

Wadden Sea Board

**WSB 24
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Groningen, Netherlands**



Agenda Item:	WSB 24/5.4 Climate
Subject:	Task Group Climate (TG-C) Progress Report and side event
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The WSB instructed the Task Group Climate at WSB 22 to organise a side event at the Ministerial Governmental Conference in Leeuwarden.

Proposal: **The WSB is invited to note the progress report of TG-C and the presented approach for a side event.**

TASK GROUP CLIMATE

Progress report to WSB 24

Wilhelmshaven, 05 April 2018



The TG-C 21 meeting was held on 21 March 2018 under the interim-chairmanship of Mr Robert Zijlstra (Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment, NL).

The following issues were addressed:

- 1 Interreg Building with Nature climate change adaptation conference**
The [mid term event](#) of the two EU Interreg VB North Sea region projects Building with Nature and FAIR with the conference 'Climate change adaptation in the North Sea region' took place in Schoorl, the Netherlands on 8 March 2018. Ms Busch presented TG-C's trilateral climate change adaptation strategy during the conference.

The WSB is invited to **note** the information.

- 2 Trilateral Governmental Conference – side event**
The WSB at WSB 22 had instructed TG-C to plan and organise a side event at the Trilateral Governmental Conference (TGC). TG-C agreed on a side event concept (Annex 1), as well as a roll-up design (Annex 2) and a leaflet.

The WSB is invited to **note** the approach including the presented material.

- 3 TG-C future planning**
TG-C agreed to proceed under the assumption that the group will be appointed for the upcoming period under German presidency. To continue their work as soon as possible, the group offered to provide recommendations and support for drafting future Terms of References (ToR).

The WSB is invited to **provide guidance** on the favoured proceeding for formulation of Terms of References.

Annex 1: Trilateral Governmental Conference – side event concept

Side event concept note

2018 Trilateral Governmental Conference Leeuwarden

Presented by the Wadden Sea Board's Task Group Climate (TG-C)

(v0.4 2018-03-22)

Date of event: Friday, 18th of May 2018 (morning-to-noon)

Title: One Wadden Sea, one strategy. Adapt to climate change in the trilateral Wadden Sea Area

Background and objective:

Climate change and enhanced sea level rise may seriously impact structure, functions and the characteristic biodiversity of the Wadden Sea ecosystem as well as the safety of the inhabitants in the region. The trilateral cooperation therefore aims at achieving resilience to climate change. As cross-cutting theme, this topic is of relevance for a wide range of trilateral Wadden Sea themes, projects and management.

A trilateral climate change adaptation strategy (CCAS) was developed by the Wadden Sea Board's Task Group Climate (TG-C). This strategy consists of seven basic elements: Natural dynamics, Interconnectivity, Integration, Flexibility, Long-term approach, Site specific approach and Participation. These elements were positively evaluated in a recent monitoring report. It is, however, a challenge to make this successful strategy and its principles known to (and used by) relevant coastal authorities and project managers, to be implemented in projects and management actions for a sustainable future.

Aims:

- contribute to understanding of climate change effects and threats for the Wadden Sea;
- contribute to sharing and understanding the trilateral CCAS principles (create awareness);
- promote the implementation of the trilateral CCAS principles in current and future projects;
- foster knowledge exchange for trilateral climate change adaptation in the Wadden Sea;
- demonstrate and further strengthen trilateral collaboration in climate change adaptation.

Character, format and draft programme:

Location: Foyer of Stadsschouburg De Harmonie. Ruiterskwartier 4 8911 BP Leeuwarden

The TG-C side event is planned as “contact point” during the conference. It will be staffed with TG-C members and can be visited during conference breaks and “from time to time”.

Basic infrastructure

stand (back wall, lamp, table)

Information material

ebb tidal model of Deltares

roll-up with TG-C’s climate change adaptation principles (Annex 2)

information material, e.g., leaflet based on the ebb tidal delta report

Target group

- decision-/policy makers
- Wadden Sea coastal authorities
- NGOs
- possibly scientists

On-site members of TG-C:

Robert Zijlstra (RWS, interim chair of TG-C), Jannes Fröhlich (WWF), Julia Busch (CWSS); additional members of TG-C if invited to the TGC.

Expected outcomes

- trilateral Wadden Sea climate change adaptation strategy principles will be considered in current and future climate change related Wadden Sea projects and management;
- trilateral exchange and collaboration in climate change adaptation will be strengthened.

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Annex 2: Trilateral Governmental Conference – side event roll-up (draft)

Adapt to climate change
**One Wadden Sea,
one strategy.**

Natural Dynamics

Interconnectivity

Integration

Long term

Flexibility

Site specific

Participatory

One trilateral climate change adaptation strategy
with seven principles
enhances the resilience of the Wadden Sea ecosystem.

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