

Get started!

In the second half of 2020, the WSF Steering Committee and subsequent the WSF plenary discussed and decided on developing and implementing a "Green Coastal Deal" in the context of the Forum for the trilateral Wadden Sea Region.

The main point of the proposal is to install Regional Round Tables in specific regions of the Wadden Sea area. Three reasons led to the idea of establishing *Regional* Round Tables. First, during the past years members of the WSF perceived a decreasing motivation and investment of efforts to cooperate on a trilateral level within the framework of the WSF. A new framing and jointly working on a "Green Coastal Deal" in the Wadden Sea Region, in parallel to the Green Deal as common European strategy, should stop this decline. Second, getting closer in touch with the respective regions and their challenges, problems or urgent topics. The Wadden Sea Region stretches from Den Helder in The Netherlands to Esbjerg in Denmark, which is a remarkable distance. Third, the trilateral working language is English and it was noticed that not everybody who wants to contribute at meetings of the WSF feels that he or she is able to, e.g. due to the perceived language barrier.



How to start?

The WSF secretariat traces two parallel pathways. First, the WSF secretariat is getting in contact with potential institutions or organisations for mounting the Regional Round Table. Second, developing and executing a rough survey on problems, challenges and urgent topics in respective Wadden Sea Regions.

Get involved!

This survey splits into two parts. First, write a short text on what *you* think a "Green Coastal Deal" should consist of (max. 500 words). Second, you receive an excel-sheet with the kindest request to fill-in the boxes. Please, understand this survey as first step in compiling issues, which are linked to a "Green Coastal Deal" in your point of view.

What next?

The WSF secretariat gathers the feedback and responses. Afterwards, it is going to compile and structure the answers. Based on those answers, it will develop a first proposal for further course of action with regard to the Regional Round Tables.

Thank you for your cooperation and kindest regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Ahlhorn".

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