

**WADDEN SEA FORUM
PREPARATORY MEETING OF CHAIRPERSONS AND SECRETARIES**

TEAM Meeting 5 (TM5)

Oldenburg, 27 August 2003

FINAL MINUTES

AGENDA ITEM 1: Opening

The participants were welcomed by Folkert de Jong who opened the meeting at 11:00 hours on 27 August.

A list of the participants with full addresses is in **Annex 2**.

The draft agenda was **adopted** without amendments. The agenda is reproduced in **Annex 1**.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Announcements

No announcements were made.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Minutes of the TM 4 meeting

Document: Final draft minutes of the team meeting 4 on 23-24 June in Assen

The final draft minutes of the TEAM meeting 4 (TM4) were **adopted** with a change of content under agenda item 5: the text in the brackets under bullet "Nature" was deleted.

The adopted minutes are placed on the web site for downloading.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Preparation of TG-3 meeting

Document: Draft agenda, general outline

The participants generally agreed on the proposal for the TG-3 agenda in which the emphasis was laid on items 6 – 9. These items had been further specified and adjusted at the specific scenario building process. This process was briefly introduced by Ben Römgens from CIBIT. The main steps are:

1. To discuss the implications of the four different worlds for the Wadden Sea region and the sector in general terms;
2. To discuss the developments in the sectors in the different futures in more detail and to identify sector specific trends relevant for the four worlds;
3. To develop a sector-specific skeleton (as a basis for the elaboration of sector-specific scenarios by the secretariat);
4. To identify the main missing elements and contradictions in the generic scenarios.

In addition, Herman Verheij mentioned that it would be important to start the discussion about strategies and policies for a sustainable development of the Wadden Sea region, because this would be the main goal of the project. This point was taken up, and the meeting agreed to start with the strategy development already on TG 3.

ad 1) As an introduction, the four scenarios and the differences among them will be explained. To remember the process of building generic scenarios, the CWSS will distribute a work paper which will contain a brief outline about scenario development, an extended skeleton, the summaries of the four scenarios and the whole story as an annex.

ad 2) Making the different steps of scenario building and strategy development as well as the present state of the art clearer, Ben Römgens was asked to prepare a diagram to visualize where we are and where we are going.

ad 3) On the basis of the sector specific skeleton, CIBIT and CWSS will write the stories to be discussed on TG 4 in December 2003.

ad 4) The total list of changes and amendments to the generic scenarios, being compiled by the 5 TGs, will be discussed at the next Team meeting in October. Based upon the outcome of this discussion, the CWSS will amend the scenarios which then will be distributed to the WSF.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Generic Scenarios Draft 1

The meeting briefly discussed the draft scenario report with the emphasis on plausibility and consistency. Some examples were given like different statements with regard to social and health care and to technical innovation in scenario 1, cautious world.

At the TG workshop in Assen it had been **agreed** that the trend "impacts of climate change" as part of the trend "environmental issues", was among the six most important generic trends, influencing the future of Northwest Europe. The Team meeting stated that climate change should be taken into consideration as a given fact in the different scenarios and not be related to other trends in the 4 worlds. Therefore, the trend was skipped.

Another general request was to address the issue energy in the generic scenarios because it is also important and relevant for all other sectors. It was decided that the TG Energy should carry out the integration of energy issues in the generic scenarios.

A further development of plausible EU structures, political systems and the possible power of EU and government bodies will be undertaken in the TG Policy and Management. A first view on the chapter European Union in the scenarios made clear that political aspects have to be specified in more detail

The meeting also asked the secretariat and CIBIT to elaborate an extended skeleton with more details about the different scenarios. This would visualize the differences at a first glance without reading the whole story. Particularly for the TG meetings it would be easier to focus on the main facts and trends when discussing and working with the scenarios.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Follow-up study specific trends

The national socio-economic studies are available as drafts. It is expected that the Planco study can be finalized within the coming weeks and that the final COWI study will be available within a month. English summaries are not yet available.

To fill the remaining gaps and to analyze the common grounds and the differences between the regions a follow-up study will be carried out. It was **agreed** that the study should cover more than the integration of the SEOW project results. Also the competition between ports and other relevant aspects in the socio-economic field have to be analyzed.

For this analysis, the TGs have to formulate priorities of questions to be elaborated and answered in the follow-up study. The meeting supported the view of the secretariat that such a study could best be carried out by one consultant.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Any other business

Next meeting

The meeting **agreed** on **10 October 2003** as the next meeting date. The meeting will be held at the IHK in Oldenburg and will commence at 10:30.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Closing

The project leader thanked all participants for coming and their cooperation and closed the meeting at 17:00 h.

Annex 1

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