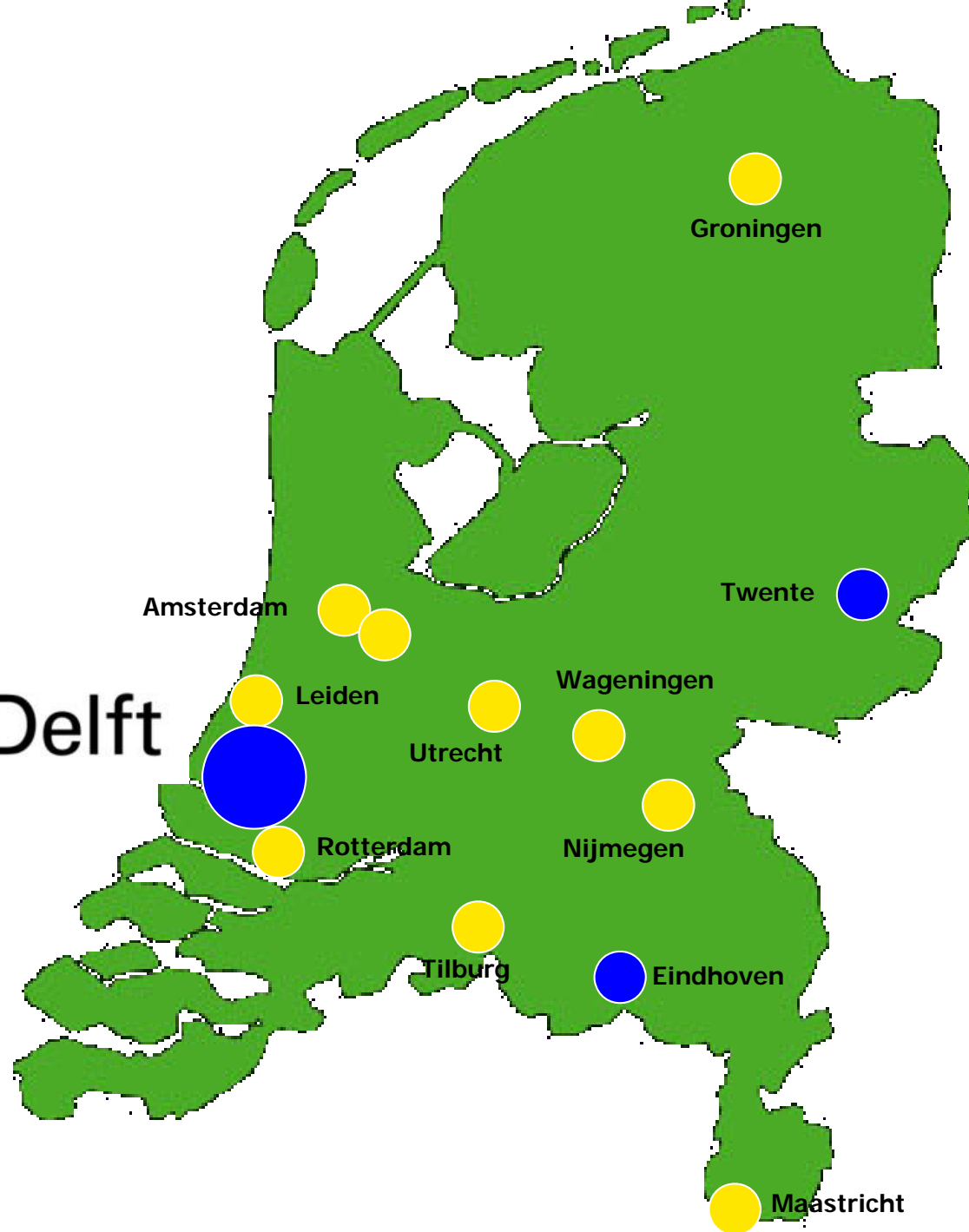


THE UNFORGETTABLE FIRE

CATASTROPHE, RECOVERY AND MOVING
FORWARD

Universities in the Netherlands





Faculty of Architecture

Built 1970, destroyed 13 May 2008

- 60 m. high, 14 floors, 45.000m² floor surface
- Normally 2800 stud./550 employees.
- On the morning of the fire 300 people present



RECOVERY

- Phase 1: Temporary housing of Architecture within 1 week (impressive campus unity)
- Phase 2: Permanent housing within 3 months (re-using former administration building)
- Phase 3: campus preparation
 - Enrichment of crisis- and emergency plans
 - Over-all fire safety check buildings
 - Close cooperation with fire brigade and city council

MOVING FORWARD

The fire gave impulse to unprecedented cooperation between management, support staff and research towards evidence based approaches and the development of tools.

It stimulated an open mind of supporting staff towards the benefits of science and their own networks.

It opened eyes for the impact of behaviour and culture on (safety) management.

EXAMPLES

- Real estate and campus development as a research exercise
- Adopting good practices (USHA guidance to health&safety in higher education; US universities e-learning consortium)
- Empowering researchers with efficient laboratory safety tools (Lab Servant)
- Delft Safety & Security Institute: TU Delft as a living lab for safety and security science
- Delft Centre for Laboratory Safety: putting safety research into laboratory practise