



Wadden Sea Forum
39th meeting
Half-day online, 17 March 2021



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Opening

The chair of the meeting, Mr Preben Friis-Hauge, welcomed all participants to the first half-day online WSF meeting this year.

Information to WSF

The WSF secretariat informed the participants that the WSF welcomed three new members: Region South Denmark, (Oldenburgisch-Ostfriesischer Wasserverband, OOWV) and County of Friesland. All three members are also financially contributing to the WSF. Furthermore, the WSF secretary is pleased to inform the members that the financial situation of the WSF e.V. could be secured for the coming three years.

Realising a “Green Coastal Deal” in the Wadden Sea Region at the WSF

The WSF secretariat’s presentation on the “Green Coastal Deal” was split in two parts, one the rationale of a “Green Coastal Deal” in the Trilateral Forum for the Wadden Sea Region and two, structuring active involvement during the realisation phase.

Ad one: The implementation of Regional Round Tables (RRT) will serve as the backbone of the realisation of the “Green Coastal Deal”. In each regions, a specific institution or

organisation has been or should be identified to act as a potential RRT. In DK, the Wadden Sea Advisory Board is willing to act as a RRT. In Schleswig-Holstein, the two National Park Advisory Boards have been approached, yet, a final decision has not been taken. In Lower Saxony the process is still open. In the Netherlands, the Omgevingsberaad was approached in order to act as a RRT and negotiations on the establishment and implementation have been started.

Taking the title "Green Coastal Deal" literally, the main points are with regard to specific topics: "where could *deals* be made?" and "how could it be made *greener*?" This might also serve as the centrepiece of the discussions at the RRT.

Some participants stressed that local or regional stakeholder do not see the relationship between their items or topics to trilateral developments and vice versa. The benefit of the installation of RRT was seen in the "upscaling" and "downscaling" of different topics in the trilateral Wadden Sea Region. As examples, several topic such as energy transition, shipping, salinization or fish migration were mentioned.

Ad two: As toward structuring an active involvement in the RRT, the WSF secretariat proposed a twofold process of how topics are reaching the WSF's members. One bottom-up, a specific topic is raised within the membership and, hence, could be discussed by conveying the request to other RRT. Two externally induced, the WSF membership is asked to deal with an external request either by the WSF plenary or by the ICZM Working group and feeds the topic into the different RRT for discussions.

Necessary next steps

The WSF secretariat will discuss with the respective institutions or organisations willing to act as RRT and agree on a common procedure about the following:

- Identify and declare one person per RRT as liaison person
- The responsibilities and tasks of this person are negotiated and defined jointly.
- Identify a so called sub-team of the WSF plenary to support the WSF secretary in keeping the relationship to the respective RRT alive
- Identify an institution or organisation in Lower Saxony which might act as a RRT
- Define goals and success criteria to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of the newly established roundtables' work and their coordinated collaboration with the WSF plenary.

Possible goals of the future RRT's work are a theme-specific written request to the WSB, a theme-specific position statement from the WSF, or a theme-specific commentary on WSB work. Other objectives of the newly established RRT are to disseminate the work of the WSF more widely, to establish new contacts with interested members of the public, to tap new and local knowledge as well as revealing new funding opportunities.

A concrete concept of action will be developed by the WSF Secretariat and presented to the WSF plenary for discussion.