

## **Amsterdam gemeentelijke visie op AI, Maart 2024 ;**

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*Wat is de invloed van AI op de samenleving, mens en planeet in de huidige tijd?*

Impact of AI is extremely harmful: for the planet it is ecocide, for the people it is exploitation and disinformation, and for the society it means a danger to participation & danger to democracy: due to centralisation of power and wealth in the hands of a few corporations.

+ References: [https://wiki.techinc.nl/User:Becha/AI\\_is\\_ecocide](https://wiki.techinc.nl/User:Becha/AI_is_ecocide)

Many other problems with Big Tech & AI:

[https://wiki.techinc.nl/MeshNet#Cloud\\_Problems](https://wiki.techinc.nl/MeshNet#Cloud_Problems)

[Sustainability#Data\\_Centers](https://wiki.techinc.nl/Sustainability#Data_Centers)

[https://wiki.techinc.nl/MeshNet#Email\\_Problems](https://wiki.techinc.nl/MeshNet#Email_Problems)

[Hackers\\_tribes#Decolonising\\_Internet](https://wiki.techinc.nl/Hackers_tribes#Decolonising_Internet)

<https://wiki.techinc.nl/>

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*Wat zijn de waarden, doelen en vooronderstellingen in de ideale samenleving?*

Values:

Abundance & Altruism ; Non-hierarchical Participation:

<http://becha.home.xs4all.nl/hackers-philosophers-utopian-network-dec-2012-becha.pdf>

Ecophilia, non-anthropocentrism (ubuntu)

<https://labs.ripe.net/author/becha/ripe-community-resilience-nature-is-healing/>

<https://labs.ripe.net/author/becha/ripe-community-resilience-every-society-has-the-internet-they-deserve/>

> ethiek en verantwoordelijkheid te waarborgen.

Justice instead of ethics:

<https://labs.ripe.net/author/becha/data-feminism-from-data-ethics-to-data-justice/>

<https://labs.ripe.net/author/becha/ripe-community-resilience-economy-of-care/>

Equity / Integrity / Open standards in Tech:

\* "equitable" / fair tech for the benefit of all citizens

\* maintaining integrity of data in the face of geopolitical, regulatory, and economic threats

\* use open standards (or industry standards) over proprietary tech

[https://labs.ripe.net/author/felipe\\_victolla\\_silveira/ripe-ncc-cloud-strategy-framework/](https://labs.ripe.net/author/felipe_victolla_silveira/ripe-ncc-cloud-strategy-framework/)

Focus on the "citizen" / End User benefits:

<https://labs.ripe.net/author/becha/the-internet-is-for-the-empowerment-of-end-users/>

*Wat is in de ideale samenleving de rol van AI? En wat is de rol van de Gemeente Amsterdam?*

The "AI" (Big Tech, cloud etc) has to be limited. (and eliminated)

Some of the principles are: DeGrowth, Reparations, Solidarity, Justice:

<https://labs.ripe.net/author/becha/environmental-impact-of-internet-urgency-de-growth-rebellion/>

<https://labs.ripe.net/author/becha/towards-climate-justice-in-tech/>

<https://labs.ripe.net/author/becha/a-plea-for-climate-justice-report-from-the-iab-workshop-on-e-impact/>

*Wat zijn de stappen die de Gemeente Amsterdam moet nemen om dit te verwezenlijken?*

Steps:

- \* divest from fossil fuels
- \* redirect resources away from Big Tech / AI to FLOSS (free & open source software )
- \* set targets to decrease usage of water, land & electricity for tech, in accordance with Paris Agreement (10% less every year)
- \* add "environmental sustainability criteria" for every proposal / decision
- \* use only open standards technologies

*Beschrijf een toekomstscenario voor 2030 met daarin een dilemma voor de Gemeente Amsterdam met betrekking tot AI, Big Tech, andere bedrijven, (burger)organisaties en Amsterdammers.*

*Beschrijf het dilemma en geef dan welke stappen de gemeente heeft genomen om dit dilemma aan te pakken.*

In my vision of "connected" Amsterdam in 6 years time:

- there is "municipal basic internet" & "cooperative collective clouds"
- existing commercial data centers have been shrunk by 50%
- there were no new data centers allowed
- all municipal services are hosted on free & open source software platforms (FLOSS) (and NOT outsourced to Big Tech!)
- decentralised & federated solutions are the only ones used
- there is no "AI" involved in any municipal services!

To go even further, my climate-fiction utopia does not harm squirrels!

[https://wiki.techinc.nl/File:Vesna\\_IAB-BIAS-Workshop-Basic\\_Internet\\_And\\_Squirrels.pdf](https://wiki.techinc.nl/File:Vesna_IAB-BIAS-Workshop-Basic_Internet_And_Squirrels.pdf)

And to go back to even more basics - questioning "AI" premise at all:

- there is no AI: it's all just databases & algorithms!
- there is no cloud: it's just "other people's computers"
- there is no Internet on a dead planet