



## CURRICULUM VITAE

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Sander van der Wal (b. 1976) studied public administration, specialising in the challenges and issues that play a role at the interface between the public and private sectors. Following a short career as a sailor (2001-2004), he worked from 2004-2009 as an international innovation project manager and was a member of the management team at Science Alliance. From the end of 2009 until 2013 he worked at the Kennisalliantie Zuid-Holland (Knowledge Alliance South-Holland) as senior project leader and water team manager. From 2014 he was one of the first employees at the new regional development agency for South Holland, InnovationQuarter, where he was cleantech programme manager and senior business developer. On 1 January 2017, he joined BLOC.

Sander ensures that innovations, concepts and collaborations move beyond the idea phase to actually become realised. With a keen eye for results, he creates sustainable collaborations with impact. Based on thorough analysis, he combines vision with strategy and strength of execution with a strong focus on doing, so that everything discussed gets dealt with. Sander is able to add significant energy to a collaboration and to connect with skippers and welders just as easily as with CEOs. He is strongly driven by new economic opportunities that address the major societal challenges of our time.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

2017 – present

### **Partner at BLOC**

BLOC is a creative developer and works on radical concepts at the interface between energy, tourism, living and working.

2014 – 2016

### **Programme Manager/Senior Business Developer InnovationQuarter**

InnovationQuarter is *the* regional development agency for South Holland. It finances innovative and fast-growing companies, assists foreign businesses in setting up in the province and organises collaboration between entrepreneurs, knowledge institutions and the government.

2009 – 2013

### **Senior Project Leader & Water Team Manager Kennisalliantie South-Holland**

The objective of the Kennisalliantie was to realise a stronger knowledge economy in South Holland. Activities included the promotion of innovation projects and programmes in which market players, governments and knowledge institutions work together towards a faster and more innovative way of solving social issues.

2004 – 2009

### **Project Manager (International) Innovation & Member MT/Interim Director Science Alliance BV**

Science Alliance was an intermediary organisation that connected science and the marketplace, to create innovative business development. Activities included the initiation and development of national and international networks and structures, implementing consulting assignments and organising meetings and events.

## Education and training

### Education

- 1995 – 2001 Political science/public administration, University of Amsterdam  
1988 – 1995 Murmellius Gymnasium, Alkmaar

### Courses and training

- 2012 ‘Young Executives Programme’, de Baak  
2011 ‘Alliance Management’, SIOO (inter-university vocational school for change and organisational processes)  
2011 ‘Getting Things Done’, Meereffect

## Publications

- 2011 **“De bio-based economy in Zuid-Holland: vijf stappen voor versnelde groei”**  
Authors: S. van der Wal, D.F. Broens, T. Bakker and Th. Noordman.  
Published by Kennisalliantie ZH & LEI Wageningen URL: <http://edepot.wur.nl/184706>
- 2010 **“Innovation and growth potential of European regions: A meta-multicriteria analysis”**  
by F. Zwetsloot, P. Nijkamp and S. van der Wal (co-author).  
Published in “European Planning Studies”, Vol.18, no. 4, April 2010
- 2007 **“Connecting science and society”**  
Co-author, edited by in ’t Veld & Zwetsloot. ISBN 978-90-811910-1-2.
- 1998 **“De sorry-democratie”, article about the Brinkman affair**  
Publisher van Gennep, Ed. van Thijn et al., ISBN 90-5515-209-9

## PROJECTS (A SELECTION)

- 2016**                      **Smart Multi Commodity Grid (working title) South-Holland**  
Advisor and advocate of a ‘coalition of the willing’. Ownership and commissioning organised for this group of companies and knowledge institutions, through the organisation of a regional triple helix “Energy Innovation Board”. The assignment is to create a final view and work programme for the regional energy system of the future, in which the economy and climate go hand in hand. Partners: TNO, Stedin, Siemens, Engie, Alliander, Province of South Holland.
- 2016**                      **Virtual Power Plant Rotterdam**  
Advocate of the partnership between Siemens, TNO, Rotterdam City Council, Lyv, and M4H to realise a smart grid in the Merwevier port in Rotterdam. Implementing and learning the new USEF model and associated innovative revenue models was central to this.
- 2016**                      **Innovation Programme Dutch Windwheel**  
Quartermaster of the public-private consortium that will solve the Dutch Windwheel initiative’s innovation questions. Partners: Dutch Windwheel Corporation, Arup, Mammoet, Spie, TNO, ECN, Deltares, Evides, BAM, DuraVermeer, Eneco, Huawei, Siemens, PNO, InnovationQuarter.
- 2016**                      **Roadmap Next Economy**  
Member of Smart Energy Delta workgroup.
- 2016**                      **Energy Innovation Delta**  
Member of Energy Innovation Delta Board workgroup.
- 2015**                      **The Green Village**  
Advisor and advocate for ‘The Green Village’ consortium; TU Delft, GasTerra, Alliander, Delft City Council. Development of business plan and realising EFRO application.
- 2015**                      **Member of the Circularity Council of the Circularity Centre**  
Partnership between TNO, van Gansewinkel, Port of Rotterdam, InnovationQuarter and Rabobank to support ‘New Business Development’ in circular business.



**2011**                                    **Initiator and Advocate of Flood-Proof Holland**  
With the former working title 'Test- en Demonstratiesite voor Tijdelijke Waterkeringen'. ('Test and Demonstration Site for Temporary Flood Defenses')

## **OTHER PROJECTS (A SELECTION)**

**2012**                                    **Secretary quartermaster PPS Grevelingen Tidal Test Centre & Getijdencentrale Brouwersdam**

**2011**                                    **KOTUG hybrid tugboat**

**2011**                                    **Cablean: multifunctional sustainable facade**

**2010**                                    **Delft Blue Technology**

**2009**                                    **The Green Rail**

**2008**                                    **Report: Analysing Innovation Performances in Atlantic Canada**

**2007**                                    **Report: Exploring Best Practices in Incubation in Europe and Israel**

**2007**                                    **Report: Exploring Successful Regional Innovation Systems in Europe**

**2005**                                    **Report: Ondernemerschap in Wetenschap en Techniek**

**2005 – 2009**                            **Annual 'Best Science Based Incubator' benchmark and award**