

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

41st Meeting of the Wadden Sea Board (WSB 41)

15-16 May 2023
Esbjerg, Denmark
Britannia Hotel, Torvegade 24 DK 6700 Esbjerg



1. Opening of the Meeting

The meeting will be opened by the Chairperson at 12.30 on 15th of May 2023

Lunch is available from 11.30-12.30 at the Britannia hotel

Time schedule 15th of May: 12.30-18.15. Dinner from 19 hrs onwards

Time schedule 16th of May: 08:30-14:00

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The meeting will be invited to adopt the draft agenda.

Overview of the key-topics to be decided/discussed to give guidance on the further process.

(These items are marked in bold on this agenda):

- **Wilhelmshaven Declaration. The final draft version is submitted to the WSB for approval. (It is envisaged to have a hybrid Trilateral Governmental Council with the WSB41 at 16.30 to adopt formally the Wilhelmshaven Declaration and have it formally signed by the 3 ministers) (WSB 41/7/1; will be sent by e-mail, date tbc)**
- **SIMP. To endorse the approach and the adaptive SIMPLEMENTATION Strategy with priorities for 2023 and to note and support a draft energy project proposal (still in progress) on minimising the effects of the crossings of cables and pipelines on the OUV of the Wadden Sea World Heritage. (WSB 41/5.1/3)**
- **Youth Involvement To discuss how to progress on the involvement of the Youth Network in the Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation. (WSB 41/7/3, sent by e-mail on 21 April)**
- **Partnership Hub Draft Roadmap 2023-2024. To advice on and endorse the Partnership Hub's draft roadmap 2023-2024. (WSB 41/6/1)**
- **Business Plan TWSC. To discuss and endorse the Business Plan 2023-2026 from the CWSS on the implementation of the Wilhelmshaven Declaration. (WSB 41/7/2; sent by e-mail on 21 April)**

- **Review Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation.** To discuss and agree on the proposals for the improvement of the functioning of the Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation based on the outcome of the review process after WSB 40. (*agenda point WSB 41/7/4: documents will be sent by e-mail, date tbc*)
- **Bird flu workshop: Interdisciplinary ecological risk assessment.** Take note of the recommendations of the workshop and allow for comments on how their implementation can be supported. (*WSB 41/5.2/2, document will be sent by e-mail next week*)
- **Communication Strategy.** To endorse the renewed proposal on the review process of the communication strategy. (*WSB 41/5.4*)
- **MoU Korea.** To endorse the updated version of the Memorandum of Understanding (dating back to 2009) integrating World Heritage and agree on the signing of this new MoU by the chair of the WSB with the representative of the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of the Republic of Korea at a signing ceremony at the WSB41 at 17.30 (*WSB 41/5.1/4*)

It is envisaged to inform the WSB on the start of the preparatory phase of the project 'Climate Resilience for critical sites for Migratory Birds and People along the East Atlantic Flyway' funded by the IKI, via a short presentation

3. Record WSB 39 and WSB 40

The meeting will be invited to adopt the final draft Summary Record of WSB 39 (*WSB 41/3/1*) and WSB 40 (*WSB 41/3/2*). (*Documents sent by e-mail on 21 April*).

4. Announcements

- Delegates and advisors will be invited to make announcements relevant to the cooperation
- Announcements by the CWSS (*WSB 41/4*).

5. Implementation Leeuwarden Declaration

The meeting will be invited to discuss the progress of the implementation of the Leeuwarden Declaration. In conjunction with the sub-items below, the meeting will be invited to take note and discuss progress of the respective Task Groups.

5.1 Wadden Sea World Heritage

- Progress report of the TG-WH (*WSB 41/5.1/1*), including
 - o the updated **proposal to arrive at a draft joint position paper for the preparation of the next World Heritage Committee meeting in Riyadh**

- information on finalization of questionnaire on the 3rd cycle of Periodic Reporting on the application of the World Heritage Convention
 - **Final SIMP version for adoption at the Trilateral Governmental Council (WSB 41/5.1/2)**
 - **Draft SIMPLEMENTATION Strategy (WSB 41/5.1/3)** and an update on the draft energy project proposal (in progress)
 - **Updated MOU Korea-Wadden Sea integrating World Heritage (WSB 41/5.1/4)**
- 5.2 Nature conservation and integrated ecosystem management
- Progress report of the Task Group Management (WSB 41/5.2/1)
 - Update on the outcome of the trilateral Bird-flu workshop (WSB 41/5.2/2)
 - Presentation on the scope and specific requirements of the Climate resilient East Atlantic Flyway project (IKI proposal)
- 5.3 Trilateral Monitoring and Assessment.
QSR-note by CWSS on the process how to improve the full production cycle of QSR Thematic Reports in general (WSB 41/5.3)
- 5.4 Communication and Education
Proposal by the CWSS on how to conduct the review process on the Communication Strategy (WSB 41/5.4)

6. Wadden Sea World Heritage Partnership Hub

Progress report Draft Road Map of the PH 2023-2024 (WSB 41/6)

7. Trilateral Governmental Conference 202- 2

- **Final draft of the Wilhelmshaven Declaration (WSB 41/7/1)**
The meeting is invited to adopt the Wilhelmshaven Declaration to be officially adopted at the TGC meeting end of the day.
- **Business Plan/Priorities TWSC Wilhelmshaven Declaration 2023 – 2026/CWSS (WSB 41/7/2), for commenting and endorsement**
- **Trilateral Wadden Sea Youth Network (WSB 41/7/3) to discuss how to progress.**
- **(WSB 41/7/4; documents of delegations pending). Review process of TWSC to discuss and decide how to progress**

8. Wadden Sea Board Advisors: Wadden Sea Forum; Wadden Sea Team

The meeting is invited to take note of and comment on the contributions of the Advisors.

- Communication note on TrilaWatt (WSB 41/8) to take note of.
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9. Any Other Business

The meeting will be invited to discuss any other business.

The meeting will be informed by the Danish host on the programme of the next day.
*(WSB 41/9) and informed on the challenges and focus of the Danish Presidency 2023-2026
(document by e-mail 21 April)*

10. Next meeting

Next meeting is scheduled on 23 November 2023

11. Closing

The meeting will be closed no later than 16.30 on 15th of May, and is envisaged to be followed by the Trilateral Governmental Council meeting starting at 16.30 until 17.15 (Hybrid meeting).

The updated MOU Korea-Wadden Sea signing ceremony will take place between 17:30-18.15

Dinner will start at 19:00