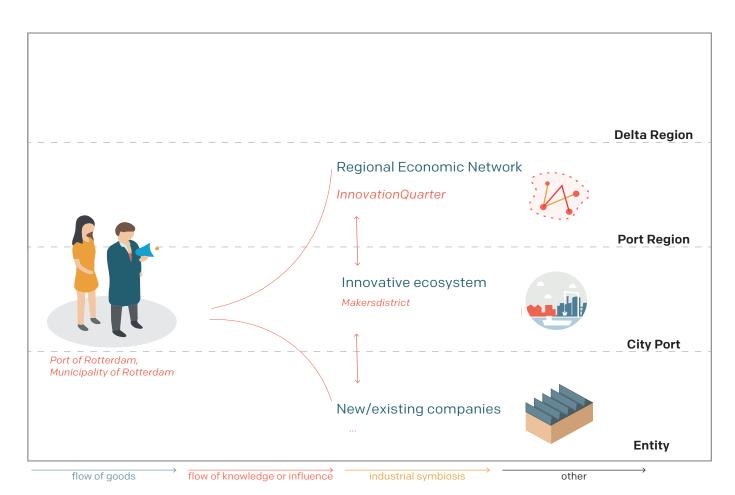


"The further development of the Makers District fills a gap in the regional and national innovation ecosystem. This ecosystem consists of overlapping, interactive and open networks in which companies, investors, knowledge institutions and public parties support each other."



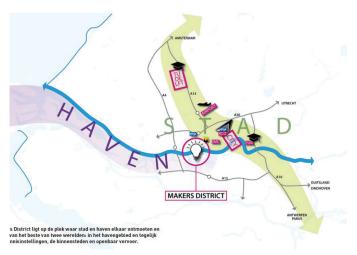


What's happening? How does it happen?

Formulation of vision and strategy for a specific area of the Stadshavens: the M4H (Merwe-Vierhaven) area and the RDM on the other side of the Maas. The large-scale port-related activities that have marked the area so strongly (fruit port & juice cluster in M4H, the shipyard in RDM) are gradually moving to other locations further on in the (industrial) port. In the wake of this transition, smaller, more innovative makers have settled here - because of cheap rental costs, low noise or odour nuisance requirements, good accessibility,... In the coming decades M4H will be developed into a mixed living-working area, therefore a Spatial Framework is being drawn up.

Why is this an interesting circular initiative for circular harbours?

More information



The Rotterdam Makers District as a strategic location: inside the port area and at the same time close to knowledge institutions, the inner cities and public transport.

What is the relation with the port and water?

> need for another kind of economy, bringing back production to our cities and ports



The Rotterdam Makers District as a specific area within the Stadshavens (with a mix of living and working)

What are the ambitions?

Develop the area as a living and working environment and attract innovative manufacturing industry. With the RDM Campus (see fiche RDM) an important step has been taken towards strengthening this new economy. With the Testsite M4H (see fiche Testsite M4H+) a research and development strategy has been tested to operationalize circular area development.

What is the relation with the city?

> these innovations need an urban environment. also the ambition is to develop some parts of the stadshavens as housing developments..

Who is behind it?

The municipality and the Port Authority are working together on this. A programme organisation has been set up that focuses on marketing, branding, strengthening the makers community, guiding companies or organisations to the right desk at RDM or M4H and initiating projects.

What is the timeframe?

