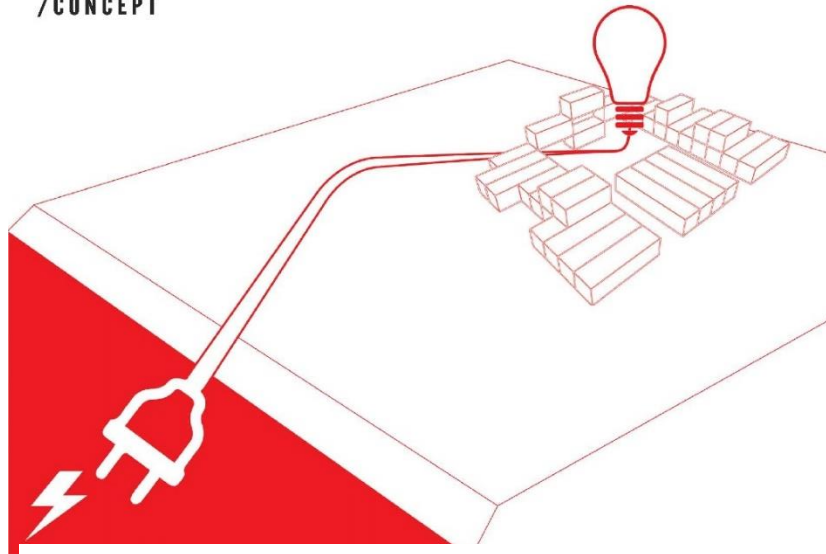


# Floating Solar Challenge – concept idea

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## What is the Startup Village?

Startup Village is a new and inspiring community working space at Amsterdam Science Park. Here, the most innovative high-tech and science-based startups will be hosted. The village is an initiative by [ACE Venture Lab](#), Amsterdam Science Park & [UvA Holding](#). Startup Village aims to support entrepreneurs with innovative ideas to start their own company. Besides that, the Startup Village wants to strengthen the connection between education, research, and companies by stimulating a growing, and knowledge- and innovation-focused startup community.

Currently, the village offers space to about 90 startups with a total of 150 work spaces available. By April 2017 an event space with venture studios and labs is due with which the availability of the Startup Village will double. This event space will be used to host various events, congresses, innovation labs, and other activities.

## Why Science Park?

[Amsterdam Science Park](#) combines a unique juncture of prestigious education, high-quality research and knowledge-intensive business, which has been carefully cultivated to stimulate innovation and collaboration.

With the [University of Amsterdam Faculty of Science](#), the [Amsterdam University College](#), dozens of renowned research institutes and some 130 companies – from start-ups to multinationals – all working in the fields of IT, Life Sciences, Chemistry, Advanced Technology, Instrumentation, Physics and Sustainability, Amsterdam Science Park has become a vibrant melting pot where business, science and innovation meet.

At Amsterdam Science Park, we believe knowledge has no borders. That's why you'll find cutting-edge institutes, top-class facilities and business incubators in one convenient location. You'll meet motivated students, innovative researchers, talented scientists and adventurous entrepreneurs – all in an environment where it's easy to work together. Cross-disciplinary initiatives and holistic thinking flourish. Ground-breaking research projects become successful spin-offs. That's the strength of Amsterdam Science Park: connecting boundless minds.

### Our floating solar mission

As a young and modern incubator for tech- and science-based startups, we are well aware of the importance of a sustainable future. It is therefore our goal to make the entire village as sustainable as possible. By using recycled containers as office spaces rather than conventional materials we have already put a step in the right direction. However, we want to go further and provide the village with a green source of electricity. Our plan is to install floating solar panels in the body of water adjacent to the Startup Village. This unique type of installation offers a wide range of possibilities for innovative companies, researchers, and designers. With its location being on Science Park, a huge amount of scientific knowledge is available right at our doorstep. The mobility of the panels will allow them to not be exclusively linked to Startup Village and could serve other sustainable practices on Science Park as well.



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