schmidt, European Commission DG Energy



Track 5 'Enabling Children and young people to achieve the Agenda 2030'

EUROPE - Youth Protection Agency Amsterdam (JBRA)

The winner of the Dutch Governmental Organization of the Year 2014 and European Public Service Award 2015 will disclose its innovative measures taken to transform the organization internally. The organization had to overcome a major financial deficit, was not in control of its processes and locked into a legislative processes . It formulated a new vision -- 'every child safe'. Today it is an example of a modern and lean organization, capable of putting the interest of the child at the core of its being, with a model that shifted focus to close cooperation with partner organizations and stakeholders, successfully providing safe communities for future generations.

EUROPE - Finland

The Finnish strategy for achieving equality and excellence in education has been based on constructing a publicly funded comprehensive school system without selecting, tracking, or streaming students during their common basic education. Part of the characteristics of the Finnish education system is the absence of tuition fees, and the offering of fully subsidised meals served to full-time students. Inclusive special education within the classroom and instructional efforts to minimize low achievement are also typical of the Finnish, and by extension, the Nordic educational systems.



Track 6 ‘Cooperative Management of increasing water and sea levels’

WESTERN EUROPE AND OTHER GROUPS - The Netherlands-Room for the River¹

The goal of the Dutch Room for the River Program is to give more space to all the rivers located in the Dutch delta in order to be able to manage higher water levels. Measures have been taken on more than 30 locations to give the river enough space to prevent floods and ensure its smooth flow. Some twenty national and regional authorities as well as the concerned communities and businesses have cooperated in the planning, implementation and the control stages of the project.

Char development and Settlement project (CDSP)

Bangladesh overall aim is to reduce poverty and hunger in the ‘coastal chars’ of Bangladesh by improving safety and social protection programmes.

Interventions that have taken place are:

- effective management of water resources, protection against tidal and storm surges, improved drainage;
- climate resilient internal infrastructure for communication, markets, cyclone shelters, provision of potable water and hygienic sanitation;
- provision to the settlers of a legal title to land;
- improved livelihoods and household resilience;
- institutional development in order to create an enabling institutional environment;
- knowledge management through undertaking and disseminating surveys and studies and by learning from and contributing to ICZM efforts.

¹ <https://www.roomfortheriver.nl>



Track 8 'Circular economy: sustainable management of resources'

EUROPE – The Netherlands/Ministry of Defense

The Ministry of Defense has fully focused on sustainable processes and social entrepreneurship. Used clothing (uniforms) are no longer burned, but are sorted out and reused. The process of parsing out takes place in a social facility where people with various disabilities are employed as integral partners of a circular economy. Moreover, the Ministry of Defense does not burn all of the old clothes outright but makes a selection of what can be used again and what not. Clothes deemed to be reusable are sent to a separate facility where they are recycled. Two sustainable things are happening here; firstly, all the fabrics of the old clothes are used again, and secondly, people previously excluded from the labor market, in this case persons with disabilities, are acquiring working experience in addition to increasing their self-confidence as new partners of sustainable production. This new process hinges on inter-agency collaboration and the centralization of the management of the purchase of means and services inside the government based on comparative advantage and specialization of each ministry.

This innovation by the Ministry of Defense is also linked up with breakthrough approaches to public procurement and tendering. By consulting with the private sector about the possibilities that exist for reusing textiles, the tender itself was made in much more specific and realistic terms.

Speakers

Hereby a first overview of participating speakers:

- Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, member of the European Parliament
- Rob van Arnhem, procurement manager Ministry of Defense
- Anne Rainville, scientist and management consult at Vtrek
- Marco Daglio and Matt Kerlogue, OECD Observatory Public Sector Innovation

