



**Wadden Sea Forum**  
**WG ICZM, 2021-4 Meeting**  
**Online, 21 July 2021**

DRAFT MINUTES

**1. Opening**

*Document: ICZM 2021-4 Draft agenda*

The meeting commenced at 10:00 hours. The participants adopted the agenda. List of participants is in [Annex 1](#).

**2. Minutes ICZM 2021-2**

*Document: ICZM 2021-3 final draft minutes*

As the WG ICZM 2021-3 was held as an online meeting at 16 June 2021. The final draft minutes are on website of the WSF ([www.waddensea-forum.org](http://www.waddensea-forum.org)). The meeting adopted the final draft minutes.

**3. Announcements**

[Marta Jacuniak-Suda](#) informed about a forthcoming webinar on Smart Specialisation Strategies in the renewable energy sector on 5th October organised by the Smart Regions Group of the **North Sea Commission**. Details will follow.

[Ingrid Klinge](#) informed the meeting that she participated at an online chat about the proposal for a HORIZON2020 project, called **SEA the FUTURES**. The project lead will be a Greek institute: Institute of Applied and Computational Mathematics Foundation for Research and Technology. The project proposal should be submitted under HORIZON-CL6-2021-COMMUNITIES-01-04: Socio-economic empowerment of the users of the sea.

Furthermore, she informed the meeting that Northern Netherlands is going to cooperate closely with Northwestern part of Lower Saxony in hydrogen related projects.

[Petra Sewig](#) informed the meeting that Lower Saxony is working on the second draft for the update of its State Spatial Planning Program.

Moreover, she informed the meeting that the model project of spatial planning (Modellvorhaben der Raumordnung (MORO)) "cross-border spatial observation" will be finished in September. The project aimed to develop a catalogue of indicators, such as commuter, apartments, employees etc., for providing same data on both sides of the border. Concerning the German-Dutch border both statistic agencies, the Dutch CBS (statistic agency) and Lower Saxony's LSN (Lower Saxon statistic agency), were involved in the project.

Ole Beck Andersen informed the meeting that Esbjerg Kommune is invited to be part of a European project on flooding with 44 partners. Moreover, he informed the meeting that Esbjerg Kommune is also cooperating in a project with Dutch institutions about climate.

He sent contact details to the business developer of Esbjerg Kommune to enable the participants getting in contact on PtX (Power to x (e.g. Gas etc.)).

Moreover, in Denmark a new law on the sea will get into force in the coming weeks.

The WSF secretary informed the meeting that the consortium for the project proposal **TrilaWatt** has passed the first step (funding scheme BMVI mFUND). Now, the consortium is going to prepare the full application, finally submitted at 28 July 2021. **TrilaWatt** is developing an innovative digital geodata and analysis infrastructure for the trilateral Wadden Sea. It supports the planning and maintenance of transport infrastructure with harmonised, quality-assured data on geomorphology, sedimentology and hydrodynamics. Geodata, analysis and documentation methods are linked via web portals and services to form an assistance system.

#### **4. WSF information on activities**

*Document: ICZM 2021-4 RRT Shipping Strategy*

The WSF secretary presented the status and the proposed process for the preparation of a new strategy to realize a kick-off meeting for the Round Table Shipping on trilateral level. The idea is to activate the identified Regional Round Tables of the WSF Green Coastal Deal to negotiate and deliberate on this strategy from their point of view. Based on these results the WSF plenary should consolidate the different results into one joint paper. The main question is on how to organize such a process that at the end all relevant stakeholder groups are adequately represented and are willing and committed to attend the kick-off meeting. A constructive discussion arose, which could be concisely summarized as follows:

- For the initiation of the process and in order to appropriately approach and convince relevant stakeholders, the thin line between the denomination of concrete aims or offering a more general description of the goals has to be identified. Some stakeholder groups like to have a target-oriented process with clear and distinct questions, others are happier about an unbiased process in the beginning.
- In order to achieve a broad societal backing, the discussion at the RRT of the WSF Green Coastal Deal will take place as planned.
- Additionally, the WSF secretariat organizes in each of the four Wadden Sea Regions (as appropriate and possible) sectoral meetings with relevant stakeholder groups. Relevant stakeholder groups will be identified based on the comprehensive trilateral stakeholder analysis (<https://www.waddensea-forum.org/topics/core-issues/shipping>) prepared at the WSF. The aim of the sectoral meetings is to identify relevant dialogue points, potential solutions to the challenges facing "shipping and Wadden Sea" and develop proposals for appropriate measures.
- The results of the sectoral meetings will be consolidated in a joint paper as a preparation of the kick-off meeting for the trilateral Round Table "Shipping".
- The summary of all results and interim-papers will be presented at the TGC 2022 in Wilhelmshaven.
- Next steps:
  - o Delineate the jointly developed process
  - o Prepare final draft of this process for the RRT discussion
  - o Discuss next steps in September 2021 in the ICZM group

- Revise the process and start contacting relevant stakeholders for sectoral group meetings

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

Marta Jacuniak-Suda informed the participants about the trilateral initiative Community of Understanding – Sediment Solutions. The CoU is preparing an excursion, which concentrates on Lower Saxon examples for sediment management covering a broad spectrum such as sediment treatment plants, dike relocation, treatment of fluid mud and salt marsh restoration. The excursion is planned from 7 to 9 October 2021, main destination will be Wilhelmshaven.

The WSF secretary informed the meeting about the data base of the EasyGSH-DB project, which compiled a data set on geo-morphology, sediment and hydrodynamics for the southern German Bight over 20 years: <https://mdi-de.baw.de/easygsh/index.html>.

### **6. Next meeting**

The next meeting, ICZM 2021-5, will be at 13 September 2021, 9 to 10 hours. Main point will be the discussion on the status of the approach on the RRT shipping and Wadden Sea within the WSF.

### **7. Closing**

The meeting will be closed around 11:30 hours.