

WADDEN SEA FORUM

Thematic Group Industry /Harbor

Fourth Meeting (TG IH 4)

Wilhelmshaven, 15-16 January 2004

FINAL MINUTES

Agenda item 1: Opening (welcome, adoption agenda)

Documents: Draft agenda TG Ind/Har (TG IH 4-1)
List of Composition TGs (TG IH 4-1.1)

The meeting was opened by the chairperson, Mr. Ahrens, who welcomed the participants to the fourth meeting of TG Ind/Har. He announced that Mr. Ros from the Province of Northern Holland will replace Ms Ettes in the future. He further announced the late arrival of Ms Stam and excused the members Ms Gubernator, Ms Kuiper, Mr. Pedersen and Mr. Hinnendahl, who were not able to participate in the meeting. Mr. Verheij announced that he will replace Ms Kuiper as a full member at this meeting. Mr. Arndt and Mr. Koch, Prognos, Bremen will support the meeting especially under topic 7

Mr. Ahrens made some organizational announcements about dinner/lunch and the start of work at 9:00 on Friday morning.

The meeting **adopted** the proposed draft agenda, which is in **Annex 1**, without amendments. A list of the participants is in **Annex 2**.

Agenda item 2: Adoption Minutes TG-3

Document: Draft minutes TG Industry/Harbour (TG IH 3)

The draft minutes were adopted without any amendments.

Agenda item 3: Announcements

None.

Agenda item 4: Brief report WSF-3 meeting

Document: TG IH 4-4.1 Final draft minutes WSF-3

The meeting was informed about the outcome of the WSF-3 meeting (Oldenburg, 30-31 October 2003) by Mr. Ahrens, in particular with regard to TG relevant decisions.

With regard to the topical issue of shipping safety, for which WSF-3 had agreed to initiate a study into recent developments and gaps, Ms Reineking stated that all relevant shipping safety aspects mentioned by earlier TG IH meetings as well as the request made in the TG Fisheries in December 2003 (e.g. withdraw personnel from lighthouses and reduction of marking of shipping channels in the Netherlands) are included in the Terms of References of the study, which will be compiled by the consultant GAUSS, Bremen. The study should be finalized in the beginning of March in time to be available at the next TG IH meeting.

Regarding experts from the Wadden Sea countries for further reporting and discussions at the next WSF-meeting it was stated that a representative from the WSD Germany and the Coast Guard from the Netherlands should be invited.

With regard to the WSF communication strategy it was agreed at the last WSF that the secretariat will provide the sectors with ready-made articles and presentations and the offer to give lectures/presentations to fora of the sectors.

The members of TG IH are requested to inform the secretariat, where/when such presentation/information on the work of the WSF for the IH-sector is welcomed/needed. Please contact the secretariat.

Agenda item 5: Brief introduction to finalized external studies

The secretary gave a brief overview of finalized and ongoing external studies. All study reports will be made available to the WST/TG members as hard copies.

Socio-economic inventories and assessment studies

The Planco study socio-economic inventory Germany and the COWI socio-economic inventory Denmark have been finalized and will be printed in January and be made available to the members. Results of the Dutch SEOW project will be included in the socio-economic assessment study. Final results of the project are not available for the time being. The report is under discussion in Dutch policies.

The consultant Prognos is working on an integrative assessment of the national socio-economic studies. The results will be presented in an easy-to-read format and will become available in the course of January 2004.

Policy and management study

The Oxford Brookes policy and management study will be printed in January and be made available to the members.

Sustainable development

A study about sustainable development is being carried out by COWI and will be finalized in January 2004.

Perspective Study

Prognos is also doing a perspective study for the Wadden Sea relevant sectors and branches and will be finalized by the end of January 2004. There will be a presentation of the outcome of the study at the next WSF-meeting.

Mr. Verhey remarked in general that he is disappointed about the increasing delay of the studies and that there is not enough time to support the work of the TGs e.g. for the elaboration of strategies through the information of the studies.

Agenda item 6: Generic scenarios

Document: TG IH 4-6.1 Amended generic scenarios

Mr. Vollmer introduced the amended generic scenarios, which is an improved update of the first draft mainly in terms of the EU-, mobility-, energy- and nature perception paragraphs. The meeting **took note** of the amended generic scenarios as a tool in the process of developing sustainable strategies.

Agenda item 7: Discussion on sector-specific scenarios and strategies

7.1 Introduction to and discussion of the draft extended skeleton of the specific scenarios

Document: TG IH 4-7.1 Extended skeleton specific scenario industry/harbour

7.2 Development and testing of sector specific strategies

On the basis of the outcome of the TG-F-3 meeting the drafting team had elaborated an extended skeleton for the specific scenarios (see 7.1) which was not further discussed. The meeting decided to start the discussion first with developing aims for the sub-sectors of industry/harbour and secondly to

elaborate strategies to reach these aims. For this process Mr. Arndt and Mr. Koch, Prognos, Bremen supported the meeting with information from the perspective study.

In the following, the results of the extensive discussion are listed with keywords. The meeting firstly agreed on certain aims for which strategies should be developed. On this issue the meeting focussed in the second part of the debate.

Aims with regard to infrastructure

Implementation/construction and provision of:

- coastal highway connection (east-west) e.g. A22 in Germany and N33 + A7 in NL
- train connection (east-west)
- water ways (flexible regulations balancing needs and impacts)
- pipelines
- logistics
- ICT-infrastructure
- tolls for regulation
- Jade-Weser-Port as a solution for infrastructure problem?

Aims with regard to chemistry

Chemistry is the 3rd important industry sector due to employees (23.400 people) in the Wadden Sea region. Clusters are located in Delfzijl (NL) and WHV, Stade, Brundsbüttel (D), and all have a good harbour connection.

Aims:

- further development of (petro-)chemical industry clusters near the Wadden Sea
- provide necessary facilities, such as ports, pipelines, roads and rails

Aims with regard to machine construction and metal industry

This sub-sector is the biggest industry sector due to employees (40.500 people) in the Wadden Sea region. Clusters are located in Esbjerg (DK), Groningen and Leeuwarden (NL), Emden and in the Wesermarsch (D). There are low production costs and harbour connection to some extent.

Aims:

- innovation
- provide Wadden-Sea-region-characteristic facilities (ports, shipyards)
- keep main players in the region because they are a magnet for suppliers and other industries

Aims with regard to food industries

This sub-sector is the 2nd important industry sector due to employees (37.400 people) in the Wadden Sea region. Clusters are located in e.g. Bremerhaven for fish; Cuxhaven, Bremerhaven and Wilhelmshaven for frozen fish. The sites of this sub-sector are related to resources of fishery and agriculture.

Aims:

- innovation of the sector (new products, quick changes)
- local processing

Aims with regard to the harbour sector

Harbours are important regarding suppliers and facilitators for chemistry, food industry, freight, shipyards. Main trend within the harbour sector is the tremendous increase of freight transport through harbours.

Aims:

- proper short sea traffic
- adequate shipping routes
- green ship wrecking
- participation in the world wide container traffic

Aims with regard to the service sector

- invest in service sector to keep the Wadden Sea region alive
- cooperation of knowledge for harbour and industry
- develop education for harbour industries
- attract elderly to move to the Wadden Sea region by providing knowledge building
- develop tourism:
 - quality tourism
 - education of and cooperation between tourism boards
 - brand "North Sea" (label)
 - sustainable development of marinas

Strategies for chemistry and others such as machine and metal-, food industry, service sector)

- stimulation of plants to cluster (grouping different industries) and of usage of side-products
 - policies
 - financial benefits
 - benefits by labelling / certification
- provide necessary facilities (e.g. pipelines)
 - spatial planning Wadden-Sea-Region-wide
- top, sound education of industry purposes "Centre for excellence"
- increase of the image of the region
- reclamation of specialized ship yards / building in combination of high technology
- policies for off-shore supplying industries
- local processing / food, agricultural products
- labelling of local products, sustainable catch growing
- simplifying / coordination of regulations for efficiency
- made/provide room/sites and rules for green ship wrecking

Strategies for the harbour sector

installation of a joint coordination process of all harbours in the Wadden Sea region regarding which is the best place for which type of ship taking into consideration to minimize the risk for environment.

Due to time limitations it was not possible to test the sector specific strategies for the different scenarios. Therefore this should be done by the drafting team and the results will be presented to TG-5 as a basis for further discussion. Also the results of the Prognos perspectives study will be taken into consideration.

Agenda item 8: Sustainability aims and indicators

Document: TG IH 4-8.1 Sustainability aims

At the WSF-3 meeting a first discussion was held about sustainability aims. The results are summarized in a matrix in the document.

The discussion on this topic had to be skipped because of lack of time.

Agenda item 9: Next meeting

The fifth and last meeting TG-IH-5 will be held on 11/12 March 2004 in Oldenburg instead of Esbjerg. The meeting will start the first day at 10 hrs and will be closed the second day at about 14/15 hrs.

Agenda item 10: Any other business

None.

Agenda item 11: Closing

Mr. Ahrens thanked all participants for coming and their cooperation, invited the meeting for lunch and closed the meeting at 13:00 hours on 16 January 2004.

Annex 1

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