



Draft programme Economic Mission to Boston

Climate Resilience

Flood Resilience (FR) & Water Technology (WT)

16 – 19 July, 2019

Version May 14th

Sectoral leader: Mr. Henk Ovink, Special Envoy for International Water Affairs, Kingdom of The Netherlands
Sherpa to the UN/WB High Level Panel on Water

Tuesday July 16th

- Departure and arrival in Boston
- Kick-off meeting with the whole business delegation

Focus on:

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Wednesday July 17th (Boston focus)

- 'Climate Ready Boston Initiative': Introduction by the City of Boston and University of Massachusetts Boston (UMass Boston) Sustainable Solutions Lab
- Overview and challenges Boston Water and Sewage Commission
- From planning to implementation: Ongoing climate resilience projects in Boston and the Netherlands
- Visit Boston harbor by boat, exploring harbor island development, regional water infrastructure, coastal vulnerability, Deer Island water treatment plant
- Evening networking event with regional resilience parties

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Thursday July 18th (regional focus)

- Deep-dive in regional climate adaptation initiatives, including by the Metro Area Planning Council, UMass Boston and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority
- Urban water cycles in Greater Boston / Massachusetts: from the watershed to wastewater treatment and resource recovery by Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, Boston Water and Sewer Commission, Massachusetts Water Resources Authority and the Charles River Watershed Association.
- Lunch and learn on vulnerability and planning, with the City of Cambridge and the MIT Office of Sustainability
- High-Level Water and Resilience Forum: on urban flooding, wastewater treatment & wastewater to energy, and drought. Exploring climate resilience perspectives from decision-makers and thought-leaders from New England and Harvard University
- Holland Trade Dinner with Prime Minister Rutte and Minister Bruins - Meet the Greater Boston networks

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Friday July 19th

- Creating solutions for a climate ready Boston: design workshop with the City of Boston and key partners.
- Debriefing with Prime Minister Rutte and Minister Bruins
- Departure to Amsterdam

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Saturday July 20th

- Arrival at Schiphol