



Wetskills-Netherlands 2018

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BRING IN YOUR WATER CASE

Wetskills Water Challenges

The Wetskills Water Challenge is a two-week event for university level students and young water professionals from around the globe. Participants work in multidisciplinary and intercultural teams to develop out-of-the-box solutions for water challenges posed by Case Owners.

Since 2010, more than 550 students and young professionals from about 120 international universities and organizations have participated in one of the 30 Wetskills Water Challenges held in: Asia (China, South Korea, Taiwan, Indonesia and India), North Africa & Middle East (Israel, Oman, Morocco, Iran and Egypt), Sub-Saharan Africa (South Africa & Mozambique), Europe (United Kingdom, Romania & the Netherlands) and North America (United States & Canada).

Join this 5th edition of Wetskills Water Challenge in the Netherlands (and the 34th edition overall)

In September 2018 a Wetskills Water Challenge will be organized in the Netherlands for the 5th time; this time in the northern part of the country: Leeuwarden and surrounding. The event is organized by the non-profit Wetskills Foundation (based in The Netherlands) in cooperation with WaterAlliance, WaterCampus, Wetsus in Leeuwarden and other partners. The creative and collaborative spirit flows through our multidisciplinary teams, with the wide experience in natural sciences and engineering, as well as on social, economic and political sciences, in policy and business management. We hope you will join us to be part of this great Wetskills experience in 2018!

This edition will present the results during the European Water Technology Week in Leeuwarden (24 - 27 September 2018)

Programme

Wetskills will formally start on the 15 September 2018 with two days of team building, cultural activities and water-related excursions. On the 17 September an opening event will take place in Leeuwarden. At this session, called BrainHurricane, case owners present their challenge to the student teams and diverse experts will brainstorm with the teams.

Over the next eight days the participants' teams will work on the challenge with periodic guidance of Dutch supervisors and support from diverse local experts from academia, companies and governmental institutes.

The Wetskills programme is aligned with the European Water Week Leeuwarden during the city's nomination as European Cultural Capital. Each team will present its solution at the end of the (two-week) challenge during a special pitch session and poster market as part of a special program during the European Water Technology Week in Leeuwarden. Leaders in business, academia and government will attend the finals and awarding.

We are looking for companies and organizations to bring in their Water Challenges!

Case topics

The case owners, active in or related to the water sector, determine the challenge and topic of the study cases of Wetskills. Examples of previous topics are: reuse of wastewater, dew harvesting, water scarcity, storm water management, deployable flood defense systems, geothermal and thermal exchange energy systems, coastal master plan development, resiliency, water governance, awareness, etc. See www.wetskills.com for cases of the previous Wetskills events.

Does your company, organization or institute in the water sector have a challenging water case?

Wetskills-Netherlands will be an excellent opportunity to showcase your organization's expertise and commitment to innovative solutions, prove your corporate social responsibility and enable your involvement in the local community.

Are you an innovative company, organization or institute and do you have a challenging water case? Come on board!

Contact Johan Oost at the Wetskills Foundation (johan.oost@wetskills.com).

WetsNext

The WetsNext programme initiates and stimulates follow-up activities based on the concepts and results of the Wetskills Challenges. The partners of this Wetskills edition strive to follow-up the outcomes with further (feasibility or pilot) studies, done by Young

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Professionals and students, but intensively guided by case owners, Wetskills alumni, other interested partners. Main aim: to follow-up great ideas, to implement them and to gain impact!

Case Owner Benefits

- Case Owners will receive the results: a poster and a paper (approx. 6 pages) outlining the innovative concept the team came up with for the Case Owner's case study.
- The name and logo of Case Owners will be reported in Wetskills press releases with a broad distribution.
- Promotion through the website and social media for Wetskills, the event partners and other relevant organizations and during other Wetskills Water Challenges.
- The logo of the Case Owners will be displayed on the poster presented at the final presentations.
- Case Owners will get their own international team of enthusiastic students and young professionals.
- Case Owners get the opportunity to grow their business network through participation in the energizing Wetskills event.
- Press releases and tailored appointments for promotion and communication for own use.

Case Owner responsibilities

- Case Owners will provide a study case (the water challenge) for the Wetskills programme in the Netherlands (further Wetskills-Netherlands 2018).
- Case Owners will support the team via face-to face or remote meetings (using Skype, and e-mail) on the first day, the last day, and at halfway point.
- Case Owners and Wetskills will jointly provide an expertise during the program (also on distance with cell phone, email, Skype). This expert may come from other organizations, e.g. a professor from the university.

- Case Owners will donate € 3500 in support of the organization and the participants of Wetskills-Netherlands 2018.

Wetskills' responsibilities

- The Wetskills Foundation will assist in developing a great case study for the participants.
- The Wetskills Foundation will form combined international, multidisciplinary teams of participants and guide them to reach solutions through processes of divergent thinking to solve the Case Owner's challenge.
- The study case and poster of the team (excluding the short memo) will be published on the Wetskills website, www.wetskills.com.*
- The results will be presented during a special session at the European Water Week in Leeuwarden, in the presence of leaders in business, government and academia.
- The winning team will be awarded in these sessions as well.

* If some information is confidential, Wetskills and the concerning team will act accordingly.

Donor benefits

You do not need to be a Case Owner to be part of Wetskills. Wetskills-Netherlands 2018 welcomes the participation of businesses, organizations and individuals through donations.

- Donors will receive logo representation.
- Donors will be mentioned in PR & Communication
- Donors will have the opportunity to meet and greet with participants and Owner Organizations.

We would like to tailor your requests as Donor or Case Owner.

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