

SYMPOSIUM

DE-BORDERING CLIMATE CHANGE

Adapting to sea level rise-caused climate migration by means of a transnational approach.

Friday, 9 June 2023

We are seeing climate change happening before our eyes: floods, drought, sea level rise and heavy peak rainfall. Which is worrying for a country like the Netherlands that is largely below sea level. Recently, the debate on climate adaptation strategies for the Netherlands has been stirred up considerably. In 2019 already, Deltares has drawn up [four adaptation strategies for the Netherlands](#); one of these strategies is called 'meebewegen', which includes the possibility of relocation to higher ground in the East. No more building in the delta, but rather focussing on the high sandy soil. In other words, an alluring perspective for the borderland, which can lead to a boost for the development of that same borderland. The documentary ['De klimaatverkennen'](#) deals specifically with this scenario and comedian Patrick Nederkoorn even made a [performance](#) on this theme "Die orangene Gefahr: Die Hollander kommen".

On June 9th, we will discuss the future of the borderland, assuming that in a few decades, millions of citizens currently living in the west of the Netherlands will begin migrating towards the east of the Netherlands. What opportunities and threats will arise then for the Dutch-German borderland? What are the consequences for the labour market? What business opportunities will this create?

- 12.30 > **Lunch**
- 13.00 > **Official welcome** Wouter Josso, managing director Fontys International Business School, Venlo
- 13.05 > **Part from a stand-up show** by [comedian Patrick Nederkoorn](#)
Die orangene Gefahr
- 13.25 > **Keynote prof. Simon Richter**, University of Pennsylvania ([Dr. Poldergeist](#))
Germany as Dutch climate adaptation strategy
- 13.50 > **Keynote [dr. Vincent Pijnenburg](#)** (Fontys University of Applied Sciences)
Climate migration: an alluring perspective for the Dutch-German borderland?
- 14.15 > **Break**
- 14.30 > **Design ateliers**
 - I Energie ohne Grenzen
Bas van den Akker, strategic policy advisor circularity and sustainability, Municipality of Venlo
 - II A regional marketing strategy for the borderland between Meuse and Rhine
Marcel Tabbers, managing director Stichting Venlo Partners
 - III Creating a preferable future: which business opportunities arise now, assuming mass climate migration will take place in 50 years?
Marco van Lier, lecturer Fontys Venlo
 - IV The housing market: how ground prices will shift within the Dutch-German borderland
Dr. Jan Lucas, researcher Cross-Border Business Development, Fontys Venlo
- 16.00 > **Closure:** presenting the outcome of the workshop to Jacques Smeets (alderman Municipality of Venlo) & Eckart Preen (head Economics Department, City of Krefeld).
- 16.30 > **End of the symposium**

Location: Brightlands Campus Greenport Venlo | Building Villa Flora (room Future Forum)
Villafloraweg 1, 5928 SZ Venlo, The Netherlands

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