



Kingdom of the Netherlands



## ***Reducing urban water risks in a changing climate***

17 April 13.00 – 15.00

**Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the EU**

### **Agenda**

Water crises are one of the top 5 risks globally and there is a growing focus on how to manage and mitigate these risks in the context of urban planning and development. In particular, rapid urbanisation and the development of housing, industry and transport infrastructure can affect valuable ecosystems and their capacities to regulate water flows, stabilize coastlines and reduce the impacts of storms. It is increasingly realized that new approaches, including nature-based solutions, are needed to make sure that these investments are sustainable and climate-proof. This event aims to examine the key issues and experiences in promoting inclusive and climate resilient developments in the face of rising water risks. It will explore the role of multi-stakeholder engagement and innovative, inter-sectoral partnerships in designing and implementing solutions, helping to identify policy-relevant insights.

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| 13.00 – 13.30 | Registration and welcoming coffee/light lunch  |
| 13.30 – 13.35 | Opening<br><b>Ronald van Roeden, Deputy Permanent Representative</b>   |
| 13.35 – 13.40 | Setting the scene – Moderator<br><b>Cy Griffin, European Programme Manager - Wetlands International EU</b>   |
| 13.40 – 13.50 | Wetlands, water risks and resilience<br><b>Jane Madgwick, CEO - Wetlands International</b>   |
| 13.50 – 14.00 | The Dutch living with water<br><b>Willem-Jan Goossen, Senior Adviser on Climate Adaptation and Water – Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management</b> |
| 14.00 – 14.10 | The EU Adaptation Strategy<br><b>Ms Elena Visnar Malinovska, Head of Unit Adaptation - DG CLIMA</b>  |
| 14.10 – 14.20 | Water in EU development policies and MFF towards SDG6<br><b>Veronica Girardi, Policy Officer Water Sector Unit C2 - DG DEVCO</b>                                 |
| 14.20 – 14.50 | Exchange of views with the audience  |
| 14.50 – 15.00 | Wrap up by the moderator   |