

Manifesto

for a carbon-neutral territory
(2001, AREP, MVRDV Teams, University of Luxembourg)

This manifesto, penned by the finalist teams on their own initiative, proves how the consultation worked to inspire the participating experts. The declaration brings together their respective projects' shared themes and testifies to a collaboration that was as welcome as it was unexpected – and which extended beyond the normal scope. It is a collaboration that has been maintained ever since.

Mix functions on all levels

- Transform monofunctional activity zones to multifunctional spaces.
- Encourage citizens to work where they live, and live where they work, enhancing the affordable housing stock in mixed-use areas.
- Mix modes of transport and reduce traffic volume through urbanism based on proximity
- Boost rural land use by combining agriculture, forestry, recreation, biodiversity, and water management.
- Cultivate productive green areas within cities.



Take no more land

- Build only on land that is already sealed and densify.
- Build less, transform more and prioritise renovation and adaptive re-use.
- Expand the public transportation system and optimise existing roads and non-motorised networks.



Adapt agricultural practices and change diet

- Promote zero carbon farming: productive agriculture that takes CO₂ sequestration into account.
- Develop agroforestry and silviculture and its value-chains.
- Develop new crops, research and develop meat alternatives to foster dietary change.
- Reduce meat and dairy production.



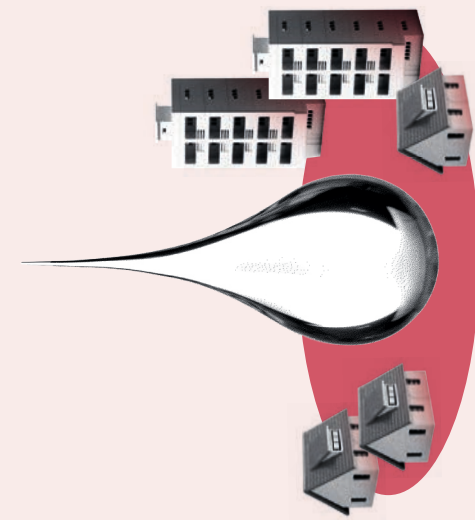
Develop a land and housing policy for the common good

- Consider the bio-functional region as territory of shared resources.
- Support affordable housing solutions for all members of society, as well as community-based, decentralised housing distribution management.
- Implement measures that prevent speculation of land for private profits.



Work with water resources

- Make water a central topic of spatial planning and design.
- Make river water potable.
- Integrate flood management for territorial spatial planning.



Challenge the transport hierarchy

- Make public transport more convenient than individual modes of transport, and train travel more convenient than air travel.
- Transform car-centric cities into pedestrian- and bike-friendly hubs.
- Support investments in clean and non-motorised options.



Boost alternative ecological economies and initiatives

- Champion sustainable practices, renewable energy and storage infrastructure.
- Strengthen civil initiatives in energy production, logistics, food, housing and quality of life.
- Unite existing civic best-practice alliances through a citizens' assembly.

