

CATCH

an Interreg North Sea Region project

Good practice:

Ecosystem services approach of public space

Enschede, Netherlands 

In leaps and bounds to a water sensitive city

ABOUT THE PILOT

The green blue Pinkeltjesplein project is part of the Stadsbeek-project and was co-financed by Interreg North Sea Region. The new city brook Stadsbeek improves the city's living environment and its climate resilience. It was a multifaceted project that comprises various neighbourhoods.

The Pinkeltjesplein was finished in 2020. What used to be a vacant lot for years is now an attractive playing and meeting area for children that also functions as a water storage area during heavy rainfall. The Stadsbeek runs through the square where water has become part of city life again. The project was designed in cooperation with the citizens in the surrounding neighbourhoods: a 'must' for a successful project and a way to raise awareness for climate adaptation in the city.





POSITIVE OUTCOMES FOR OUR RESIDENTS AND ORGANISATION


- CATCH gave the opportunity to apply the ecosystem services self-assessment (in the Adapt My City tool) on the Pinkeltjesplein-project.
- It made us aware that there were a lot of different opportunities to add value to this area The new square:
 - reduces the risk of flooding.
 - reduces damage from high groundwater levels.
 - lowers heat stress and drought.
 - is biodiverse and attractive thanks to varied and colourful vegetation.
 - invites children to play and people to meet.
- All this improves the quality of public space and gives a boost to the neighbourhood.





LESSONS LEARNED

By using the ecosystem services self-assessment (part of the Adapt My City tool from CATCH) we became aware that ecosystem services should be considered and discussed at the stage where you define the project frameworks. Do not wait until the design phase!



Project leader Koen Wagelaar: “I think there is a big chance working with ecosystem services will become common practice in the future.”

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