

05.10

CONVERSATION WITH PRACTICES

9.30–16.00

WTC-I, 23rd Floor

What's it about?

We aim for a changing design culture in which the design and spatial practices will play a crucial role to give form to the major objectives we stand for. The choice of material and material flows, the choice of implantation, the involvement of the neighbourhood in the design process, ... : this all influences a better living environment. In order to make this new design culture possible, we first of all want to create space for reflection between the various parts of the design practice itself. Through a Conversation with Practices, we bring together a number of practices to reflect upon the importance of design disciplines to contribute to changing society.

The practices were selected from the Call for Practices. This call was launched from the Delta Atelier, a programme from the International Architecture Biennial Rotterdam and Architecture Workroom Brussels and in close collaboration with the Chief Government Architects from the Netherlands and Flanders. The practices position themselves in the light of the major societal challenges and how they, as a (small) practice, deal with the missing link: the gap that exists between well-intended spatial initiatives and the big challenges we face today as a society.

Each practice will present one project or aspect of his practice that shows or questions its position and ambitions with regard to the societal agenda. after each presentation, the design practices and a panel of respondents enter into dialogue with each other, reflect upon the proposed project and debate in the light of the entire design practice.

The purpose of the roundtable discussion is to look at how individual practices can reinforce each other and how they, as design disciplines, can respond to the societal agenda. Together they will distill the guidelines for a possible spatial design agenda for the Delta.

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Programme

9.30

Introduction in the exhibition part 'The Future is a Practice'

WTC-I, 1st floor

10.30—11.30,

1010 architecture urbanism (Nadia Casabella, B)

Civic Architects (Gert Kwekkeboom, NL)

11.30—12.30,

Atelier Veldwerk (Rudy Luijters, NL)

BC Architects & Studies (Ken De Cooman, B)

13.15—14.15,

Robbrecht&Daem Architecten (Johannes Robbrecht, B)

Marco Broekman (NL)

14.15—15.15,

51N4E (Freek Persyn, B)

Posad Spatial Strategies (Han Dijk, NL)

15.15—16.00

Wrap up

After each two presentations a round table discussion will take place with following respondents:

Flavien Menu (Office for Cities)

Véronique Patteeuw (OASE Tijdschrift voor Architectuur)

Hans Ten Hoeve (Atelier X, Ministerie I & W)

Leo Van Broeck (Vlaams Bouwmeester)

The Conversation with Practices will be in English and will be curated by Joachim Declerck (Architecture Workroom Brussels)

The discussion is accessible for the public from 9.30 to 12.30 and from 13.15 to 16.00.

The findings of this meeting between design and spatial practices in the Delta will serve as input for further steps towards a possible spatial design agenda for the Delta.

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