

## Conditions for Free testing time in the Deltares facilities

### Project Goal

By means of the cooperation Deltares gives SMEs and Startups the chance to use one of the Deltares experimental facilities, free of charge. In return Deltares gets to further increase its knowledge base using the generic lessons learned during the tests. Also, Deltares, as a not for profit research organization, is looking for feasible projects with a potential impact on society that fits Deltares' mission: Enabling Delta Life.

This offer aims at feasibility testing or improvements in early stage of development, not at the formal testing or optimization of existing design concepts, so think -projects with Technology Readiness Level 1-4.

### The offer

Deltares will cooperate with SME's offering four of these free of charge concept tests in 2021 with a maximum of one test per SME.

Each effective cooperation<sup>1</sup> between Deltares and SME will consist out of up to a maximum of 80 hours of free basin testing time in one of our experimental facilities to test early design concepts of hydraulic or geotechnical devices and innovations.

The selected facility will be available for ten consecutive working days, starting on Monday and ending on Friday in the second week. This scheduled testing period includes model preparation, construction, disassembling the test set up and cleaning of the facility.

During the testing period, assistance from a model technician and two days of discussion time with a Deltares project engineer for optimization and interpretation of the tests is included in the offer.

Raw measurement data or video material that is collected during testing is also included, but the actual data processing and analysis by a Deltares project Engineer is not.

Depending on the selected facility, required instrumentation or model assistance, rates can vary and therefore the offered amount of basin time is flexible, with 80 hours as a reference value. In case cooperation with Deltares research or other SMEs is possible, we aim to optimize the facility usage.

The actual tests will be performed somewhere between July and December 2021. Do keep in mind that Deltares reserves the right to change the facility scheduling and Deltares has the right to cancel or terminate the individual test or the free of charge SME concept tests in one of Deltares' facilities

Additional costs of the test project, will be taken into consideration at regular rates after consultation between Deltares and the SME company.

### Applications

Companies can apply by filling in the PowerPoint Template on <https://www.deltares.nl/mkb/> Applications must be submitted before 31th of May 2021

### Which companies and projects qualify?

All small, medium and micro sized businesses (as well as startups) as defined by the European Union are allowed to apply to this offer. ([https://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/business-friendly-environment/sme-definition\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/business-friendly-environment/sme-definition_en))

<sup>1</sup> A project is considered to be carried out through effective collaboration where at least two independent parties pursue a common objective based on the division of labour and jointly define its scope, participate in its design, contribute to its implementation and share its financial, technological, scientific and other risks, as well as its results. One or several parties may bear the full costs of the project and thus relieve other parties of its financial risks. The terms and conditions of a collaboration project, in particular as regards contributions to its costs, the sharing of risks and results, the dissemination of results, access to and rules for allocation of IPR, must be concluded prior to the start of the project.

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Deltares' experimental facilities in the field of hydro and geotechnical research that are according to Deltares most suitable will be used for the testing for each selected SME cooperation initiative.

Please take note: Deltares will bear no responsibility whatsoever for the quality of the test.

## Proprietary information and publication

To avoid the free testing to be considered as (forbidden) state aid, it must be agreed in the collaboration agreement that the results of the collaboration which do not give rise to Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) may be widely disseminated. Please be aware: this may also include the dissemination of photo's or video footage of the actual tests.

Any IPR resulting from the activities of Deltares itself - if any - are fully allocated to us, on the other hand it can be agreed that all information and IPR already in your possession before the test (so called 'Background') will remain your property and can be kept confidential. Feel free to contact us to discuss this important legal feature to avoid misunderstanding.

## Further details

Deltares will try to maximize the freedom for the Clients to move around in the basin and the vicinity of the basin. However, it should be noted that Deltares has very strict rules for confidentiality. It will, therefore, be strictly forbidden to leave the assigned area without escort of authorized Deltares staff.

Clients will be welcome on the day(s) of their concept test in the morning (around 8.00 hours) at the Deltares reception and will leave no later than at the end of the working day (around 17.00 hours).

Counterparty's general terms and conditions are explicitly rejected and the Deltares safety rules and regulations will apply and must always be followed.

Deltares reserves the right to change the conditions or cancel the Free testing time in the Deltares facilities project without notice.



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