# Statutory object from the Wetsus articles of association

The object of the Foundation is to organize and carry out a nationally and internationally relevant, demand-oriented, pre-competitive, industrial, multidisciplinary research program in the field of water technology, and to organize the financing thereof. The Foundation may for example, but not exclusively, carry out its research program as virtual technological top institute. Moreover the object of the Foundation, in support of the above, is to offer a high-quality research infrastructure in Leeuwarden, the Netherlands, in service of the institutions connected to the aforesaid program. The object also includes the creation of physical critical mass by means of stimulating clustering of related activities and research in the field of water technology in the vicinity of the aforesaid research infrastructure. The object also includes the transfer of the developed knowledge to society, by for example, but not limited to, establishing a network, organizing Meetings and establishing a technostarters centre and technology demonstration facilities. The object of the Foundation furthermore also includes doing all that is either directly or indirectly related to the above or may be conducive thereto, all this in the broadest sense of the words used.

Carrying out the research program of the technological top institute for water technology by the Foundation is part of the national Innovation Program on Water Technology. The research within that framework will focus on the themes water technology, waste water technology, sensor technology and water interaction in natural systems. In so far as the Foundation acts in implementation of the research program referred to in the first full sentence, it will provide for an active harmonisation of that research program with the other parts of the Innovation Program on Water Technology. The Foundation shall inter alia attempt to realise its object by all lawful means that may be conducive to the object of the Foundation.

# Public Benefit Organisation/Charitable Status (Dutch: ANBI)

As of January 1, 2015, the Dutch Tax Service (Belastingdienst) has granted the ANBI status to Wetsus. The Dutch abbreviation ANBI means Algemeen Nut Beogende Instelling (Institution Aimed at the Common Good) and refers to charitable, religious, humanistic, cultural and scientific institutions whose mission and operations are deemed by the tax service to serve the common good. At least 90% of the efforts of an ANBI has to be focused on the common good. The Dutch government implements a fiscal policy that encourages the donation of funds to causes that advance the common good. Apart from granting tax advantages to Wetsus, ANBI status also favors Wetsus' sponsors and contributors in countries that grant tax concessions to foreign registered charities, as well as those based in the Netherlands. Here you can find the publication data related to our ANBI status.

# **Chamber of Commerce registration**

Wetsus is registered at the Dutch Chamber of Commerce under number 01094160.

## **Financial report**

A summary of Wetsus' finances is included in the publication data related to our ANBI status and can be found <u>here.</u>

### Remuneration

The CAO-NU (collective employment agreement Dutch universities) is the basis of the remuneration system for Wetsus' staff members. The <u>remuneration</u> of members of the supervisory board and executive board is within the boundaries prescribed by the the Dutch 'Standards for Remuneration Act' (Wet Normering bezoldiging Topfunctionarissen publieke en semipublieke sector).

#### Identification number for legal entities and associations (Dutch: RSIN)

The Wetsus identification number for legal entities and associations (in Dutch: Rechtspersonen en Samenwerkingsverbanden Identificatienummer, or RSIN number) is 810199579.