



**Wadden Sea Forum**  
**WG ICZM, 2021-2 Meeting**  
**Online, 21 April 2021**

Final DRAFT MINUTES

## **1. Opening**

*Document: ICZM 2021-2 Draft agenda*

The WSF secretary welcomed the participants and opened the meeting at 9:00 hours as an online meeting due to the instable Corona situation. The list of participants is in **Annex 1**. The agenda was adopted and is in **Annex 2**.

The WSF secretary welcomed two new members in the WG ICZM:

Marta Jacuniak-Suda from the Office of Regional Development Weser-Ems (Amt für regionale Landesentwicklung Weser-Ems) was invited to attend the meetings of the ICZM group. She represents the region Weser-Ems and represents the Office in various national and international working groups.

Cormac Walsh, working as freelancer, indicated interest in participating in the WG ICZM at the WSF39 plenary. The WSF secretary invited him to this meeting.

## **2. Minutes ICZM 2021-1**

*Document: ICZM 2021-1 final draft minutes*

The meeting adopted the final draft minutes of the 2021-1 meeting of WG ICZM, 3 February 2021. The final draft minutes are available at the WSF website [www.waddensea-forum.org](http://www.waddensea-forum.org).

## **3. Announcements**

Ole Beck Andersen reported that the excursion planned in spring 2021 was cancelled again due to the Corona situation. It was planned to run a tour along the west coast of Schleswig-Holstein in order to get an impression on water management and tourism strategies, especially in Büsum. The excursion should have been accompanied by regional and local experts at selected spots. The excursion is planned to be executed at 23 September 2021.

Ingrid Klinge informed the meeting that she is in contact with a TV broadcaster who wants to produce a feature about the utilisation of the North Sea, because the sea side is much bigger than the land side of the Netherlands. The motto could be "North Sea learning from the Wadden Sea".

Cormac Walsh reported that a joint excursion will be organised between the Universities of Groningen, Oldenburg, Hamburg and Bremen at the border regions. The excursion will take place in May and September 2022 with students from the faculties of geography and planning.

He informed the meeting that the Irish Sea Forum (?) wants to work on a project proposal on climate adaptation at the Irish coast for example on Interreg or EU Horizon level. They are interested in further project partners.

Furthermore, he informed that he wrote a comment on the idea of realising a “Green Coastal Deal” at the WSF ([cormacwalsh-consult.eu/tag/green-coastal-deal](https://cormacwalsh-consult.eu/tag/green-coastal-deal)) and provided the idea of inviting a representative from the Wadden Agenda 2050 of the Netherlands to one of the next WSF plenary meetings.

Petra Sewig: The comments on the draft 2020 are currently being evaluated and weighed up. Before, the draft was laid out and not only public bodies and associations but the general public (anyone) as well had the opportunity to submit a statement until March 19, 2021.

Marta Jacuniak-Suda from the Office for Regional Development Weser-Ems informed the group members that organisations and institutions from Weser-Ems can participate at several Interreg programmes in the new funding period 2021-2027: Interreg A (cross-border), Interreg B (North Sea, Baltic Sea, North-West Europe) and Interreg Europe.

For the trilateral activities of the Wadden Sea Forum is the Interreg North Sea Programme particularly interesting.

The development of the North Sea Programme 2021-2027 has reached an important milestone and the following priorities have been set:

Priority 1: Robust and smart economies in the North Sea Region - Projects in this priority will help develop resilience to protect the region from potential shocks and crises. Projects may also focus on regional innovation capacity and future-proofing economic structures and actors.

Priority 2: A green transition in the North Sea Region - Priority 2 projects will contribute to reducing the region’s environmental footprint. They will do this through development of green energy, alternative fuels, circular economy, and sustainable transport.

Priority 3: A climate resilient North Sea Region - Projects in this priority will contribute to climate adaptation and enhancement of biodiversity.

Priority 4: Better governance in the North Sea - Priority 4 projects will support stakeholders to engage in transnational governance. They will also help improve the integration of (marine) activities and solutions and boost societal support for related policy decisions.

Marta Jacuniak-Suda represents the Region of Weser-Ems/Niedersachsen in the Working Groups of the North Sea Commission: Marine Resources Group, Transport Group, Smart Regions Group and Energy & Climate Change Group. The North Sea Commission is a cooperation platform for regions around the North Sea with the mission to strengthen partnerships between regional authorities. Through dialogue and formal partnerships the Commission seeks to promote common interests, especially in relation to European Union institutions, national governments and other organisations dealing with issues that are relevant to the North Sea.

She reported that in the last meeting of the Marine Resources Group a representative of KIMO presented a joint statement on lost containers in the North Sea and asked for further inputs and support of other organisations and regions in drafting a joint resolution on safe cargo shipping. Based on the extensive knowledge, the Wadden Sea Forum could provide their expertise to the resolution. A meeting has been scheduled by the Shetland Islands Council for the 28 of April to discuss the next steps and the scope of involvement.

Furthermore, the Office for Regional Development of Weser-Ems introduced a new spatial planning procedure back in January 2021 with regards to the potential corridors for transferring power from off-shore wind parks through the coastal waters of Lower Saxony. Here, especially the islands Baltrum and Langeoog will be affected.

If there is an interest, the University of Oldenburg (ZENARiO) offers a webinar series on the development of the infrastructure for power transmission as a part of the energy transition in Germany: <https://uol.de/zenario/aktuelles>

The project activities within the framework of the model project of spatial planning (Modellvorhaben der Raumordnung, MORO) for cross-border spatial observation have been delayed and the project is

due to be finished in October 2021. The project aims at the collection of statistical data related to housing, health care, education, employment, demography, land use, tourism, mobility, etc.

#### **4. WSF information on Activities**

Based on the discussion upon the realization of the "Green Coastal Deal", it was suggested to focus on one or two topics and to develop a more integrative and long-time strategy. The hint was given also to invite or to get in contact with regional or local climate protection managers (German: Klimaschutzmanager).

Projects and Initiatives:

- **Trilateral Dark Sky Initiative/Project**  
The trilateral Dark Sky initiative is conducting a webinar. The webinar is planned and organized by the PRW together with the WSF and the PH. Until now, more than 80 participants registered. Mr. Albrecht, Minister for the Environment in Schleswig-Holstein, will give a welcoming note.
- **Round Table "Shipping"**  
The WSF finalized the bilateral interviews and scripted the kick-off meeting for the Round Table "Shipping". More than 30 attendees registered for the RT. A variety of participants ranging from different administrative levels to various NGO's indicate their interest. Prof Dr Janne Liburd will moderate the kick-off meeting.
- **Applications and ideas:**
  - **Media project with Public Access Channels (Bürgersender)**  
"MediaWatt" has been approved mid-April 2021. The project will start very soon.
  - **Artists cooperation for TGC 2022**  
First ideas and project structures have been discussed and exchanged between the WSF secretariat and the curator company ARTPORT\_making waves.
  - **TEMPESTATES (Horizon2020)**  
The TEMPESTATES project has been rejected.

#### **5. Any other business**

Cormac suggested to create a mailing list comprising social scientists working in the trilateral Wadden Sea Region. Until now, the trilateral cooperation between social scientists could be improved as well as research and investigations in this field with respect to the WSR.

#### **6. Next meeting**

The meeting agreed to execute a doodle request for the next meeting: 16 June 2021, 14 – 16 hours.

#### **7. Closing**

The secretary thanked all participants for their participation and contributions made and closed the meeting at 12:00 hours.