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# A warm welcome to WORKTECH25 Amsterdam

WORKTECH is the fastest growing global forum for those involved in workplace innovation and the future of work, bringing together commercial real estate, facilities management and HR leaders and workplace strategists, designers and architects. Where and how we work has never been more central to strategic decision-making. Whether we embrace a return-to-office, a hybrid or a fully remote model, the old model, the traditional twentieth century office, no longer meets today's needs.

Join us to explore how we can make our workplaces relevant and productive for current and future generations, supporting diverse workstyles, requirements and cultures, and how technology is driving and enabling workplace transformation. Workplace thought leaders share their insights at the WORKTECH events all over the world. Conference sessions at WORKTECH Amsterdam will be run in one stream, which means that you will get to attend every keynote, case study or panel and be part of every conversation.

The event includes a curated innovation exhibition in the breakout areas where you can meet with service providers and our education partners, complementing learning throughout the day. Three networking breaks offer valuable opportunities to connect with fellow participants.

We hope you will be able to join us and look forward to welcoming you to the event on October 29.

Warmest regards, Peter

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WORKTECH Amsterdam attracts some of the biggest and brightest names to debate, discuss, and divulge the latest thinking on the future of work and the workplace.

The conference will feature leading international thinkers from industry and academia. Our speakers represent some of the world's biggest brands and best universities and research departments, alongside radical visionaries from new and innovative organisations.

Through interdisciplinary speakers and learning experiences, we focus on bringing cutting-edge ideas and inspiration to the workplace community to enhance creativity and move thinking forward. Instead of focusing on peer-to-peer innovation through imitation, we aim to curate a unique programme, bringing together experts in the fields of people, place and technology and relevant adjacencies to reflect on the future of work and workplace.

Alongside the conference series, the WORKTECH Academy knowledge hub explores the future of work through six key themes: people, place, technology, design, culture and innovation. Creating leading commentary, research and publications that places scientific research at the heart of key business problems. <a href="https://www.worktechacademy.com">www.worktechacademy.com</a>

**Speaker Highlights** 

Hojjat Attar, Offilancer

Patricia Bax-Bakker, Genmab

Yvette Becker, FNV

Luc Kamperman, Veldhoen + Company

**Rick Niemeijer, BNP Paribas Real Estate** 

Stephanie Hain, NewCold

Ania Hajdrowska, engaged.lab

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Wilco Poppelier, Miro

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Gerda Stelpstra, Envalue

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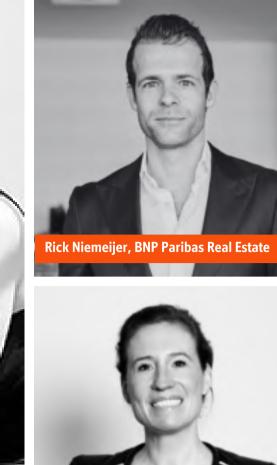
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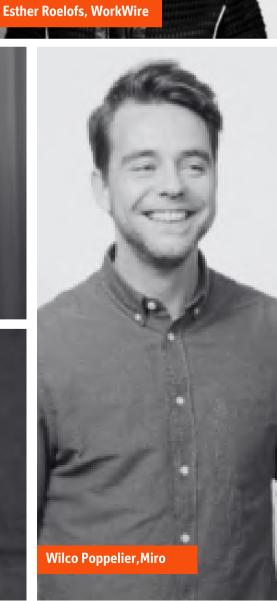














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Floor van den Heuvel, Real Estate & Facility Manager, NXP Semiconductors, Hans Reineke, Founding Partner at Hollandse Nieuwe and Luc Kamperman, Global Managing Partner, Veldhoen + Company

Discover how NXP transformed its global HQ and research centre in just 12 months, consolidating 1,150 employees while aligning the workplace with a renewed brand identity. The project brought the brand to life in the physical environment and elevated the end-user experience. Success relied on a fully integrated, collaborative partnership between Hollandse Nieuwe and Veldhoen + Company, guided by clear principles for 'building the plane while flying it'. This case study reveals how accelerated timelines, tight partnerships and a user-driven strategy can deliver rapid, workplace change.



### **Revitalising Office Buildings by Opening Up for Social Good**

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# **WORKPLACE TOURS**

As a delegate, you will have the opportunity to gain access to exclusive, behind-the-scenes tours of some of Amsterdam's most cutting-edge workspaces. Please note that spaces for these exclusive tours are extremely limited, subject to availability and available exclusively to registered conference delegates.

## **MIRO 100 HO**

Step inside Miro's brand-new Amsterdam headquarters, a vibrant workplace designed as a 'Learning Lab' to continuously evolve with the needs of its people. Purposebuilt for hybrid collaboration, the space blends flexible layouts, modular furniture, and integrated technology to empower teams to co-create from anywhere. What sets Miro's HQ apart is its people-driven approach: the workplace is shaped by ongoing employee feedback, pulse surveys, and open conversations, ensuring the environment responds to real needs rather than assumptions.





### SALESFORCE | EDGE STADIUM BUILDING

The Amsterdam project marks a milestone as Salesforce's first major post-COVID capital relocation lease. This initiative embodies the latest Real Estate strategy at Salesforce, pushing its spaces to be more flexible, efficient, and multifunctional. The new facilities are designed to accommodate diverse team sizes and a variety of employee and customer events—all while maximising space utilisation and efficiency.





08:30 - 17:00

## **CONFERENCE AGENDA**

MIRO 100, AMSTERDAM

#### 09:00 CHAIRPERSON'S OPENING REMARKS

Jort Verhage, Court Jester

#### 09:05 HOST WELCOME

Daaf Serné, Head of Workplace & Sustainability at Miro



#### 09:15 OPENING PANEL: REFRAMING WORKPLACE STRATEGY BEYOND HR, IT AND REAL ESTATE

Gerda Stelpstra, Partner, Head of Strategy Consulting at Envalue Marja van der Most, Regional Workplace Manager at Snowflake, Paul van

Wijngaarden, Program Director Property Development ad interim at Rabobank Stephanie Hain, Chief People & Culture Officer at NewCold

Workplace strategy is shifting from a support function to a business driver. It is no longer about optimising space, cost or even experience in isolation, but about enabling performance through the right mix of people, culture, data and place, requiring a realignment of HR, IT, real estate and facilities management. Gerda Stelpstra, Head of Strategy Consulting at Envalue, will discuss how organizations can use integrated data, shared KPIs and behavioural insights to align workplace decisions with business outcomes - moving from fragmented initiatives to a connected, measurable strategy.









#### 10:00 NXP - BRAND MEETS WORKPLACE EXPERIENCE: THE FAST-TRACKED MODERNISATION OF **NXP'S GLOBAL HQ**

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#### 10:30 NETWORKING & COFFEE BREAK

#### 11:00 EXPERIENCE BASED WORKING: DESIGNING HYBRID WORKPLACES FOR ALL WORKSTYLES

Esther Roelofs, Managing Partner & Workplace Strategist at WorkWire



Experience Based Working (EBW) integrates cognitive diversity, personal workstyles and sensory needs into workplace design - creating office environments that not only support neurodiverse employees, but elevate the experience for everyone. Drawing on data from an extensive multisector research consortium, Esther Roelofs shares actionable design frameworks, international case studies and practical tools for building hybrid workplaces that maximise wellbeing, focus and engagement across the full spectrum of cognitive profiles.

#### 11:30 GREEN TECH IN ACTION: THE FUTURE OF SUSTAINABLE LOCKING

Iñigo Espín Sanchiz, Business Development Manager Benelux at Ojmar



In today's hybrid working era, Corporate leaders, Facility Managers, and Workplace Strategists face mounting pressure to balance efficiency, employee experience, and sustainability. This session explores how even the smallest details (like locker locks) can make a significant impact. Discover how technology is redefining access management and security by combining innovation with environmental responsibility. Learn how smart, energy-efficient solutions can contribute to greener operations, reduce maintenance costs, and support the transition toward truly sustainable workspaces.

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#### 11:50 BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN VIRTUAL WORKFLOWS AND PHYSICAL SPACES

Asaël Akkerman, Chief Strategy Officer at Workplaced, Eelco Voogd, CEO at Reworc & Marc Heijmans, Commercial Director/ Country Manager at eFM





Is digitalisation leaving physical offices behind? Do we still need big central headquarters or are we heading toward more flexible, adaptive and decentralised ways of working? In this session market pioneers will explores how buildings can become intelligent platforms; hyper-efficient, on-demand services that compute, analyse and enhance the employee experience as the new gold standard in commercial real estate. With a growing landscape of workplace technologies, leaders face a critical question: which solutions deliver real business value and which simply add complexity and cost?

#### 12:20 INNOVATION PLATFORM | HYBRID WORK, MADE NEAT

Nick Stuifbergen, Enterprise Solutions Specialist at Neat

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#### 12:25 INNOVATION PLATFORM | THE SCIENCE OF A "RIGHT-FEELING" OFFICE

Hojjat Attar, Co-Founder at Offilancer



#### 12:30 INNOVATION PLATFORM | MAKE WORK THE BEST PLACE TO EAT

Sebastiaan Popma, Digital Product Manager, Join Program



#### 12:35 NETWORKING LUNCH BREAK

#### 13:30 WHERE TECHNOLOGY MEETS HUMANITY: THE FUTURE OF FLOURISHING AT WORK

Jort Verhage, Court Jester



Jort is on a mission to lead the world's largest movement of human flourishing at work. He and his team have redefined communication inside organisations, transforming it from a weakness into a strategic driver of connection, clarity and innovation. Their approach combines two worlds: an AI-powered technology that enables 24/7 deep dialogues with employees and the human presence of a modern court jester who immerses himself in the everyday rhythm of work to reveal what often remains unspoken. Together, they create a continuous loop of actionable insights that fuel human flourishing. When communication flows and people flourish, performance follows naturally.

#### 13:35 MIRO'S USER DRIVEN WORKPLACE

Wilco Poppelier, Global Lead Workplace Strategy and Projects, Miro



Miro's Amsterdam headquarters balances cost-effective design with meaningful impact. Sustainable, inclusive and continually evolving, it reflects the company's mission and product philosophy by enabling collaboration and innovation. Internally known as the 'Learning Lab,' the space redefines the office as a dynamic environment shaped by employee feedback. Through surveys, conversations and polls, staff guided its design to ensure it meets real needs, not assumptions. The result is a workplace that adapts, supports success, and fosters creativity and continuous learning.

#### 14:00 NEUROARCHITECTURE AND SMART BUILDINGS — DESIGNING FOR BRAINS, NOT JUST BUILDINGS

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#### 14:20 CONSIDERING THE FOUR-DAY WORKWEEK: FROM PRESENCE TO PURPOSE

Yvette Becker, Policy Advisor at FNV
Marieke Pepers, Chief People Officer at
Nmbrs (Visma)





As organisations navigate shifting employee expectations, burnout and the challenges of talent retention, the 4-day workweek has emerged as a topic in the future of work conversation. Dutch trade union FNV advocates for a shorter workweek, arguing it could promote full employment, enhance work-life balance and improve employee wellbeing. Some companies are already putting the 4-day workweek into practice. HR software provider Nmbrs is one example. In this session, experts and practitioners from various perspectives will explore how reduced working hours could influence office utilisation, spatial planning, workplace experience and productivity.

Neuroscience is shedding new light on how workplace environments

affect stress, focus, collaboration and social connection. When applied to

concept development across different work styles, roles and regions,

these insights can help organisations move beyond one-size-fits-all

solutions. By linking brain and behavioural responses to design choices,

from focus areas to collaborative zones, neuroscience offers evidence for

tailoring spaces that enhance both employee experience and business outcomes. This approach bridges global workplace strategies with local

realities, aligning culture, well-being and productivity.

#### 14:50 COFFEE & NETWORKING BREAK

#### 15:20 UNLOCKING ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE THROUGH NEUROSCIENCE AND DESIGN

Daiana Zamler, Founder at Design for Blooming, Ania Hajdrowska, Founder at engaged.lab, Patricia Bax-Bakker, Interim Director of Facilities at Genmab & Angelique Slob, founder of Hello Monday Club

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#### 15:50 SHAPING THE FUTURE OF WORKPLACES

**Joost Vos**, Partner at Benthem Crouwel Architects

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LAB42 UvA, the University of Amsterdam's pioneering faculty building, is the most circular and sustainable building of the Amsterdam Science Park It's also a laboratory, a research institute and a workplace in one. Joost will share insights on what it means to design a truly future-proof environment.

#### 16:10 REVITALISING OFFICE BUILDINGS BY OPENING UP FOR SOCIAL GOOD

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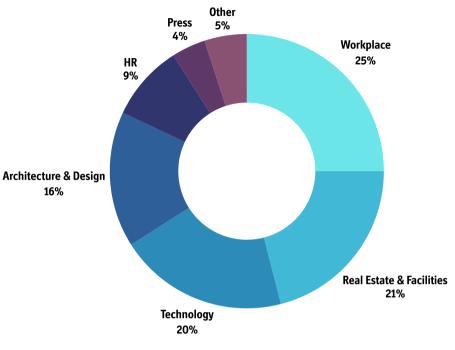
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17:00 NETWORKING DRINKS SPONSORED BY MIRO

**18:00 CONFERENCE CLOSES** 

# **WHO ATTENDS**

Attracting senior level professionals from Workplace, CRE, IT, HR and Architecture & Design





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**WORKTECH** delegate

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WORKTECH delegate, Vice President, JPMorgan Chase





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We're looking for people that love the future of work and the workplace and social media. People who are willing to become part of our team and help spread the word to the masses. There will be a free event ticket available to successful applicants.

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