

# Wadden Sea Board

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**Subject:** Meeting of the CO2 Group  
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**Proposal:** The meeting is invited to consider the document.

## **2017-1 Meeting of the CO<sub>2</sub> Group**

**Bremen, 28 February 2017**

### **Background**

At the 11th Trilateral Governmental Conference for the Protection of the Wadden Sea on Sylt in 2010, it had been stated that the Wadden Sea Region (WSR) shall develop into a CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral region. § 24 reads as follows: *"... support the global and national efforts to mitigate causes of climate change at the regional level, by calling especially upon local and regional competent authorities and stakeholders, to work towards developing the Wadden Sea Region into a CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral area by 2030 or before, putting the focus on the special threats for coastal zones by global warming and sea level rise."*

In February 2014 the Tønder Declaration referred to that statement by addressing the following in §47: *"Appreciate the ongoing efforts, especially at the local and regional levels, to work towards developing the Wadden Sea region into a CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral area, and reconfirm the Sylt Declaration §24."*

Also the work of the WSF was appreciated in the Tønder Declaration:

*"Take into account the activities and recommendations by the Wadden Sea Forum on sustainable development and participatory processes, in particular with regard to... efforts and recommendations of the WSF to contribute working towards a CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral Wadden Sea Region as envisaged by the governments."*

At the WSB-18 in November 2016, a cooperation with the WSB has been arranged to elaborate on elements of a CO<sub>2</sub> neutral Wadden Sea Region. The national delegations of the WSB have nominated contact persons responsible to contribute to an inventory of policies, plans and measures with regard to the aim. On initiative of the Dutch contact point, Rosanne Verbree and the WSF secretariat, a meeting was scheduled for 28 February 2017 to discuss scope and contents of the project and to agree on a procedure for carrying out the inventory.

### **Working Group**

Netherlands: Rosanne Verbree from the collaboration of Dutch Wadden Sea Islands

Germany: Anke Kicker from the Klimaschutz agentur in Niedersachsen

Denmark: Anne Krag Svendsen from the Danish Wadden Sea municipalities

WSF: Manfred Vollmer from the Wadden Sea Forum

### **Tasks of the group**

After a deep discussion, the meeting agreed on the overall task of the project. A complete picture of the various developments in the trilateral WSR is missing and it is unclear how the regional and local activities are contributing to the trilateral aim. Therefore the aim of the project is to carry out an inventory/overview of the CO<sub>2</sub> reduction policies and measures of national, regional and local level in the WSR region. Also a list of best practice examples will be part of the inventory to demonstrate valuable activities for information and communication.

## **Contents of the inventory and output for the governmental conference**

Decisions on the contents of the inventory:

- As a starting point, an overall overview of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per European country from the EEA will be elaborated;
- An overview of goals and policies around CO<sub>2</sub> reduction per WSR governmental layer (national, regional) will be the emphasis of the project.<sup>1</sup>;
- The goals and policies on the European level will be included
- The inventory will give an overview of the goals and policies, an analyses with specific conclusions at this stage of the process will not be part of the project;
- It is intended to include WSR best cases, to give examples of the variety of climate friendly/CO<sub>2</sub> reduction initiatives which are initiated in the WSR.

Since there are no detailed specific CO<sub>2</sub> reduction policies in the three countries, the project will focus on some important sectors:

- Greenhouse gases
- Energy (efficiency, sustainable supply generation)
- Capture and storage of CO<sub>2</sub> (CCS)
- Emission trading
- Transport
- Agriculture (peatland, greenhouses, livestock)

In this first inventory education, consumption, waste and other topics are not included.

## **Input of the regions**

The different contribution levels are listed in **Annex 1**.

### **Time frame**

#### 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2017:

During the WSB-19 meeting on 24 of March the approach of the inventory and the decisions made in Bremen (scope, content, time schedule) will be reported.

#### 16<sup>th</sup> of June 2017:

It is intended to finish the inventory before the WSB the 16<sup>th</sup> of June. Otherwise the result will be send to the WSB in July/August.

#### 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2017:

Next steps in the process to be defined depending on the decisions made at the WSB-20 in June on this topic.

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<sup>1</sup> excluding the municipalities in Germany and the Netherlands. See Annex 1.

## **Annex 1**

### **Content governmental layers:**

#### **European level**

#### **The Netherlands**

National:

Provinces:

- Groningen
- Friesland
- Noord-Holland

#### **Germany**

National: (national policies & goals written by BMUB)

State of Lower Saxony and Bremerhaven: (written by MS/KEAN)

Counties

- Leer
- Aurich
- Wittmund
- Friesland
- Wesermarsch
- Cuxhaven County
- Stade County

Cities

- Emden
- Wilhelmshaven
- Bremerhaven

State of Hamburg

State of Schleswig- Holstein

Counties

- Pinneberg
- Steinburg
- Dithmarschen
- Nordfriesland

#### **Denmark**

National:

Municipalities:

- Esbjerg
- Tønder
- Varde
- Fanø