

# Natural Gas-Free Neighbourhoods Workshop

## PROGRAMME Day 1, October 13

08:45 - 09:15	Arrival and registration / Welcome coffee & tea
09:15 - 10:15	Welcome on behalf of the City of Rotterdam Key-note speeches: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Petra de Groene, director economic affairs and sustainability from the municipality of Rotterdam, on the city's experience and plans for the local heat transition;</li><li>- Representative from the Ministry of the Interior or the program director of the Dutch National Program for Heat Transition on the Natural Gas Free Neighbourhood approach and on what direction its policy is taking on the basis of experience in 64 pilot neighbourhoods;</li><li>- Representative of the European Commission on the EU's policy ambitions for the local heat transition and the importance to move away from natural gas [or: Christoph Gollner, Lead Positive Energy District Pathway of the Driving Urban Transitions programme].</li></ul> Followed by discussion with the participants
10:15 - 10:30	Introduction of the field visits
10:30 - 13:00	Site visits to pilot neighbourhoods (round 1, in two groups) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Pendrecht</li><li>- Bospolder-Tussendijken</li></ul>
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 16:30	Site visits to pilot neighbourhoods (round 2, in two groups) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Prinsenland / Lage Land</li><li>- RDM</li></ul>
16:30 - 17:00	Tea / coffee break
17:00 - 17:45	Reflection and exchange on site-visits on the three questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- What are key takeaways for you from the site-visits?</li><li>- What is applicable in your own context;</li><li>- What is not feasible in your own context, and why?</li></ul>
18:00	Buffet dinner

## PROGRAMME Day 2, October 14

09:00 -09:30	Arrival and registration / Welcome coffee & tea
09:30 - 10:45	<p>Workshop session - round 1</p> <p><i>Each session will feature a presentation from one pilot neighbourhood in the Netherlands, as basis for exchange on Europe-wide experiences. Each round participants can choose from the following themes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Organisation &amp; Coordination: what is the role of the municipality in orchestrating the local heat transition, including the role of public and private actors? And what role do other levels of government play?</li> <li>- Business case development: how do we establish a feasible proposition for stakeholders, financing partners, tenants and house owners?</li> <li>- Scaling up: how to plan and design local heat transitions with a view to future scaling up (within one district, to the entire city or across the country)?</li> </ul>
10:45 - 11:15	Coffee / tea break
11:15 - 12:30	<p>Workshop session round 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Participation and communication: how to involve and engage tenants and house owners?</li> <li>- Local heat transition in socio-economic challenging contexts: how to engage citizens when they have other and/or more pressing needs?</li> <li>- Technological solutions: how to implement low-carbon energy systems, on innovations and challenges in heat networks (based on residual heat from industry, geothermal or aquathermal energy) and all electric solutions.</li> </ul>
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch
13:30 - 14:15	<p>Concluding session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Results from the workshop sessions</li> <li>- Feedback and recommendations for future DUT knowledge and experience sharing initiatives.</li> </ul>
14:15	Departure