



DRAFT PROGRAMME



Joint Annual Conference & General Assembly 2009

– Sustainable Innovation –

24-26 June 2009 – Province of North Holland, The Netherlands

Run-up meetings: Tuesday, 23 June 2009 at Zuiderduin Hotel, Egmond an Zee

14:00 North Sea Commission Thematic Groups Meetings

Day 1 – Wednesday, 24 June 2009 at Zuiderduin Hotel, Egmond an Zee

08:00 Registration and Coffee

Chair: tbc

09:00

PLENARY SESSION: Sustainable Innovation for the North Sea Region

- Welcome and Introduction – Christian Byrith, Head of Secretariat
- Sustainable Innovation as a means for growth and job creation in Europe's regions - The European Commission, tbc
- Eco-innovation – the ETAP process and its links to European regional policies, tbc
- Tackling climate change through sustainable innovations – expectations towards the COP15 in Copenhagen, tbc
- Capacity building for Innovation in the North Sea Region, tbc

10:30

Opening of the exhibition and coffee break in the exhibition area

10:30

SEMINAR SESSION: Transnational Cooperation on Sustainable Innovation – including presentations from the conference's call for papers

- Seminar 1 – Building on our capacity for innovation
- Seminar 2 – Promoting the sustainable management of our environment
- Seminar 3 – Improving the accessibility of places in the North Sea Region
- Seminar 4 – Promoting sustainable and competitive communities

13:00

Lunch

14:00

PARALLEL SESSIONS

The IVB North Sea Region Programme:

- Partner search forum
- Drop in seminars on project development, finance and communication issues

The North Sea Commission:

- Political Seminar
- ESPON Project Territorial Diversity Workshop

17:00

Closing remarks

17:30

End of day 1

19:00

Dinner hosted by the IVB North Sea Region Programme

Day 2 – Thursday, 25 June 2009 at Philharmonie, Haarlem

8:00 **Transfer from Zuiderduin hotel to Philharmonie, Haarlem by bus**

9:00 **Registration participants and coffee/tea**

09:30 **PLENARY SESSION: Sustainable Integrated Coastal Zone Management**

- Opening - Gunn Marit Helgesen *President of the North Sea Commission*
- Joe Borg (confirmed) - *Euro Commissioner of Fisheries and Maritime Affairs*
- Cees Veerman (confirmed) - *President of the governmental Commission for Sustainable Coastal Development and Former Dutch Minister of Agriculture, Conservation, and Fisheries*

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 **PLENARY SESSION, continued**

- Steven Slabbers (t.b.c.) - *Director of Bosch-Slabbers, Landscape Architecture Bureau.*
- Rinske Kruisinga (confirmed) - *Member of the Executive Council Province of Noord-Holland with the Water portfolio and Vice president of the North Sea Commission*

12:00 Lunch

13:00 **STUDY TOURS**

Study tours:

Sustainable Development: Coastal Weak Links in Petten and Callantssoog

This tour will show the weak links at the coast of Petten and Callantssoog: a project of reinforcing the dunes of the Province of Noord-Holland.

Without the necessary measures, the narrow line of dunes between Petten and Den Helder will not be strong enough in the long term. That is why this dune area along the coast of northern North Holland has been declared a weak link. In order to ensure adequate security over the next 50 years, the Province of North Holland and the Hollands Noorderkwartier District Water Control Board are working on a reinforcement plan. They do this in conjunction with the Municipalities of Zijpe and Den Helder and Rijkswaterstaat (A government Agency).

During this tour we will visit the narrow coast line in Callantssoog, the dike at Petten and an exposition about the 'weak links' project in Petten.

Transport: Policy on inland navigation

This tour will take you from IJmuiden to Amsterdam with the Fast Ferry. The Fast Ferry is the fastest way to travel from IJmuiden directly to the central station of Amsterdam. This trip will give a good view on the inland waterways to the Harbour of Amsterdam. Next, the terminal of CERES in Amsterdam will be visited. This terminal is known for its innovative terminal concept and ships load to the hinterland of Europe.

Innovation and Education: Offshore Wind Energy

Visit to ATO (Associatie Technologie Overdracht) in Den Helder; this company initiates and develops projects on sustainable energy. A view on how offshore wind energy is realised in Noord-Holland will be given. After this you will visit Harakosan Europe. Harakosan is a Dutch manufacturer of multi-megawatt gearless wind turbines for electric power generation. Here you experience the size of a wind turbine in real.

Culture and Tourism: The Defence Line of Amsterdam

The Defence Line of Amsterdam was placed on the World Heritage List in 1996. This 135 km-long line of defence encircling the capital city, buttressed by 46 forts, showed the dogged determination of the Dutch to defend them when necessary. Constructed between 1883 and 1920, water management and control played an important role in its design: the defence line could come into force within 48 hours by flooding the surrounding areas. These flooded areas, together with the forts would form a formidable obstacle to any invader. However even during its construction, the invention of the aeroplane and long-range artillery rendered the defence line obsolete. Nevertheless, the forts and the infrastructure were left in place, largely in their original state. The Defence Line of Amsterdam is therefore a unique historic example of defence and water-management technology.

This tour will give an idea of how the Province of Noord-Holland takes care of the renovation of the fortresses and the defence line. Furthermore, it will show how this defence line is used for recreation and stimulating tourism.

Marine Resources: Sustainable fisheries policy

This tour will take us to the North of Noord-Holland where an innovative way to breed mussels is used. An expert will give a presentation about the process and installations.

from 17:30 Arrival coaches from study tours at Zuiderduin hotel

17:30/18:00 Drinks and hot & cold snacks at Zuiderduin hotel

20:00 Dinner hosted by the province of Noord-Holland at beach restaurant 'Salted Kiss', Egmond aan Zee

Day 3 – Friday, 26 June 2009 at the Province House, Haarlem

Transfer from Zuiderduin hotel to Provinciehuis, Haarlem by bus

09:30 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTH SEA COMMISSION
for members only

13:00 Lunch

14:00 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH SEA COMMISSION
for members only

15.30 Cocktail

Informal closing up – Saturday, 27 June 2009

10.30 Visit to Amsterdam