



Wadden Sea Forum
WG ICZM, 2021-3 Meeting
Online, 16 June 2021

Final DRAFT MINUTES

1. Opening

Document: ICZM 2021-3 Draft agenda

The meeting commenced at 14:00 hours. The participants adopted the agenda. List of participants is in [Annex 1](#).

2. Minutes ICZM 2021-2

Document: ICZM 2021-2 final draft minutes

As the WG ICZM 2021-2 was held as an online meeting at 21 April 2021. The final draft minutes are on website of the WSF (www.waddensea-forum.org). The meeting adopted the final draft minutes.

3. Announcements

[Marta Jacuniak-Suda](#) informed about

Interreg B North Sea Programme: The Joint Secretariat of the Interreg North Sea Programme will organise a webinar on Monday, 28th June about the new Programme (2021-2027). The framework of the draft new programme will be presented. In particular, the focus of the webinar will be on the specific objectives, spot line themes (digitalisation, urban and rural linkages, strengths and challenges) and the overall timeline.

Further, four network events (one per priority) will be held at the beginning of July, with the aim to meet potential project partners and to share the project ideas. The dates are published on the website of the programme:

<https://northsearegion.eu/about-the-programme/programme-news/sneak-preview-north-sea-region-programme-2021-2027/>

Interreg Europe: A report "Breaking the Plastic Wave: A Comprehensive Assessment of Pathways towards Stopping Ocean Plastic Pollution" was presented last week at an Interreg Europe webinar on marine litter (part of the EU Green Week). The report contains plenty of relevant facts and figures on marine litter and how regional governments can have an impact to limit the flow.

The report is available at: https://www.pewtrusts.org/-/media/assets/2020/07/breakingtheplasticwave_report.pdf

North Sea Commission: There is an interesting event on marine litter, with the title "Waste Free Rivers" organised by KIMO/CPMR on 24th June 2021:

<https://www.kimointernational.org/event/waste-free-rivers-webinar/>

Ingrid Klinge informed the meeting that she participated at an event on hydrogen arranged by the VHS Oldenburg. Further information on this event could be found at <https://www.woche-des-wasserstoffs.de/event-details/vhs-oldenburg-i-talkrunde-wasserstoff-unsere-zukunft-oder-heisse-luft>.

Andreas Kannen informed that the scoping for the Maritime Spatial Plan in the German EEZ took place. Therein, a relevant point is the discussion on utilisation, need and demand of space for off-shore wind energy in combination with the production of hydrogen. Furthermore, it is also under discussion if the infrastructure for the transport of hydrogen is necessary and how to deal with it. Green NGO's published a clear statement on the increasing installation of off-shore wind energy (https://www.nabu.de/downloads/3-natur-und-landschaft/meeresschutz/210625_MRO_Stellungnahme_NGOs_Juni_2021.pdf).

He also informed the meeting that he was invited as advisor to the discussion on the German EEZ at the federal building committee in Berlin.

Petra Sewig informed the meeting that the second update of the State Spatial Planning Program included corridors for connecting off-shore wind parks. The deadline for providing statements to the statutory instrument for the German EEZ was calendar week 25.

Ole Beck Andersen informed the meeting that Esbjerg Kommune is invited to be part of a European project on flooding. He also informed that the excursion to Schleswig-Holstein on water management and tourism will take place 23 and 24 September 2021.

4. WSF information on Activities

Projects and Initiatives:

- Round Table "Shipping" -> First Regional Round Table "Green Coastal Deal" working process
Document: ICZM 2021-3 RRT Shipping Strategy
The meeting was informed about the ideas and the process. The meeting decided to read the document carefully and provided feedback if appropriate. Ms. Klinge offered to attend the meeting with the OBW. The meeting will take place 21 September 2021, 13 to 14:30 hours in Wilhelmshaven.
- Applications and ideas:
 - Media project with Public Access Channels (Bürgersender):
First workshop was held at 17 June 2021. Six volunteers attended the workshop and many more are willing to attend. Three new institutions asked to be part of the project and to delegate their volunteers.
 - Artists cooperation for TGC 2022:
The Dutch applications have been rejected. New proposal have been written and new funding schemes have been identified. The Lower Saxon proposal will be sent to the Wattenmeer Stiftung. Unfortunately, the pre-request at the Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt (DBU) was not successful. We have to identify funding schemes in Denmark. In Schleswig-Holstein BingoSH has been approached for funding.

- Joint Project proposal on shipping:
At present, we are writing a project proposal on shipping for the DBU. In the last weeks, we received attention by the Water Police Department in Oldenburg. A conversation revealed that the Water Police is interested to participate in this project.
- TrilaWatt – Digital Database and Analysis tools on trilateral level: sediment, geomorphology and hydrodynamics:
The project proposal has been submitted to the mFUND program, which is financed by the German Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure. Letter of Intent have been written and received by several trilateral organizations such as Danish Coastal Agency, CWSS or LKN.SH.
- Proposal requests:
 - Horizon-CL6-2021-Communities-01-04: Socio-economic empowerment of the users of the sea
Document: ICZM 2021-3 Draft Project Note
The WSF secretariat participated in former project proposal of this consortium, which is led by a Greek research institution. Two former proposal were cancelled. Ms. Klinge offered to attend the online meeting scheduled by the consortium.

5. Any other business

No any other business.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting, ICZM 2021-4, will be at 21 July 2021, 10 to 12 hours. Main point will be the discussion on the approach of involving the RRT of the Green Coastal Deal of the WSF.

7. Closing

The meeting will be closed around 16:00 hours.