



**Wadden Sea Forum**  
**WG ICZM, 2016-3 Meeting**  
**Bremen, 15 November 2016**

FINAL DRAFT MINUTES

**1. Opening**

*Document: WG ICZM 2016-3 Draft agenda*

The chair Ingrid Klinge welcomed the participants and opened the meeting at 11:00 hours. A short round of introduction took place as some new participants joined the meeting. The list of participants is in **Annex 1**. The agenda was adopted and is in **Annex 2**.

**2. Adoption of the minutes ICZM 2016-2**

*Document: Final Draft Minutes ICZM 2016-2*

The meeting adopted the final draft minutes of the of the 2016-2 meeting of WG ICZM, Hamburg, 27 June 2016, as distributed by e-mail of 13 July 2016.

The final draft minutes are also available at the WSF website [www.waddensea-forum.org](http://www.waddensea-forum.org)

**3. Announcements**

Petra Sewig informed about a project call of the Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development with regard to risk management in regional planning.

Ingrid Klinge announced a kick-off event of an Interreg-A project about LNG introduction in shipping and road transport. The focus would be on analyses of future potentials in this field. The event would take place on 17-18 November in Papenburg.

Manfred Vollmer informed that he recently had given a presentation about the work of the WSF at the University of Oldenburg. The interests of the participants were very good and that in conclusion an increase of public relation and awareness rising should be an important part of the WSF in the future.

**4. Reports about WSF-29 and WSB-18 meetings**

The secretary informed the ICZM group about the outcome of the WSF-29 meeting on 13-14 October as well as of the Wadden Sea Board (WSB) 18 meeting on 3 November.

WSF decisions and agreements:

- Cees Loggen, Regional Minister for Water and Europe in the province of Noord-Holland was elected as new WSF chair.
- Preben Friis-Hauge from the municipality of Varde, Denmark, was elected as WSF vice-chair.
- The WSF agreed to implement a symposium on Green Shipping and Green Harbours in cooperation with Mariko, Leer on 26 April 2017.

- It was agreed to improve the efforts in information and communication by frequently placing articles about topical issues as well as a short status report of the WSF activities on the website and to discuss the development and outcome at the next plenary meeting again.
- The WSF agreed to forward an urgent request to the German Government to financially support the AEWA Goose Management Platform.
- The meeting tasked the ICZM working group to further deal with offshore infrastructure and Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) and to elaborate on advice for the political level.
- The WSF decided to continue working on specific risk management issues in the Wadden Sea Region.

WSB decisions concerning the WSF business:

- It was agreed to start the work on compiling actions and best practises regarding CO<sub>2</sub> reduction in the Wadden Sea Region. This has been neglected for a long time, even it was part of the Ministerial Declaration 2010 and 2014. Now, the Netherlands and Denmark offered cooperation to work on a documentation for the forthcoming conference 2018 in Leeuwarden.
- On request of the WSF, the WSB agreed to inform the WSF about the process of establishing the World Heritage Partnership Centre and to integrate recommendations of the WSF with regard to stakeholder involvement.

## **5. Sustainability Indicator project**

*Document: ICZM 2016-3.5.1 Results new sustainability indicator project*

Two master students from the University of Kiel in cooperation with the Dutch Wadden Academy and Telos from the University Tilburg have used the applied Wadden Barometer approach to make the WSF tool more applicable and attractive. The focus was on coastal municipalities in Germany.

The secretary briefly introduced the document, in which the draft results were summarized. The applied approach is a great benefit also for the German Wadden Sea municipalities. Data for more than 60 indicators for each municipality has been collected and analyzed on a general level. The figures and graphs show very clearly the status of sustainability. The assessments of the three capitals as well as of examples of some stocks allowed valuable interpretations.

The meeting welcomed the work on the indicator tool and discussed further challenges and actions in detail. It was concluded that

- a deep analysis of some municipalities as examples (as it is envisaged in the master thesis of Tamara Gripp) is very valuable;
- a discussion with and feedback of the representatives and stakeholders of the selected municipality should be used to adjust the goals and norms of the indicator tool;
- the adjusted tool can function as basis for further evaluation;
- missing data should be collected in a further step;
- a time series of the analyses would be a further step to measure success of sustainable development;
- the approach and work of the new indicator tool should be extended to the Danish Wadden Sea municipalities;
- sound cooperation is necessary to implement the work indicated above;
- the information of the improved indicator tool could be used as incentive to change developments and plans;
- the WSF should broaden its network and cooperation with universities and research centers;
- cooperation with the district administrators of the Wadden Sea counties/provinces and municipalities should be intensified;
- possible cooperation with projects like "smart cities" should be checked;
- the ICZM group will continue the work on the indicator tool and will support the implementation of workshops in selected municipalities.

## **6. Risk management**

*Document: ICZM 2016-3.6.1 Risk management as task of ICZM*

Birgit Gerkenmeier and Manfred Vollmer have drafted a proposal, how the work on risk management can be integrated in coastal management and which concrete tasks can be defined. Ms Gerkenmeier introduced the document focusing on the challenges of risk management and future working steps outlined in figure 2 of the document (these were taken as sound and valuable). It was agreed that a close connection between the ICZM group and the WSF plenary would be necessary to elaborate on questions how to deal with risks and uncertainties in the Wadden Sea Region. It was consensus to focus on the theme demographic change, which is also very much linked to other themes like socio-economic development, future of sectors, loss of identity and living conditions.

The risk analysis encompasses the elaboration on causes and consequences of the risks as well as on actions to mitigate the causes and to minimize and adapt to consequences.

Formulating the right questions by the WSF, the scientific community and politicians would be lived up to deliver the answers. In this respect, there should be a demand to include risk management in the trilateral research agenda, which is under elaboration in these days.

To meet the needs and requirements and also to speed up the process working on risk management, the meeting agreed to forward a position paper of the WSF, which includes a structure of risk analysis, to the scientific conference in May 2017.

For this, Manfred Vollmer and Birgit Gerkenmeier will elaborate a draft document to be commented by the ICZM group members by mail within the coming two months. The commented document will be distributed for further discussion and elaboration at the next meeting on 15 February 2017.

## **7. Future tasks of the ICZM group**

*Document: ICZM 2016-3.7.1 Outline Symposium on green shipping*

The meeting discussed future tasks and work topics, taking into account the limited resources of the group as well as of the plenary and the secretariat. It was agreed to focus on some most relevant topics. These were, as discussed earlier in this agenda, sustainability indicators and risk management.

Furthermore, the former agreed actions, dealing with compensation measures and sustainable transport in the WSR should be implemented. An important issue would also be succeeding in the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. This issue will be further dealt with in cooperation with the WSB network.

Finally, it was consensus to implement the symposium on green shipping and green ports as outlined in the document. As shipping and harbor business is an important business in the WSR, this topic will be on the agenda also in the future. A trilateral view is self-evident.

## **8. Projects under Interreg**

The participation in an Interreg Europe project under priority 4, environment and resource efficiency, is standing on feet of clay. The lead partner has not been found yet, the role of UK partners is unclear and the requirement that 50% of the partners have to be involved in national structural funds probably cannot be met.

The application of the Interreg VB project "Sign-up" with regard to sustainable islands with green economy has been rejected at the last call but has been approved for resubmission in spring 2017. In case of approval, the WSF will be a partner with regard to communication and dissemination.

## **9. Any other business**

No other business discussed.

## **10. Next meeting**

The meeting agreed to hold the ICZM-2017-1 meeting on **15 February 2017** in Bremen.

## **11. Closing**

The chair thanked all participants for their participation and contributions made and closed the meeting at 15:30 hours.

**ANNEX 2**

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