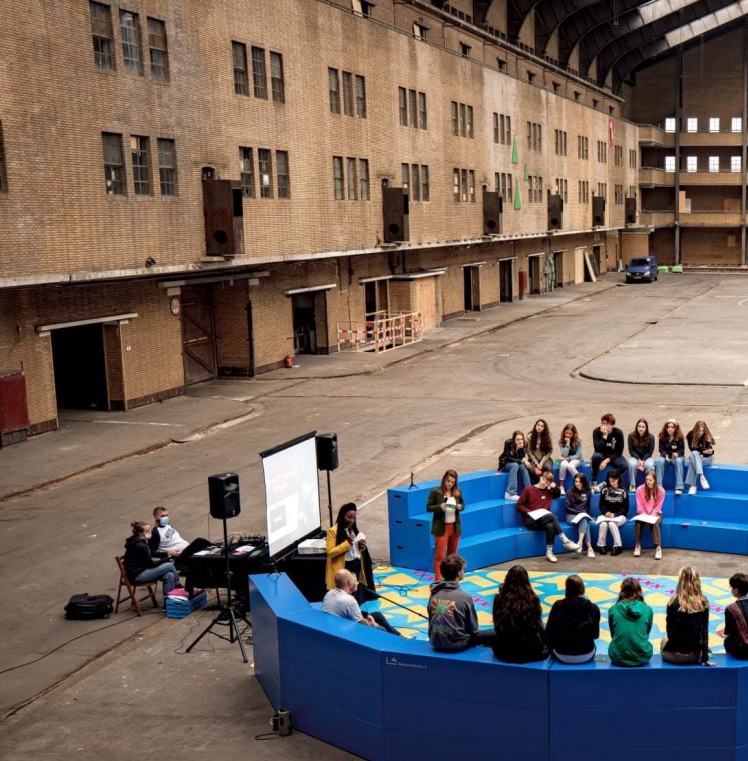


Samen stadmaken

Making the city together

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Amsterdam Local Vision 2050

– A Human Metropolis



5 strategic choices



Samen Stadmaken (SSM) is an attitude..

... based on as equal and early as possible collaboration on the future of the city with residents, organizations, entrepreneurs, and businesses, where each other's knowledge, skills, and experiences are utilized.



From
participation
to

part *ner* cipation!

"Making the city together" (SSM) is based on the belief that involvement of residents & other stakeholders is crucial for the **quality of plans and policies**... and for gaining support.



“Samen stad maken” is also about creating more opportunities for a more diverse development range including..





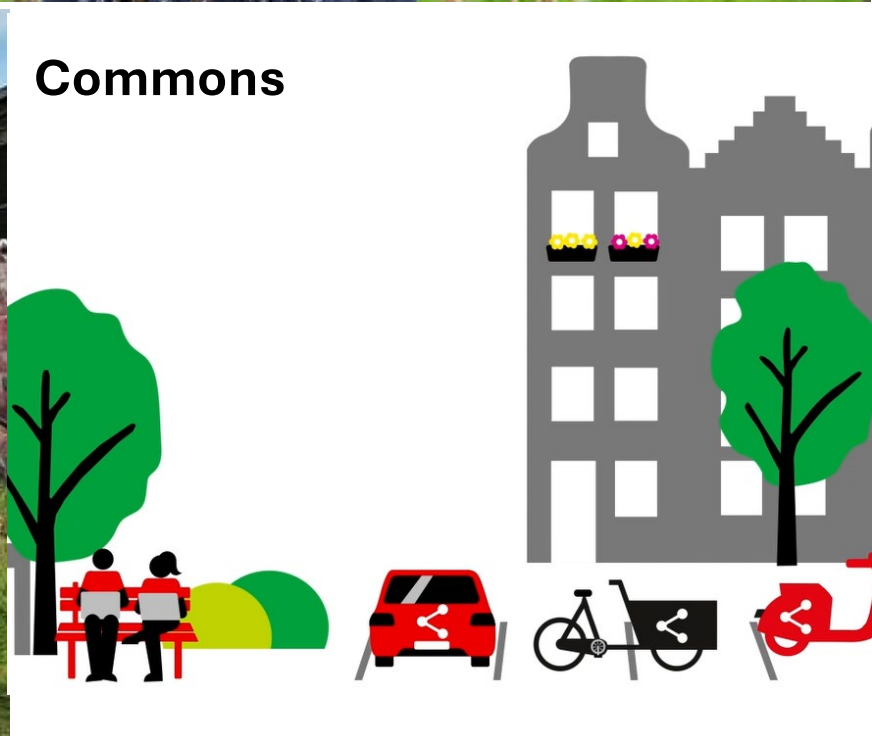
Housing cooperatives



Urban farming



Free space



Commons

For context

- The new Environment Act (De Omgevingswet) requires each municipality in NL to have a **participation regulation** (participatieverordening)
- Amsterdam's participation regulation was issued recently
 - SSM focuses on the levels of 'collaboration' and 'co-determination' of this document
 - Requirement: it is now obliged that every development project has a **participatory plan**



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Participatieverordening



Agenda for Samen Stadmaken

- Better democratic decision-making
- **Local knowledge** in planning and policy-making
- Shift focus from **public-private** → **public-collective**
- Listening to the the voices of groups in society that are typically not taken into account

Tools & Principles:

- Transparency portal
- Neighbourhood benefit agreements
- Neighbourhood rights
- Citizen assemblies
- Sharing design and calculation tools

Purpose of Samen Stadmaken

- To improve the **quality** of planning and decision-making
- To support the **democratic legitimacy** of government actions
- To shift from: **value extraction → local value creation**
- To encourage ownership and a sense of belonging
- The sustainability transition cannot be achieved by the government alone

Samen stad maken does not mean..

- That citizens always gets their way
- Co-creation always and everywhere
- That professional knowledge matters less
- That it only concerns "participation" and communication colleagues
- That it undermines the housing development task

Challenges encountered

- Internal
 - organizing & informing within organization
 - existing culture & procedures
- Pressure on housing market, land price value
- Clash between representative democracy & participatory democracy

Neighbourhood rights (buurtrechten)

- Achievement of SSM
- Three types of neighbourhood rights:
 1. Right to challenge
 2. Right to bid
 3. Right to plan
- Incorporated in the 2024 Participation Regulation of Amsterdam (participatieverordening)



[Buurtrechten - Gemeente Amsterdam](#)

For more information on Samen stadmaken (Making the city together)

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