Final Draft **SUMMARY RECORD**

**MEETING OF THE WADDEN SEA BOARD**

**TRILATERAL WADDEN SEA COOPERATION**

**WSB 19**

**Wilhelmshaven, 24 March 2017**

**Agenda item 1: OPENING of the Meeting**

The Chairman, Mr Verdaas, opened the meeting at 08:30 h and welcomed the participants.

He particularly welcomed Ms Maria Le Roy as representative of the Dutch Wadden islands, and Ms Christina Schneider, Mr Hartmut Hilmer and Mr Sjon Huisman from the DenGerNeth Maritime Administration Group (MARAD). He also welcomed Mr Jochem Pleijsier and Mr Bart Kuiter from the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs.

A list of participants can be found at **Annex 1**.

A list of action points arising from the meeting is at **Annex 3**.

**Agenda item 2: ADOPTION of the Agenda**

Document: WSB 19/2/1 Draft Agenda

The draft agenda was **adopted** with amendments. Agenda item No. 5.5 was dealt with right after item No. 4. Agenda items No. 5 and No. 6 were swapped. The agenda is at **Annex 2**.

**Agenda item 3: SUMMARY Record WSB 18**

Document: Final Draft Summary Record WSB 18

The final draft Summary Record of WSB 18 was **adopted** without amendments.

The meeting **instructed** CWSS to circulate the main conclusions of the meeting to all participants to implement the agreements as soon as possible.

Mr Verhulst inquired whether all IWSS products have been translated into Danish. Mr Rösner replied that all IWSS core products would be translated into all three languages as a principle. Some products (e.g. Teaching Kit) have not yet translated into Danish but this would be done if wished.

**Agenda item 4: Announcements**

Documents:

WSB 19/4/1 PROWAD LINK application

Germany

Lower Saxony:

* On 15 March 2017, the city of Wilhelmshaven and Lower Saxony signed a cooperation agreement on the new Trilateral Wadden Sea World Heritage Partnership Centre to be built in Wilhelmshaven. The architectural competition is planned to start in April 2017; results of the competition are to be expected around October 2017. The ground-breaking ceremony is planned in June 2017. The total budget is 7.6 million Euro. The city of Wilhelmshaven will contribute additional 2 million Euro. The opening of the Partnership Centre is planned end of 2020.

Schleswig-Holstein:

* The Ministry of Energy, Agriculture, the environment and rural areas, concluded that the exploration drillings planned by Deutsche Erdöl AG (DEA) in the Schleswig-Holstein Wattenmeer National Park are not permissible. This opinion of the government is also underpinned by a legal mandate commissioned by the ministry. MELUR had commissioned the report to examine the complex interplay between questions of mining law and national parks law, which in the present case are both applicable: <http://www.schleswig-holstein.de/DE/Fachinhalte/E/energiewirtschaft/Downloads/2016_12_19_Gutachten_Exploration.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=2> .   
  The results have been reported to DEA and the political level.

Hamburg:

* The senate of the city has decided to announce the western tip of the Hamburg Wadden Sea National Park to the EU to be included in the already existing SPA. The national park is now fully protected according to the EU-Bird Directive as already been according to the Habitat Directive.
* The parliament of the city has passed the adaption of the National Park Law in order to fulfil the requirements of the EU Habitat Directive. The new law has been put into force on 24 February 2017.

The Netherlands

* A new initiative of preparing a management plan on fishing will also refer to the Wadden Sea Swimway initiative.
* Further protective measures were planned for wind parks near Eemshaven to reduce bird damage by installing “bird radar” and to stop rotors during bird migration. The results may also have relevance for future planning of wind parks.
* Dredging of ferry ways to the Dutch islands is high on the political agenda. Research is going on to find innovative solutions to safeguard shipping and access to the islands, and to reduce impacts of dredging. It is realised that it is still a long way to arrive at innovative sustainable solutions.

Denmark

* After a re-organization, SVANA has now been integrated into the Environmental Protection Agency under the Ministry of Environment and Food.
* The UNECO World Heritage Centre informed the states parties that the response regarding the Danish national park was sufficient,
* The programme of the International Scientific Wadden Sea Symposium (ISWSS, Toender. 9 – 11 May 2017) is almost finalized and will be available soon.
* Two Wadden Sea World Heritage gateways have been established in Denmark: The Wadden Sea Center at Vester Vested, which opened on 3 February 2017, and a permanent exhibition on the ferry to Fanø.
* The Danish Wadden Sea National Park Board visited the Dutch Wadden Sea region and the island of Schiermonnikoog on 17 – 18 March 2017.
* The four municipalities have adopted a strategy for implementation of the World Heritage in the region. It was a bottom up process with many local participants. With the strategy, there is an action plan for all the initiatives to be carried out.

CWSS

* Ms Marijke Polanski left CWSS on 1 January 2017. Her successor is Ms Stefanie Fifelski who is on maternity leave since 16 March 2017. She is being replaced by Ms Anke Rottmann.
* Mr Folkert de Jong will retire on 1 April, and a vacancy announcement will be published by end of March. Due to the restructuring process in the secretariat and illness of Mr Sascha Klöpper the vacancy notice was delayed.
* The PROWAD LINK project application was submitted to Interreg VB North Sea Region Programme (NSRP) on 30 January 2017. A decision on the application is expected in June 2017. The meeting **thanked** the project group for preparing the impressive project application. At the request of Ms Breier, the budget share of each project partner is in **Annex 5**.

WWF

* A NGO-Consortium has submitted comprehensive comments to the MSC Public Comment Draft Report for the North Sea Brown Shrimp Fishery. While the certifier is already giving a rather low score but suggests the fishery to pass the criteria, the NGOs argue that the MSC principles and criteria are not met. They suggest that the major issues that have yet to be addressed to be certified as a sustainable and well-managed fishery concern capacity reduction, by-catch reduction, and habitat protection.

WSF

* The green coast symposium will take place in Norden, Germany on 26 April 2017, focusing on GreenShipping and GreenPorts in the Wadden Sea, in close cooperation with the maritime competence centre (MARIKO) Leer.
* With regards to goose management, WSF decided to support the AEWA concept and the implementation of a European goose management platform. An international symposium to work on a barnacle geese management plan under the umbrella of AEWA will take place in Copenhagen in June 2017.

The meeting **noted** the information.

**AGENDA ITEM 5: IMPLEMENTATION TØNDER DECLARATION**

***5.1* *Wadden Sea World Heritage***

Documents:

WSB 19/5.1/1 Report Business Cooperation Programme

WSB 19/5.1/2 Report Task Group World Heritage

WSB 19/5.1/3 Proposal Preparation SIMP

WSB 19/5.1/4 Proposal Guidelines WH focal points

WSB 19/5.1/5 Report Task Group Sustainable Tourism Strategy

*Business Cooperation Programme*

The chairman introduced the document of the first meeting of the working group. He informed the meeting that the group will meet again in autumn 2017 and that the work will be connected to the applied PROWAD Link project.

The meeting **approved** the proposed options namely to continue the work under the mandate of WSB and to develop a more advanced approach (in connection with PROWAD Link) and instructed CWSS with the further development of the programme.

*Wadden Sea World Heritage Logo – Guidelines Focal Point*

Ms Breier welcomed the proposal on the role of focal points but pointed out that the proposed guidelines did not adhere to the agreed logo guidelines. According to the logo guidelines, CWSS has the task to formally decide and grant permission on the logo use which is not reflected in the proposal.

Ms Liburd proposed to decentralize the authorisation process and to only involve CWSS when doubts arise.

Mr Verhulst suggested that CWSS should be involved in the decision process in order to avoid “surprises” after the logo has been granted.

After a short discussion, the meeting **agreed** on revised guidelines for focal points as in **Annex 4.**

*Progress Report TG-WH*

Mr Baerends introduced the TG-WH progress report and the updated version of the roadmap for approval by WSB. The meeting **approved** the update roadmap for publication on the CWSS website.

With regard to the use of the campaign slogan “It’s your nature”, Denmark was not consent with the proposal TG-WH, because a brand slogan already exists (“There is a place…”), the slogan “It’s your nature” is already widely used by others, and the slogan is registered as trademark for agricultural machinery. The slogan should be use to differentiate the Wadden Sea brand from those of competitors

The meeting **decided** that the agencies who suggested the campaign slogan should be contacted again to clarify if there are infringement of copyrights, and, if necessary, to develop another catchy slogan.

The meeting **noted** the publication of the new WH educational product “Sticker Safari” and **approved** the approach to publish a pilot version.

The meeting also **adopted** the approach on how to use the Wadden Sea World Heritage Logo (according to the logo guidelines) in combination with other project logos, and **noted** the information on logo applications.

WSB **noted** the status of preparation of the SIMP process, and instructed TG-WH, in cooperation with TG-MM, to prepare a more detailed SIMP proposal to the WSB 20 together with a draft SIMP decision for inclusion in the Draft Ministerial Council Declaration (MCD).

*Progress Report TG-STS*

The meeting **noted** the progress report and welcomed the overview of projects and activities implementing the sustainable tourism strategy and action plan through Interreg A projects, regional EU programmes, and partner initiatives.

WSB **approved** the proposed approach regarding the development of WH merchandise with the aim to implement a pilot project, in cooperation with TG-WH, by the next TG-STS in September 2017 accordingly.

With regard to the ITB 2017 (8 – 12 March 2017), WSB appreciated the exceptional programme developed with and supported by a large number of international, national and regional partners to present the Wadden Sea World Heritage.

Denmark suggested to start with the planning of ITB 2018 as soon as possible and to define the overall goal including how to integrate commercial aspects.

The meeting **instructed** CWSS to present a proposal for the ITB 2018 preparation to WSB 20.

Mr Strempel informed that a round table discussion with the WHS Dolomites was conducted successfully at ITB and that a closer cooperation between the Wadden Sea and Dolomites was currently investigated with support of the German UNESCO Commission. He also informed that bird experts from Sierra-Leone attended the ITB programme and that an exchange on bird watching programmes as a touristic offer, including certification of bird watching guides, was discussed.

The meeting **noted** the information.

*Wadden Sea Day 2018*

Mr Strempel informed the meeting that the Wadden Sea Day 2018 will be dedicated to the theme “Partnering with World Heritage” The objective is to get an overview of partnership approaches and exchange of best practices. The event will take place at the last Thursday in August, and a “save-the-date” notice will be distributed soon.

***5.2 Nature conservation and integrated ecosystem management***

Document: WSB 19/5.2/1 Report TG-MM

WSB **endorsed** the designation of the new TG-MM chairman, Henrik Pind Jørgensen, starting in June 2017, and thanked Mr Baerends acting as interim chairman for the last four meetings.

Mr Baerends, who had chaired TG-MM 17 meeting, elucidated the TG-MM report. The meeting **noted** the information and made the following specific comments and agreements:

Workshop for managers: The Netherlands will take the lead to organise a 2nd workshop for managers in cooperation with Staatsbosbeer with focus on the habitat types beaches and dunes.

N2000 roof report: National reports on the assessment of the Wadden Sea according to N2000 methodology are available. However, a thorough evaluation is needed including a feedback for the originators. There is currently insufficient capacity in the secretariat for such a review.

WSB underlined the high relevance of this report und suggested to find a practical solution and to consider external support, e.g. from EU experts. The Netherlands offered support in preparing the report.

Breeding Bird Action Plan: After the workshop in Tönning (7-8- March 2017), another one is planned for 2018. As a first step, guidance on best practice in predator management shall be developed. Mr Verhulst informed that practical measures for breeding birds have been implemented in the Dutch Wadden Sea.

Seal Management Plan: Mr Strempel informed about the TSEG meeting in Hamburg on 9 March 2017. A draft SMP is in preparation and will be discussed in a joint meeting of the TSEG+ together with the TG-MM and then submitted to the WSB 20 or 21 meeting.

Mr Baerends announced that the recommendations of the Dutch scientific advisory committee on seal management (end of April 2017) would be taken into account in the new draft SMP (as agreed by WSB 18).

Fish Targets: Mr Baerends informed about the status of the draft programme Swimway Wadden Sea that should be implemented 2018-2024. The visibility of the initiative in the public should be enhanced through an event.

WSB **concluded** that a proposal should be provided to next WSB about contents, action plan, and awareness raising, and how to proceed, e.g. with a view to present the Swimway Strategy at the 2018 Wadden Sea Conference. WSB also requested that a presentation on the Swimway Strategy be given at WSB 20.

Alien Species: Mr de Jong informed that a full draft proposal for an alien species management and action plan is intended to be submitted to the November 2017 WSB meeting. However, the preparation is delayed due to lacking capacities at CWSS and TG-MM. IWSS has been asked supporting a workshop on awareness of alien species.

WSB **concluded** that a solution is needed urgently including specifying what next steps should be taken in detail to ensure a timely delivery.

QSR

90% of the QSR Thematic Chapters is now finalised or almost finalised. A micro website is being developed on which the Thematic Reports will be uploaded in the coming months with the aim of having a first full draft available at ISWSS-14 (May 2017).

Mr Baerends announced that MinEZ providing the arrangements for preparing a slim evaluation of the process for preparing the QSR as agreed in WSB 18.

Science Cooperation

WSB noted the information on developing the trilateral research agenda and platform and **agreed** to invite representatives of the Trilateral Research Group (e.g. the Waddenacademie) to WSB 20 to report on the progress.

**5.3 Energy**

No documents.

***5.4 Climate***

Documents:

WSB 19/5.4/1 Results CO2 Group

WSB 19/5.4/2 Progress Report TG-C

WSB **welcomed** the preparation of an inventory/overview of the CO2 reduction policies and measures at national, regional and local level in the WSR region by the ad-hoc group/WSF with the aim to finalize it to WSB 20.

WSB **noted** the information provided in the TG-C progress report and endorsed the proposed approach, in particular the drafting of the CCAS implementation report, the establishment of a CCAS internet platform, and the workshop on best practices (26-27 September 2017).

***5.5 Maritime safety and pollution prevention of shipping***

Documents:

WSB 19/5.5/1 2nd Meeting Admin Group DenGerNeth

WSB 19/5.5/2 ToR for a DenGerNeth Maritime Admin Group

WSB 19/5.5/3 2nd Meeting Admin Group DenGerNeth

WSB 19/5.5/4 DenGerNeth Operational Plan Final Draft

Representatives of the DenGerNeth Maritime Administration Group (DGN MARAD) joined the meeting to discuss the future cooperation of the group and the WSB.

Mr Huisman provided an overview of the main topics of the DGN MARAD which cover EU and IMO issues, but also daily routine such as oil slick surveys (Bonn Agreement), increased attention of prevention of chemical pollution. The issue of response to oil in shallow water is another priority. He supported the idea of another stakeholder workshop to inform and to increase awareness on the PSSA.

Ms Schneider underlined that MARAD is an independent group of shipping authorities dealing with all issues concerning shipping safety and in addition as laid down in the operational action plan. The group encourages stakeholders to submit issues to the group via CWSS with the aim of an open dialogue.

Mr Hilmer offered support of meetings with stakeholders e.g. following the DGN MARAD meetings, and to address special issues. He suggested that CWSS should take care of the connection to the stakeholders and organization of events.

Mr Strempel pointed out that CWSS has no shipping expertise and not the sufficient capacities and resources to organize workshop or events on shipping. However, he regarded the shipping issue and cooperation with stakeholders as very important, and suggested to find a way to further cooperate and overcome limits.

WSB underlined the importance of an open dialogue and further involvement of stakeholders and supported the approach of combined meetings or workshops in connection with DGN MARAD.

On proposal by Ms Breier and Mr Verhulst, a focused workshop should be held before the Trilateral Governmental Council (TGC), with financial support by DE and NL. The meeting instructed CWSS to take the initiative for this workshop in cooperation with the DGN MARAD Group, and to act as future interface between the DGN MARAD group and stakeholders.

***5.6 Trilateral Monitoring and Assessment Programme***

See Agenda Item 5.2

***5.7 Science Cooperation***

See Agenda Item 5.2

***5.8 Wadden Sea Forum***

Documents:

WSB 19/5.8/1 WSF Progress Report

Mr Vollmer presented a pilot project on sustainability indicators on municipality level in the German Wadden Sea region covering data from about 570 municipalities. The presentation is distributed in a separate file. In cooperation with the Dutch ‘Waddenbarometer’ and Danish institutes, the application of this pilot project will be tested for the entire Wadden Sea region.

Further main WSF topics will be risk management with emphasis on demographic change, macro plastic pollution in the North Sea and Frisian heritage.

The next plenary WSF meeting was scheduled for 18-19 May in Den Helder.

***5.10 Communication and Education***

Documents:

WSB 19/5.10/1 IWSS proposed structure and finances

WSB 19/5.10/2 Progress report on website re-launch Rev. 1

IWSS

WSB 18 **concluded** that Wadden Sea World Heritage education (IWSS) should be continued, focussing on core products and enhancing cooperation with users and target groups by activating education networks in the three countries.

Mr Rösner presented a new educational product as an example of future IWSS core products, the “Sticker Safari”, an edutainment product in Danish, Dutch and German.

As requested by WSB 18, he introduced a proposal for a proposed structure and finances of the IWSS for the period 2017 – 2019 as a result of the IWSS evaluation in 2016. The annual IWSS budget of 30,000 € covers coordination costs, organization of trilateral workshops and production/development of trilateral WH interpretation resources. He expected that WWF would be able to, as done in the past, apply for additional funding to these products. He underlined that support from regional representatives of the existing national/regional education networks is required which is estimated to 10-12 days per year. This is not included in the proposed budget and should be arranged at the national/regional level.

WSB thanked WWF for supporting IWSS, **endorsed** the proposal and suggested to carry out simple evaluations at the annual IWSS workshops. A more comprehensive evaluation should be done at the end of the period in 2019.

Website

WSB **took note** of the progress in merging the TWSC-website and WH-website, and the preparation of a QSR microsite. On request by Mr Verhulst, WSB instructed CWSS to prepare a concept for the joint TWSC-WH website to WSB 20.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: Status of discussion on the Wadden Sea World Heritage Partnership Center**

Documents:

WSB 19/6.1/1 Progress paper WSWH Foundation and Trust (WS-WHF&T)

WSB 19/6.1/2 Partnership Centre: current state of discussions

WSB 19/6.1/3 Key Points for the World Heritage Wadden Sea-Foundation

WSB 19/6.1/4 Letter from Lower Saxony green NGOs regarding the future of the Partnership Centre

WSB 19/6.1/5 Competence Centre Roadmap

Mr Strempel distributed two documents regarding the Partnership Centre: a support letter of the Lower Saxon NGOs (logo mistake in letterhead was corrected) and a draft indicative roadmap for the establishment of a Partnership Centre (which was not uploaded because of technical problems). He also informed the meeting that a Letter of Intent on the building project was sent to the City of Wilhelmshaven.

On suggestion by the Chairman, the meeting decided to discuss the status in general terms with the aim to provide comments and suggestions to PCDG.

Ms Breier thanked the PCDG and appreciated the progress made so far. The interviews provided very interesting insights in expectation of focus groups towards the PC. Input from the science sector should be more specific and would require further exchange.

She also thanked the Netherlands for the work on the Wadden Sea World Heritage Foundation & Trust (WS-WHF&T) as documented in the progress paper, and suggested that the work on the PC and the WS-WHF&T should be better integrated because of a strong interrelationship between these two projects, e.g. also by inviting Mr Pleijsier to take part in the PCDG.

She suggested speeding up the process and that PCDG should meet more often.

Mr Verhulst supported the German view and underlined the need of a more integral approach and further progress. He suggested that PCDG should prepare at least two options for the PC/ WS-WHF&T including organization for a feedback process from the states parties by May 2017, in order to prepare a solid decision paper to WSB 20.

Ms Liburd supported the proposal that the states parties should guide the process in preparing a decision paper to WSB 20.

On proposal by the Chairman the meeting **agreed**:

1. PCDG to prepare a paper with least two options for the PC and WS-WHF&T (mandate and governance structure) by the middle of May 2017, for discussion by the high level group with participation of the German federal states,
2. PCDG to organize a 2nd meeting to integrate guidance from the high level group and prepare a decision paper to WSB 20 on mandate and governance.
3. WSB 20 to take a decision on PC/ WS-WHF&T.

The meeting **noted** the status of discussion in the Wadden Sea WH PC and the roadmap.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: Preparation 13th Wadden Sea Conference**

Document: WSB 19/7.1/1 Draft Roadmap for the 2018 Trilateral Governmental Conference.

WSB discussed the draft roadmap for the 2018 Conference. Germany proposed to adjust the time table to allow for national consultation from December 2017 to March 2018, and will send a proposal for a new timing.

WSB **decided** to adapt the time table accordingly and to appoint members of the Drafting Group within one week.

Mr Kuiter presented ideas for the Wadden Sea conference programme on 17-18 May 2018 in the following four themes: nature (atlas, education, flyway etc.), culture (Wadden film, VR video, photo exhibition, Tedx Wadden), economy (EcoPorts, food market, start-ups, gastronomy contest), and youngsters (TV series, kids conference, VR activities, music festival). He invited WSB to provide comments and ideas, in particular with regard finding start-ups and gastronomy chefs. A draft programme will be prepared by May 2017.

WSB **noted** the information.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: Any other business**

Ms Liburd informed WSB that, because the ISWSS-14 programme is very tight, the data handling session (half-day) will probably be reduced to focus as first step on discussion of the research agenda and platform, as a precondition on how to deal with the data handling.

WSB **noted** the information.

**AGENDA ITEM 9: CLOSING**

The chairman closed the meeting 15:15 hours. He particularly thanked the German delegation for providing yesterday evening’s dinner.

On behalf of WSB, he thanked Mr Folkert de Jong for his long-year service and dedicated commitment to the TWSC and wished him all the best for his retirement.

**Annex 1**

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**Annex 2**

##### AGENDA

**19th MEETING OF THE WADDEN SEA BOARD**

**(WSB 19)**

**24 March 2017**

**Wilhelmshaven**

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   2. Nature conservation and integrated ecosystem management
   3. Energy
   4. Climate
   5. Maritime safety and pollution prevention of shipping
   6. Trilateral monitoring and assessment programme
   7. Science cooperation
   8. Wadden Sea Forum
   9. International cooperation
   10. Communication and education.
6. **Status of discussion on Wadden Sea World Heritage Partnership Center**
7. **Preparation 13th Wadden Sea Conference**
8. **Any Other Business**
9. **Closing**

The meeting will be closed no later than 15:30 hours on 24 March 2017.

**Annex 3**

**List of Actions**

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| **Action** | **Agenda**  **item** | **What** | **Who** | **Deadline** |
| 1 | 5.1 | Further development of **Business Cooperation Programme** | WG Business Cooperation Programme | WSB 21 |
| 1 | Publish updated **Roadmap WH Strategy** on CWSS website | CWSS | a.s.a.p. |
| 2 | Refine WH **Campaign slogan** | CWSS | a.s.a.p. |
| 3 | Develop **SIMP proposal** and draft SIMP decision for MCD | TG-WH / TG-MM | WSB 20 |
| 4 | Implement pilot project **WH merchandising** | CWSS | September 2017 |
| 5 | Develop draft concept **ITB 2018** | CWSS | WSB 20 |
| 6 | Prepare programme and invitation to **Wadden Sea Day** 2017 | CWSS | a.s.a.p. |
| 7 | 5.2 | Organize a 2nd **managers’ workshop**, theme beaches and dunes | NL | WSB 20 |
| 8 | Finalization of **Natura 2000 roof report** with support by NL | CWSS / NL | a.s.a.p. |
| 9 | Planning two workshops on **breeding bird action** plan in 2018 | NL | WSB 21 |
| 10 | Submit draft **Seal Management Plan** after discussion with TSEG+ / TG-MM | TSEG | WSB 20 or 21 |
| 11 | Present **Swimway** Strategy at WSB meeting and proposal how to proceed. | CWSS | WSB 20 |
| 12 | Next steps for preparation of **alien species** management and action plan | CWSS | a.s.a.p. |
| 13 | Preparation **QSR evaluation** | NL | WSB 21 |
| 14 | 5.3 | Progress report on **trilateral research agenda** and platform at WSB meeting | Trilateral Research Group | WSB 20 |
| 15 | 5.4 | Climate Change Adaptation Strategy (**CCAS**) Implementation Report and workshop on best practices | TG-C | September 2017 |
| 11 | 5.5 | Proposal for a combined workshop on **shipping** issues before TGC | CWSS | WSB 20 |
| 12 | 5.10 | Develop concept for the joint **TWSC-WH website**. | CWSS | WSB 20 |
| 13 | 6 | Prepare a decision paper with two options for **PC and WS-WHF&T** for decision by WSB 20 | PCDG | 15 May |
| 14 | Decision on **PC and WS-WHF&T** | WSB | WSB 20 |
| 15 | 7 | Proposal for an adjusted **roadmap preparation TGC** | Germany | a.s.a.p. |
|  | 7 | Appoint members of the **MCD-Drafting Group** | WSB | 2 April 2017 |

**ANNEX 4**

**Guidelines regarding the role of the focal points in relation to the logo-application process**

**(March 2017)**

To increase and stimulate the involvement of entrepreneurs with the Wadden Sea World Heritage and to facilitate the application process of using the Wadden Sea World Heritage logo, the following operational guidelines apply to the World Heritage focal points.

These operational guidelines are to be seen in addition to and in full respect of the existing World Heritage Logo Guidelines.

* The focal points are invited to profile themselves actively in their regions as being in the right position to support and accept applicants for logo-use.
* The focal point will, if necessary, help the applicants to fill in the application form*.*
* Checks with the CWSS shall be made by the focal points regarding the feasibility of the application concerned.
* When an application form is properly completed the focal point will decide whether the application can be met*.*
* If the application is assessed positively by the focal point, the applicant will be informed that this will be formalised by CWSS after 1 week.
* The focal points take care of the follow-up to the applicant after starting using the logo, and will report on a yearly basis to the CWSS about the logo-use in their region*.*
* In case of potential commercial use of the logo, the focal point always involves directly the CWSS. For the applicant the focal point remains the entry-point.
* The organisations entitled to use the logo will report on a yearly basis to the focal point regarding their use of the logo.
* The TG-World Heritage will provide, on a yearly basis, an overview of the logo-applications and its uses to the Wadden Sea Board.

As confirmed at WSB 18 (November 2016), if appropriate, f.i. in case of conflicting views about an application for logo-use, the issue will be brought forward to the Wadden Sea Board through the TG-WH.

**ANNEX 5**

**PROWAD LINK Application - Budget overview (February 2017)**

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| **Beneficiary** | **Budget** | **% of Total** | **% by country** |
| CWSS | 858.640,0 € | 18,4% |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| National Park Wadden Sea DK | 300.758,0 € | 6,5% |  |
| Business Region Esbjerg | 200.000,0 € | 4,3% |  |
| Ministry Environment and Food DK | 60.000,0 € | 1,3% |  |
| **DK** |  |  | 12,0% |
| WWF | 150.774,0 € | 3,2% |  |
| LKN NPV Schleswig-Holstein | 300.408,0 € | 6,5% |  |
| NLPV Niedersachsen | 292.380,0 € | 6,3% |  |
| **DE** |  |  | 16,0% |
| MinEZ | 330.000,0 € | 7,1% |  |
| Prov. Fryslân | 187.574,0 € | 4,0% |  |
| Waddenacademie | 59.300,0 € | 1,3% |  |
| Ameland | 102.426,0 € | 2,2% |  |
| RUG Groningen | 380.000,0 € | 8,2% |  |
| **NL** |  |  | 22,7% |
| Norfolk County | 316.968,0 € | 6,8% |  |
| Natural England | 312.396,0 € | 6,7% |  |
| **UK** |  |  | 13,5% |
| NTNU | 255.000,0 € | 5,5% |  |
| WH Geiranger | 500.000,0 € | 10,7% |  |
| Möreforsking | 49.900,0 € | 1,1% |  |
| **NO** |  |  | 17,3% |
| **Total** | **4.656.524,0 €** | **100,0%** |  |