



Wageningen Institute for Environment and Climate Research Innovative research, transdisciplinarity and PhD education

#### WIMEK's Grand Challenges:

#### **Climate action**

Towards fair and effective solutions for climate change mitigation and adaptation

#### Managing our future biosphere:

Developing strategies for the sustainable use of soil, water, atmosphere, biodiversity, ecosystems and landscapes

#### Advancing circular systems:

Inclusive innovation towards closed water, nutrient, and material flows



# Introduction

WIMEK is one of the six Graduate Schools at Wageningen University. It was founded in 1993 to coordinate the research activities and PhD education in this field.

## Aim

WIMEK aims to develop an integrated understanding of environmental change, its impact on the quality of life and sustainability and offers solutions for environmental improvement by (i) conducting innovative scientific and technological research (ii) offering PhD training and education, and (iii) dissemination emerging insights, recent research results and novel technological & policy approaches to companies, regulating authorities and society.

## **Members**

Sixteen chair groups participate in WIMEK, eleven with their full research capacity or a significant part of their research capacity and some other with a few senior researchers, postdocs and PhD candidates. The clustered chair groups participating in WIMEK are depicted on the right.

## Network

WIMEK is also co-founder of the national Dutch inter-university network of environmental research groups SENSE (Netherlands Research School for the Socio-Economic and Natural Sciences of the Environment). At present, environmental research groups from eight Dutch universities, the Institute for Water Education (IHE-Delft) and the Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency (PBL) collaborate in SENSE.

Climate, Water and Society							
AEW Aquatic Ecology and Water Quality Management (WIMEK) ESA Environmental Systems Analysis (WIMEK)		HWM Hydrology and Quantitative Water Management (WIMEK)	MAQ Wa Meteorology Reso and Air Quality Manag		M * ter urces ement WIMEK)	WSG Water Systems and Global Change (WIMEK)	
Soil Sciences							
SBL Soil Biology (PE&RC)		SGL Soil Geography and Landscape (PE&RC)		SLM** Soil Physics and Land Management (WIMEK-PE&RC)		SOC Soil Chemistry and Chemical Soil Quality (WIMEK)	
Environmental Technology and Microbiology							
ETE Environmental Technology (WIMEK)				MIB-ENV Environmental Microbiology (WIMEK)			
Landscape Architecture and Spatial Planning							
LAR Landscape Architecture (WIMEK)				LUP Land Use Planning (WASS)			
Wageningen Centre of Sustainable Governance				Section Economics			
ENP * Environmental (WIMEK-WA		and	PAP * Administration Policy group ASS-WIMEK)	ENR* Environmental Economics and Natural Resources (WIMEK-WASS)			
From other clusters							
MAE* Marine Animal I (WIAS-WIM		Statis	MAT* hematical and stical Methods &RC-WIMEK)	PEN* Plant Ecology Nature Conser (PE&RC-WIN	vation	Toxi	TOX* cology Group AG-WIMEK)
<ul> <li>partly in WIMEK</li> <li>** mainly in WIMEK</li> <li>PE&amp;RC: Graduate School for Production Ecology and Resource Conservation</li> </ul>							

WASS: Wageningen School of Social Sciences

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