



## Call for Scientific Presentations

We invite researchers to give a scientific presentation within the *Thinking* track of the 'Public Design for Water' conference, 17 June 2025. We welcome various contributions that focus on (1) developing a Public Design approach for different governance contexts; (2) testing the applicability of this approach to encourage sustainable water management and service provision systems; and (3) creating actionable and effective policy recommendations.

Exemplary research questions are:

- What does a Public Design approach look like in the context of transformative change in water service provision and management?
- How are (or should) Public Design approaches contribute to the (plural and ambiguous) normative goals of sustainability transitions and transformative change, which emerge from public discourse?
- What methods, tools, and instruments foster inclusive, just, and pluralistic Public Design trajectories? How does Public Design need to be organized?
- How can different governance actors stimulate Public Design approaches? What are characteristics of a regulatory framework that fosters Public Design?
- What are the benefits and shortcomings of Public Design approaches vis-a-vis alternative and traditional governance approaches?
- How do Public Design approaches (need to) differ across geographical, political, and institutional settings?

Please submit a title and an abstract of up to 250 words to [jan.starke@kwrwater.nl](mailto:jan.starke@kwrwater.nl) by **15 March 2025**. You will receive a notification by April 1, 2025, on whether your contribution has been accepted.

On the conference day, we will also open a call for paper submissions for a special issue on 'Public Design for the Water Transition' in the international, peer-reviewed journal [Ambio](#). If you are presenting, you are additionally warmly invited to submit a full paper for this special issue. The conference provides an opportunity to discuss your ongoing research and receive feedback from the guest editors of the special issue.

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