

SITE VISIT REPORT

European 14: Amsterdam - Piarccoplein

REPORT MINUTES

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PARTICIPANTS:

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TIMETABLE

9:30 Opening Information day

9:50: Introduction by Sabine Lebesque

10:00 Introductions into the site location, the current situation on the site, the topics relevant to the site, the constraints and the city vision of the area.

10:00 Presentation Papaverdriehoek site by Dick Bruijne, Project manager

10:15 Presentation Transformatorweg by Arnoud Simonsma, Urban Designer

10:30 Presentation H-Buurt by Jeroen Heester, Senior Urban Planner

10:45 Presentation Piarccoplein by Don Murphy, Supervisor / Urban Planner

11:00 Presentation Sluisbuurt by Mirjana Milanovic, Senior Advisor dRO Amsterdam

11:20 Individual Q&A session per location

12:00 Lunch

13:00 Site visit Piarccoplein

presentation by Delphine van Wageningen & Jurgen Krabbenborg

17:00 Productive City debate at Pakhuis de Zwijger

Host: Olof van de Wal

17:15 Introduction and welcome by Olof van de Wal and Sabine Lebesque

17:30 William Stokman on Amsterdam 2025.

17:45 Eva Gladek on circular economy and Metabolic, a consulting and venture building company that uses systems thinking to tackle global sustainability challenges.

18:00 Joost Beunderman on activities relating to the shaping of our built environment.

18:30 Informal meet & greet between participants stakeholders and European NL team

18:45 Final remarks by Annius Hoornstra of city of Amsterdam

20:00 Closing Lecture by Kristiaan Borret on the Productive City (European 14 theme)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: What is the logic behind the urban study area?

A: The area contains many different stakeholders, from the city alone about 25 different people are working on different parts of this district. The reason is that this district will change significantly in the next decades.

The lines drawn for the urban study area are based on plots or public spaces that require a different kind of attention. Several block in the surrounding are under redevelopment, which will result in a different demand of Piarccoplein. For example one of the nearby office towers is transformed as a (congress) hotel with a casino, wellness and other functions.

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Another crucial point is that the city is not the owner of the nearby buildings nor the trainstation, which means it will be difficult to change anything there.

Q: What is the long term vision of the area?

A: the area will eventually have 60% housing and 40% offices and will become one of the major residential and commercial centers of Amsterdam. It is expected that in the next 7 years 1500 residents will be living nearby. In the larger area about 5000 extra houses will be built in the next few years. For all of these residents new facilities need to be added. Keep in mind that housing can not be built on the North side of the station, as this is too close to the harbor (industrial zoning). It is therefore unlikely that the Piarccoplein will serve the nearby residents.

As for the station:

- The train station is already the 7th largest station in the Netherlands.
- The station has very good connections to Schiphol Airport and all major cities in the Netherlands.
- There was once a plan for a new station, this plan collapsed during the financial crisis. At this moment the city is trying to restart the discussion about a new station. As such in the long run it is likely that a new train station will be built, but this will not happen in the next decade.

on Piarccoplein:

There is no vision on Piarccoplein at this point. The questions for participants is to help the city to envision a new urban function for this square. What we do know is that the space between the elevated tracks are reserved for potential extension of the amount of rail tracks.

Q: If the space between the tracks is reserved, does that mean it whole space will be enclosed?

A: no, it does not mean it will be enclosed, it does mean that no high rise plans can be built here.

Q: will there be a commercial center in the Havenstad development? Could that commercial development be around the train station?

A: Yes.

VIDEO AVAILABLE:

- Q&A session
- Site visit