

4. 100 Resilience Fellows programme

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Poll results

We started this presentation with a poll to understand what participants think and know about the Fellowship programme. The poll results showed that knowledge about the programme varies a lot:

- About half of the participants have basic knowledge about the programme. Yet, around a quarter knew very little about the programme.
- More than half of the participants either missed the last call for proposals or did not really notice. Around 40% participants considered applying or forwarded the call for proposals.

We further inquired participants about reasons for hosting a fellow and hesitations:

- Common reasons for hosting a fellow were: strengthening international network, cooperation with practice and working with early career or senior experts.
- Reasons for not applying varied from unclear procedure (review), unclear benefits, lack of awareness, COVID 19 situation to being unsure about how to convince someone.

About the programme:

- The 4TU Resilience Fellowship Programme was established as part of the DeSIRE programme to create (inter)national impact.
- The Fellowship programme enables 4TU researchers with an interest in resilience of social-environmental-technical systems to invite and cooperate with junior and senior researchers from around the world.
- The ambition is to have a group of 100 Resilience fellows (including a couple of appointed ambassadors) by the end of 2022. These fellows and ambassadors are invited for 4TU.RE events and play a key role in advancing and spreading our new knowledge, approaches, tools and ideas about resilience engineering.
- There are 3 types of Fellowships. Calls for proposals are only launched for fellows, not for ambassadors. See: <https://www.4tu.nl/resilience/research/become-a-resilience-fellow/>
- Experiences with fellows were shared by Joanne Vinke-de Kruijf (UT) and Tina Comes (TUD).
- Another call for fellows is expected in September 2020.

Lesson learned

The key lesson learned is that more communication, especially at each University, is urgently needed.

- At each university, calls for proposals should be shared widely with people interested in resilience.
- Each university coordinator should communicate clearly about the selection process, potential benefits as well as experiences with and results of previous fellows.