

Territorial Foresight for Intergenerational Justice: Tools and Practices for Sustainable Regional Policy and Planning

part of the Big Question Week "What if spatial planning took intergenerational justice seriously?"

10 December 2025

09.00-12.30 CET followed by lunch

1. Rationale

This interactive session will explore how regional policies and spatial plans can use territorial foresight to address the long-term territorial impacts of climate change, demographic shifts, digitalisation, and sustainable growth. Practical tools are required to help develop forward-looking visions that address these impacts, translate visions into concrete actions for policy and planning, and foster collective participation in territories and communities.

The session will begin with presentations and discussion from academic and practitioner perspectives on the current application of territorial foresight methods and techniques to articulate visions of future development in territories and how these are integrated into policies and plans.

Participants will then form small groups for a workshop activity to deliberate key questions: How can regional policies and spatial plans balance trade-offs between immediate and long term economic, environmental and social pressures? What type of objectives should be prioritised and what does this mean for associated indicators, targets and timescales? Who should be involved in setting these, and how?

Website of the event: Territorial foresight for Intergenerational Justice - happening!

Registration link: click here

2. Agenda

PART 1:	HYBRID
09.00-09.30	Introduction and context
	 Introduction and welcome by Behnam Taebi, Director TU Delft Hague campus Objectives and agenda, Martin Ferry, EPRC-Delft Context setting: Territorial foresight as an increasingly prominent component of policy and planning systems, Neli Georgieva, EPRC-Delft
09:30-10:10	Key note presentations "Foresight as a Tool for Intergenerational Justice: From Concepts to Policy Practice"
	 Kai Boehme (Spatial Foresight) Ed Dammers (Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency, PBL)
10:10-10:40	Moderated discussion,
	Key questions:
	 How can foresight tools embed values of intergenerational justice? What challenges exist in translating foresight outcomes into territorial policies and spatial plans? Audience questions
	Moderator: Martin Ferry
10:40-10:45	Short synthesis by Marcin Dąbrowski, TU Delft
10:45-11:15	Coffee Break
PART 2:	IN-PERSON
	Co-Design Workshop: Imagining Fair Futures for Territories
	Purpose : To bring practitioners and students together to discuss the practical foresight tools and processes that can articulate development visions and translate these into concrete actions for policy and planning.
11:15-11:30	Introduction of 'Amsterdam Metropolitan Region 2100' foresight activities as 'real-life' case, Jasper Bras, Gemeente Amsterdam
11:30-12:15	Workshop discussions on key questions
12:15-12:30	Synthesis/reflections on the event, <i>Ed Dammers,</i> Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency
40.00 40.00	Lunch and dan artists
12:30-13:30	Lunch and departure

3. Workshop discussion questions (in Part 2)

- In terms of thematic content, how can regional policies and plans address trade-offs between immediate and long term economic, environmental and social objectives? What type of regional policy objectives should be prioritised, what does this mean for associated indicators, targets and timescales?
- In terms of spatial focus does applying territorial foresight imply a shift in the territorial coverage of policies and plans?
- In terms of governance, how can the methods and techniques of territorial foresight (e.g. scenario-building, storytelling, and research-by-design) be used to broaden and deepen the engagement of territories and communities in the future development of their regions and cities?