

Ecology and Economy in convergence

The Eemsdelta takes it all: sustainable economy, healthy environment and nature restoration

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Natura 2000 & World Heritage meets harbours & industry in the Eemsdelta



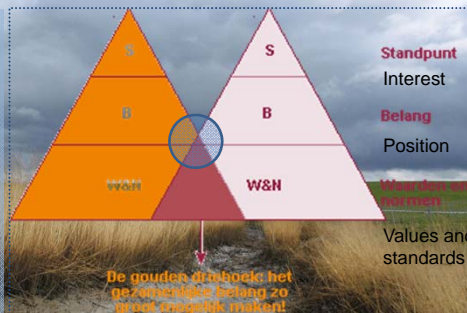
Stop arguing, start talking

- 70's/80's: From the start developing Eemshaven resistance
- 2008: Procedures and conflicts over energy plants NUON and RWE/Essent
- 2009: Province invites representatives of NGO's, agriculture, government and industry



From conflict to convergence

- Professionals share knowledge on issues like nature, environment, acquisition
- Focus on linking stake holders' interests instead of positions: find the win-win
- Respect each other's values
- Trust



Benefits so far

- Shared ambitions:
 - Eemsdelta becoming one of the most sustainable industrial regions in the Netherlands, *supported by NGO's*
 - Restoring nature in Eems-Dollard by NGO's, industry, national and local government, *supported by industry*
- Faster procedures (Vopak, NUON)
- Shared standards and values in relations
- 31-10-2012: Declaration of intent – *Club M (Manifestuary)*



Ambitions

- Climate initiative: minus 40% CO₂
- Boost for economic and sustainable development in Eemshaven and Delfzijl
- IMP and other projects for nature restoration in Ems Dollart estuary
- Smart maintenance, respecting and supporting nature
- Policy-making on reducing emissions
- Meeting forward structurally, instead of conflicts in court

Role of government

- Management of maritime and industrial activities
- A creative view on permits and legal procedures
- National: responsible Natura 2000 Wadden Sea and sea lane Ems
- Local (Provincie Groningen): support of region, agenda setting

Questions and dialogue

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An example to other parts of the Wadden Sea?

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