

IABR - Urban Underground Day

23rd of June 2016 – Rotterdam – the Netherlands

Invitation

In half a century, twice as many people will live in cities as do now: the cities will then truly be the motor of the global economy. We will have to rethink the way how we live, work, and learn; how and where we consume and produce. We will have to redesign the balance between sustainability and growth. That is why the central theme of the International Architectural Biennale Rotterdam 2016 will be the transition towards THE NEXT ECONOMY.

The contribution of the subsurface in this transition is significant but mostly unknown. The Day of the URBAN UNDERGROUND on 23rd of June will change that: during this day European experts will meet and they will exchange their knowledge and information with non-experts and citizens and participants also have the opportunity to explore the IABR exhibition.

Appealing presentations by prof. Dr. Jan Rotmans of the Erasmus University, an international authority in the fields of transitions & sustainability, Dr. Diarmad Campbell, Chief Geologist Scotland of the British Geological Survey and Han Admiraal, former Director of the Centre for Underground Construction and currently Chairman of ITACUS, the International Tunnelling & Underground Space Association's Committee on Underground Space, who will share their views on the role of the subsurface in the NEXT ECONOMY. Chief Resilience Officers from various European cities will be present to emphasize the importance of the subsurface in making our cities Resilient.

The programme will be opened by Paula Verhoeven, Director City Development of the City of Rotterdam and closed by Tirza van Daalen, Director Geological Survey of the Netherlands together with Linda Molenaar, Director Urban Management of the City of Rotterdam.

During the URBAN UNDERGROUND day you will have the opportunity to play the Serious Game Underground and to participate in workshops around the themes of Circular Economy, Renewable Energy, Health and Public Participation. The day is designed for surface specialists, energy experts, urban planners, architects, landscape architects, generalists, project developers, policy makers but also for interested residents; in short, for anyone who has to deal with the subsurface.

The next economy will soon be shaped by the next generation: the URBAN UNDERGROUND day will therefore also serve as a platform where "young professionals"-networks from the various involved above- and below ground level disciplines can meet and where different "generations" can inspire each other.

For more information: www.iabr.nl. language: English

Please forward this invitation including the attached programme to your colleagues.

Registration is free; for registration please send an email to urbanunderground@rotterdam.nl

Kind regards,

The Urban Underground Day organising team