



Wetskills-The Netherlands 2025

Announcement for participants

The Jubilee Wetskills event in The Netherlands! Join edition #10

The Wetskills organization invites Bachelor, Master, PhD students and recent graduates to apply for the **Wetskills Challenge** programme in The Netherlands. This eighth homecoming edition of Wetskills, aligned to the International Water Week and Aquatech Amsterdam, will take the participants in two weeks, visiting interesting and relevant water-related locations around Delft, Rotterdam, The Hague and Amsterdam (The Netherlands.) *Apply for this unique opportunity to participate in Wetskills Challenge and join the International Water Week & Aquatech Exhibition (10-12 March)!*

Wetskills-The Netherlands 2025: 28 February – 12 March 2025



During the two-week program, participants will work in mixed and multidisciplinary teams of about four students to develop innovative, 'out of the box' solutions for case studies brought in by organizations and companies from the water sector. Arriving in The Netherlands, the participants will first get to know each other through some teambuilding activities and visit cultural and water-related sites in and outside Amsterdam.

Since 2010, More than 1100 international students and young water professionals (of which about 140 from Southern Africa) have participated in one of the 57 Wetskills Challenges organized in Asia, North Africa & Middle East, Sub-Saharan Africa, Europe, North America, and Latin America.

Events Since 2010

1444

Participants

75

Master's Courses

30

Countries

327

Study Cases

The working days will start with the Meet & Greet with case owners, where the case owners will briefly introduce the cases and the BrainHurricane where external experts will help the teams in a speed date session. After this BrainHurricane the teams get to work on their cases for several days. The supervisors will guide you during the two-week program and facilitate your team to find its own innovative concept.

For the final stretch of the program the programme will go Amsterdam. The finals (pitches & poster presentation) and the Awarding Ceremony are during the **International Water Week (IWW) and Aquatech Exhibition**.

First Application Deadline: 31 December 2025

Afterwards every week a selection of the new applications till the program is full. (First Come, First Served)

Who can apply?

Any Young Water Professionals (up to 5 years of working experience) and final year Bachelor, Master or PhD student and recent graduates with passion for water and intercultural teamwork.

How can I apply?

Prepare a motivation letter & resume, go to www.wetskills.com, fill-in & submit the online application form on the website.

More information: www.wetskills.com





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Selection criteria

The Wetskills organization will make the selection among applications received. The selection is based on quality of motivation letter & resume.

What are the costs?

The participation fee for local and international participants is **€ 625,- (excl. 21% VAT, only for Europe)**.

The programme fee includes: accommodation in The Netherlands during the whole programme, field trips, social activities, workshops, working locations, supervision, some, Welcome and Farewell dinner and the Finals and Awarding ceremony. The fee also includes access to the International Water Week. / Integrated Leaders Forum. Participants are responsible for their own travel expenses (like plane tickets and some local travel), meals during working days and other personal costs, which are excluded the participation fee.

Note: The Wetskills organisation is striving to find possibilities to keep the costs to the participants at a minimum. During past editions participants often successfully arranged financial compensation for their Wetskills participation from their university or employer. We therefore strongly encourage applicants to inquire about funding opportunities to compensate the costs (university mobility funds, travel allowance etc.).



Wetskills-Mozambique 2013



Wetskills-The Netherlands 2022



Wetskills-Romania 2017



Wetskills-India 2015



Wetskills-South Korea 2018



Wetskills-South Africa 2016

What do I get?

A unique learning experience where you will tackle real-world water challenges!

- You will increase your skills in: international cooperation; problem solving, cross-cultural and interdisciplinary teamwork, networking and presenting (pitch & poster);
- You will become part of International Water Week (Integrated Leaders Forum) and Aquatech Exhibition;
- You will get the opportunity to connect with other international water students/young professionals;
- You will visit several water-related sites of The Netherlands, incl. Amsterdam, Rotterdam The Hague and Delft
- You will learn and experience more about the international water sector; the main stakeholders and organizations, contemporary issues and current business opportunities;
- You will receive a certificate of participation upon completion of the program.

More information

For more information about the event and participating, contact Johan Oost (johan.oost@wetskills.com).

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