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# **Beyond adaptation:**

## **Emergency planning in times of climate change**



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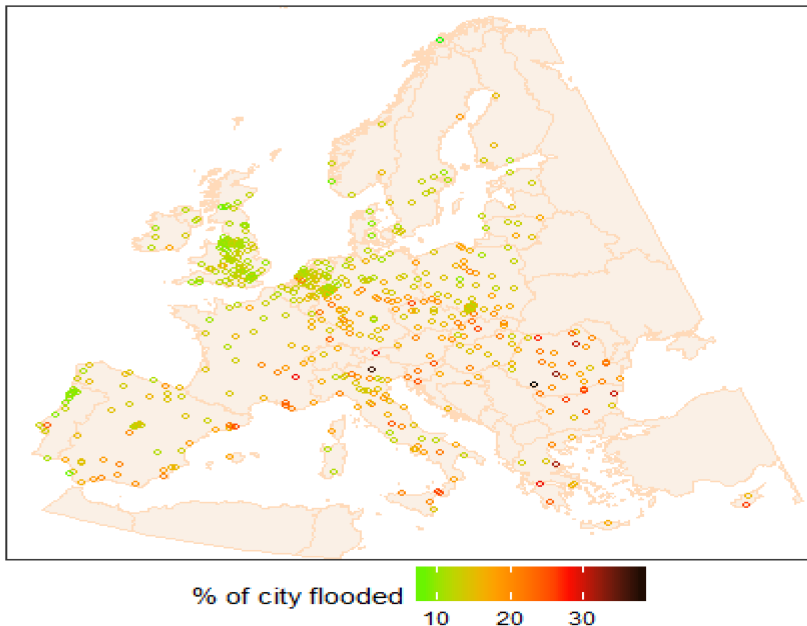
## Increasing pluvial flood risk

- Due to their fast onset and localized nature, pluvial floods cause significant damage to the urban environment and are challenging to manage.
- Increasing pluvial flood risk due to climate change in combination with population growth.

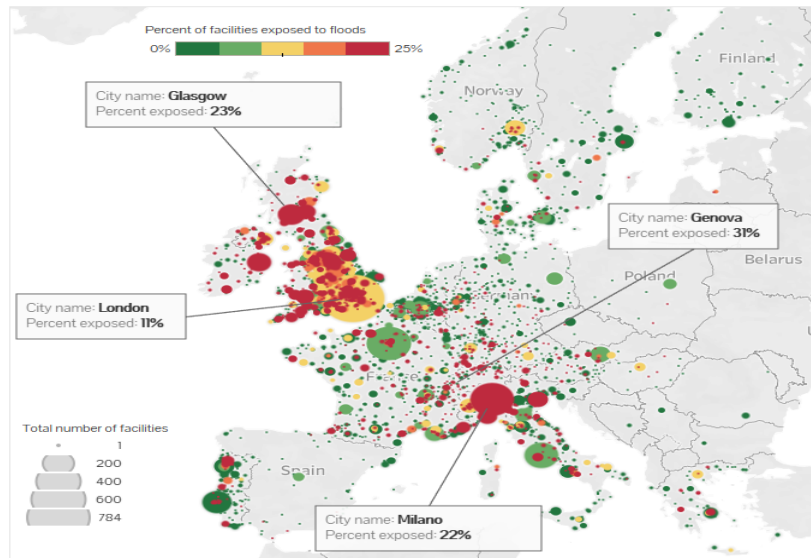


# Pan-European Challenge

Percentage of city flooded for RP10



Retail Spaces - Flood Exposure



# Mitigate





# Adapt



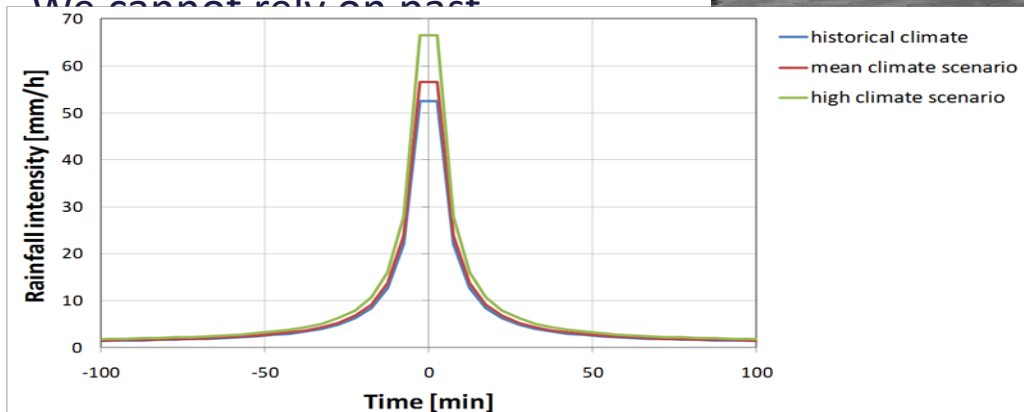
# Emergency Relief



## 1953-2053

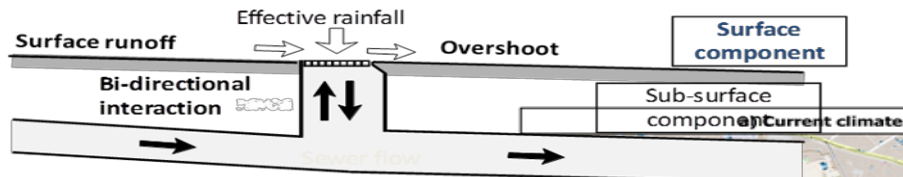
A 100 year storm in 2030 will be much worse than the 100 year storm of 1953

We cannot rely on past

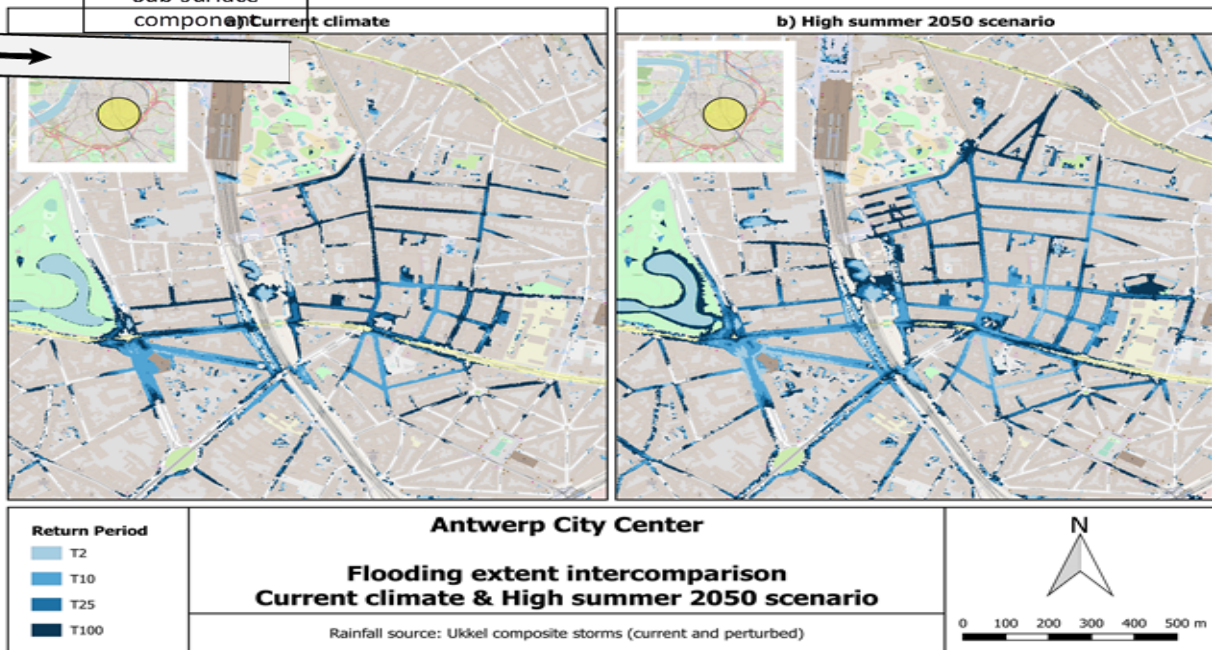




# Pluvial flood risk maps



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# Co-designing the service

- Participants:

- ✓ Fire Brigade
- ✓ Civil Protection
- ✓ Police
- ✓ Medical Relief/Hospitals
- ✓ Public electricity distribution company
- ✓ Public transport company
- ✓ Relief planners
- ✓ Environmental department

- Conclusions

- Vulnerability of networks, grids and punctual critical infrastructure (hospitals, train stations, court house, police HQ, 'dangerous' enterprises...)
- Impact on mobility
- Resilience (or lack of resilience) of the impacted population
- **→ qualify and quantify relief demand according to several future climate scenario's**





## '3D' – viewer (1)

- 1st dimension: critical infrastructure :  
Brederode T05 2050



Electricity Distribution cabins: 3



Vehicle entrance/exit: 1  
(Courthouse)



Emergency exit: 1  
(Courthouse)



## '3D' – viewer (2)

- 2nd dimension: Mobility:

Brederode T05 2050

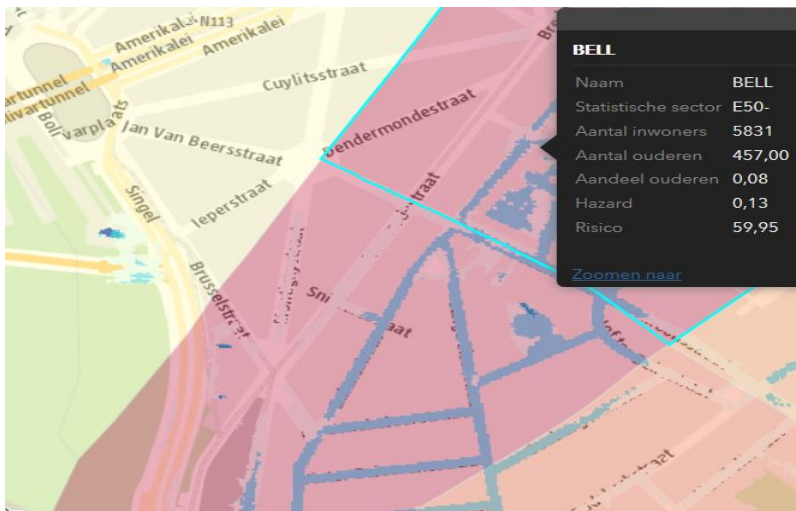


regional road: 1 (Singel)



## '3D' – viewer (3)

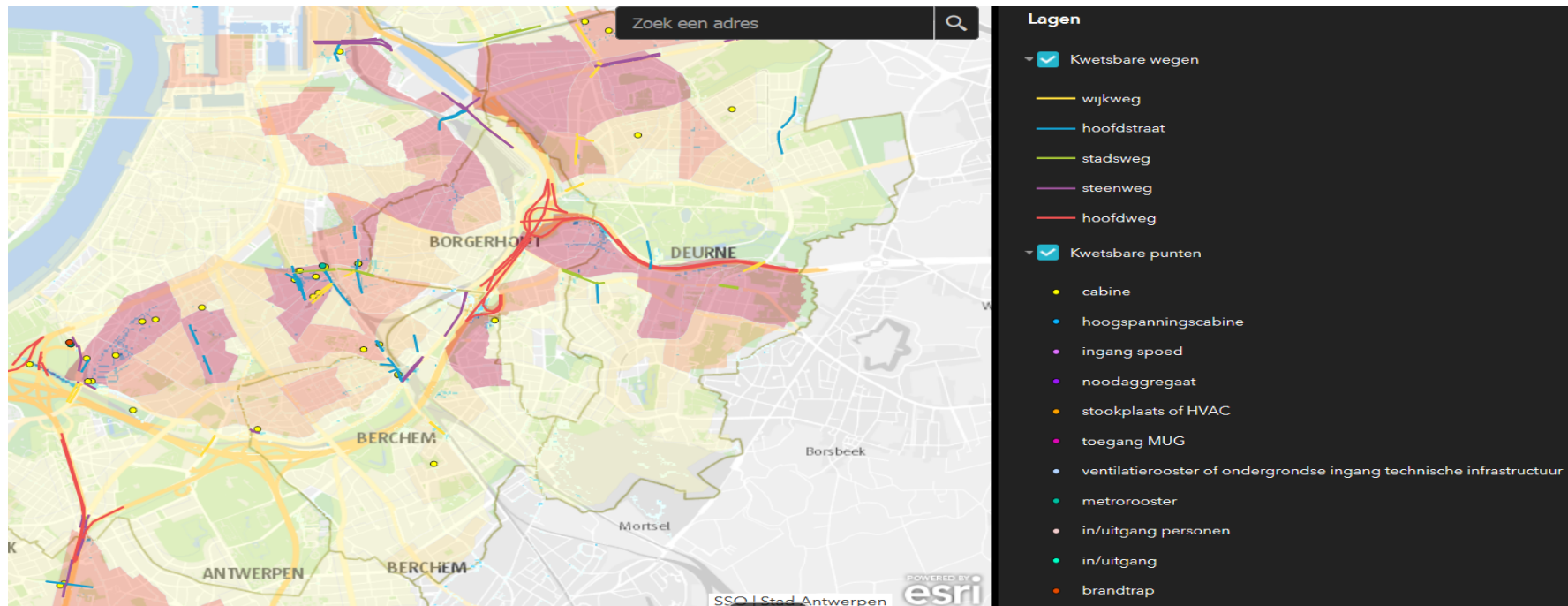
- 3rd dimension: population:  
Brederode\_integrated (to be developed further)



- Name of the statistical sector: Bell
- Reference of the statistical sector: E50-
- Inhabitants: 5831
- Elderly > 75 yrs: 457
- Percentage elderly > 75 yrs: 8 %



# T05\_2050\_overall\_view



# Future developments

- Fine-tuning & validation of the socio-demographic parameters
- Integrating pluvial & fluvial flooding risks
- This was a **climate data** based project. But there is a strong demand from emergency & relief services to 'feed' this viewer with real time meteorological data and predictions (nowcasting), for example provided by rain shower radar. Whether C-band radars can deliver, or X-band radars are necessary, remains to be examined.





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