

Press release Science Center NEMO  
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## NEMO opens free exhibition on the roof

As of 22 April, Science Center NEMO will be holding a special exhibition at the Netherlands' best-known science museum. The rooftop square of the iconic building will add an extra floor to the museum. Entry to the new exhibition *Energetica* is free of charge and the exhibition is exclusively dedicated to the weather elements as a source of energy. Soon in addition to being the perfect spot



The NEMO rooftop square before and after the renovation  
Photo: Science Center NEMO, DigiDaan  
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to relax, the rooftop square, together with NEMO's fully renewed restaurant, will become a place where visitors can seek excitement and challenges. The exhibition will reinforce the ties between Amsterdam's highest city square and the world of science and technology.

### Energetica Exhibition

*Energetica* enables visitors to experience the energy from the sun, wind and water using remarkable sculptures and installations. From sundial to wind turbines from rainbow to solar cell. Visitors to *Energetica* will be able to compare their own muscle power to the power of the sun, wind and water. At the same time, they will discover how to use these natural sources to generate sustainable energy. The installations and sculptures have been designed and produced exclusively for this rooftop exhibition. *"We will create a stimulating addition to our museum which matches the NEMO approach. We believe it is important for a wide audience to learn about science and technology and to be stimulated to*

*discover more. A free rooftop exhibition with a fantastic view in combination with a low threshold exhibition definitely contributes to these aim."* says Michiel Buchel, Managing Director of NEMO.

### A taste of the exhibition

Follow the development of the exhibition on Twitter via [#NEMOdak](#). We will start sharing the first images of the installations and sculptures from the new exhibition as of this week. That way you can follow its development from test phase to the final exhibit.

### Icon with a crown

Over 20 years ago, the very first drawing of the NEMO building by architect Renzo Piano included sculptures on his Amsterdam piazza. Amsterdam's highest square in the city's Eastern Docklands is

a spot where the elements have free rein in a city where open spaces and extensive views are a rarity. This makes it a fitting location to experience the power of the weather elements in Amsterdam's centuries-old harbour front. After all, in the Golden Age Dutch merchant ships sailed from Amsterdam to cross the world's oceans using nothing more than wind energy. By realizing Piano's original plans on the building's most visible location, NEMO is marking an important step in the renewal of the museum.

### **New restaurant with panoramic view**

In the past year, the restaurant on the fifth floor has been renovated and enlarged. The new restaurant which uses sustainable technology is another of the architect's original ideas which is coming to full fruition now. Visitors can enjoy light snacks, from home-made lemonade to tasty sandwiches. In the summer, the restaurant, the bar in the conservatory and the rooftop square will remain open for longer.

### **Energetica has been made possible thanks to main sponsor BankGiro Loterij**

The new exhibition *Energetica* on the rooftop square has been made possible by contributions to two projects. As main sponsor, the BankGiro Loterij has made the exhibition and the renewal of the roof possible. Among other things, the greenery on the roof has been realized thanks to a contribution by the Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds. Prior to this, financial support from the Municipality of Amsterdam enabled the opening of the Nature Roof in 2013.

### **NEMO under reconstruction**

The new rooftop square is part of the thorough renovation of all the Science Center's exhibition floors. Not only will each floor have its own recognizable theme, NEMO will also add elements which provide all the generations who visit NEMO a richer experience. For instance, greater variation between low threshold exhibits and in-depth information for adults, exhibitions which challenge the

whole family to discover and investigate science and technology together and more attention to history.



In Berlin, scientists are working hard on the installations and sculptures which demonstrate the power of the weather elements. The photo shows a test construction on which visitors will soon be able to make their own rainbow.  
*Photo: Archimedes Exhibitions*

### **About NEMO**

At NEMO Science Center, we challenge young and old to discover how fascinating and relevant science and technology are. We show how special everyday items are and present abstract science in an accessible way. NEMO encourages visitors to discover scientific phenomena for themselves and stimulates them to investigate them in more depth. In this way, we make knowledge accessible to a wide audience and bring science closer to home.

### **About the BankGiro Loterij**

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