Network Group   
Sustainable Tourism

**NG-ST 25**

**ZOOM meeting**

**10 September 2020**



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**Agenda Item: 3**

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Attached is the last draft action plan reflecting the results of the TG-STS 22 meeting and which was adopted at the NG-ST 23 meeting in May 2019.

Amended have made by CWSS including the World Heritage Management Plan (currently under development).

**Proposal**

The meeting is proposed to

* to discuss and decide on the further elaboration of the Action Plan (responsibilities, deliverables, and desired results)
* to instruct CWSS to prepare an updated version to be submitted to WSB 32 (19 November 2020).

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| **ANNEX 3: DRAFT Action Plan (25.08.2020) – Time Period 2019 - 2021** | **Priority: High** | **Priority: Medium** |

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| **Connection to WSWH Management Plan (former SIMP)** |

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|  |  | **Objective 1**  **To ensure all stakeholders have a transnational understanding and appreciation of the values of the Wadden Sea WH property.**  Commitments to reach the objective:   * Awareness raising and visibility amongst stakeholders of the World Heritage and its benefits for conservation, economy and society. * Providing stakeholders with the capacity and tools to manage tourism efficiently, responsibly and sustainably based on the local context and needs (for example, qualification and training, best practice examples, education, information sharing, networking). * Developing educational resources and to enhance (local) pride of the Wadden Sea World Heritage | | | | | | | | |  | |
|  | **No.** | **Action** | | | **Who is responsible?** | **SMART**? | | | **What shall be achieved**  **(impact indicators *to be defined*)** | | **Resources** | |
|  | **1** | **Trilateral overview on WH related events as basis for potential common activities** | | | | | | | | |  | |
| 1 | 1.1 | ***Actions local / regional***  Compile overview of 1) specific WH events and 2) event with co-communicating WH | | | (fill in focal points)  NL:  Nds:  HH:  SH:  DK: | Events dedicated specifically to World Heritage (annual WH events/days/week).  **Baseline: 2**  *NL WH weeks/dag (June)*  *Nds: WH anniversary events (June)*  **Target: 5**  One specific WH event per region per year. | | | *Enhanced coordination of local and regional WH events, create synergies.* | | *Within planned / allocated budget* | |
| 2 | 1.2 | ***Actions trilateral***  Provide template for WH events and compile information from the regions for publishing on the WH website (bi-annually).  Use 10th Anniversary (June 2019) to establish a routine. | | | CWSS | Template to compile events which specific focus on WH or WH related topics on trilateral WH website and linking to each other’s events.  **Baseline 0**  Ad-hoc compilation of events on website.  **Target: 1**  Template for regular update of events. | | | *Enhanced coordination of local, regional and trilateral WH events, enhanced profile of events, potential synergies.* | | *Within planned / allocated budget* | |
|  | **2** | **Trilateral inventory on WHS training courses and material for stakeholders as basis for transfer and adaptation** | | | | | | | | |  | |
| 3 | 2.1 | ***Actions local / regional***  Compile overview of training courses and material for stakeholders which can be shared with stakeholders from other regions. | | | (fill in focal points)  NL:  Nds:  HH:  SH:  DK: | Training courses for stakeholders (SME, NP-Partner) with information on WH, nature conservation and sustainability.  National parks partner meetings (or comparable events):  **Baseline 3**  **Target 5** | | | *Enhance exchange of knowledge amongst stakeholders on awareness of WH and OUV. Engage local partners in exchange.* | | *Within planned / allocated budget* | |
| 4 | 2.2 | ***Actions trilateral***  Provide template for overview and publish online for access by stakeholders (meta information( | | | CWSS | Collect information about training courses and related information material one a year  **Baseline 0**  **Target 5** | | | *Enhance trilateral exchange of knowledge amongst stakeholders on awareness of WH and OUV* | | *Within planned / allocated budget* | |
|  | **3** | **Identify Wadden Sea wide topics / contents / stories for awareness raising of “ONE Wadden Sea – ONE World Heritage”** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 3.1 | ***Actions local / regional***  Compile overview of topics / contents / stories used for WH communication by multipliers in the regions focusing on ONE WS-ONE WH | | | (fill in focal points)  NL:  Nds:  HH:  SH:  DK: | Provide best practice of WH communication in the region as an example for other stakeholders  **Baseline.** 1 (The “Five” brochures)  **Target: 15** | | | *Enhanced knowledge of available topics, enhanced synergies* | | *Waddenagenda*  *NAKUWA*  *PROWAD LINK*  *WP 3* | |
| 6 | 3.2 | ***Actions trilateral (WP 3)***  Compile overviews and distribute to partners in the regions. Explore potential of a coordinated approach for trilateral communication | | | CWSS | Communicate best practices trilaterally and internationally (WH networks). Integrate information into trilateral communication (flyer, media, website). Develop a common core story (to share contents)  **Baseline: 0**  **Target: 15** | | | *Enhanced trilateral coordination of contents / stories used transnational WH communication. Potential synergies by enhanced collaboration.* | | *PROWAD LINK*  *WP 3* | |
|  | **4** | **Continue and enlarge exchange programmes, visits and study tours of stakeholders in the Wadden Sea** | | | | | | | | |  | |
| 7 | 4.1 | ***Actions local / regional***  Develop / extend annual exchange programmes as regular offer for specific stakeholders (tourism, business), e.g. similar to annual IWSS network workshop. | | | (fill in focal points)  NL:  Nds:  HH:  SH:  DK: | Integration of annual exchange programmes for stakeholder (focus on SME) between regions into existing stakeholder programmes (e.g. NP partner).  **Baseline: 3**  NL: stakeholder visit in Lower Saxony  DK: stakeholder visit in the Netherlands (2017)  **Target: 10** | | | *Engage more stakeholders in WH related topics and long-term cooperation* | | *Additional resources on regional level to participate* | |
| 8 | 4.2 | ***Actions trilateral***  Coordinate exchange programmes trilaterally and provide support on contents | | | CWSS  PROWAD LINK | Documentation and communication of exchanges trilaterally and internationally. Provide support of exchanges.  **Baseline: 0**  **Target: 10** | | | *Enhanced trilateral coordination of contents / stories used transnational WH communication. Potential synergies by enhanced collaboration.* | | *PROWAD LINK (focus on SME)* | |
|  | **5** | ***Establish a region/island twinning*** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | 5.1 | ***Actions local / regional***  Form social partnerships to foster friendship and understanding between.WS/WH communities | | | (fill in focal points)  NL:  Nds:  HH:  SH:  DK: | Support twinning between islands and regions.  **Baseline: 0**  **Target: 3** | | | *Enhanced friendship and understanding between WS/WH communities* | | *Additional resources on regional level to participate* | |
| 10 | 5.2 | ***Actions trilateral***  Support twinning trilaterally and provide support | | | CWSS | Documentation and communication of twinning trilaterally and internationally. Provide support of twinning.  **Baseline: 0**  **Target: 3** | | | *Enhanced profile of twinning internationally* | | *Additional resources on trilateral level to provide support* | |
|  |  | | **OBJECTIVE 2**  **To ensure stakeholders take responsibility for and contribute to the protection of the ‘Outstanding Universal Value’ through involvement in tourism management and product development.**  Commitments to reach the objective:   * Common tourism management and planning schemes for the entire World Heritage in line with the OUV of the property and using a destination approach. * A strong Wadden Sea World Heritage brand as starting point for development of quality products, services and facilities (common standards and quality schemes).   A sustainable Wadden Sea World Heritage Destination, building upon transboundary cooperation and partnerships. | | | | | | | | |
|  | **No.** | | **Action** | **Who is responsible?** | | | **SMART?** | **What shall be achieved**  **(impact indicators)** | | **Resources** | |
|  | 1 | | **World Heritage Partnerships** | | | | | | |  | |
| 11 | 1.1 | | ***Actions local / regional***  Extend or develop partnership programmes in the Wadden Sea (SH: extension in ITI project, NL: development in PROWAD Link)  *[add DK, Nds and HH]* | (fill in focal points)  NL:  Nds:  HH:  SH:  DK: | | | Develop, extend or adapt existing programmes, initiatives and networks  **Baseline: 3**  *DK, D: NP Programmes*  *NL: several initiatives*  **Target: 5** | *Enhanced engagement in long-term collaboration* | | *Regional projects,*  *PROWAD LINK* | |
| 12 | 1.2 | | ***Actions trilateral***  Development trilateral partnership hub linking to regional and local programmes (PROWAD LINK) | CWSS  PROWAD LINK | | | Develop and implement concept for a trilateral approach (WH partnership hub)  **Baseline: 0**  **Target: 1** | *Enhanced engagement of stakeholders in long-term collaboration on trilateral level. Enhanced trilateral coordination and synergies.* | | *PROWAD LINK*  *WP 4* | |
|  | **2** | | **Visitor management and impact assessment** | | | | | | |  | |
| 13 | 2.1 | | ***Actions local / regional***  Compile basic tourism data for a defined region to calculate impacts (socio-economic impacts, impacts on nature values) considering EU /UNWTO definitions.  Carry out visitor surveys, preferably in cooperation with other WS regions, to enhance synergies | NL:Gast-onderzeoken  Friese Wadden-eilanden  Nds: / HH:  SH: / DK: | | | Define and collect regional data for the period 2016-2021 (as part of TMAP and QSR)  Baseline: 0  Target: 1  Develop, extend or adapt existing Surveys on WH (PROWAD LINK)  **Baseline: 2**  *NDS/SH survey*  **Target: 3** | *Enhanced knowledge on impacts of tourism on local/regional level, in specific on regional economic development.* | | *Additional resources for regional data collection / compilation*  *PROWAD LINK*  *WP 5* | |
|  |  | | ***Actions trilateral*** |  | | |  |  | |  | |
| 14 | 2.2 | | Development proposal of a trilateral monitoring and assessment approach (TMAP, QSR). | CWSS  (TMAP), | | | Prepare proposal based on recommendation from QSR 2017 (TMAP).  **Baseline: 0**  **Target: 1** | *Harmonized, comparable set of basic tourism data for trilateral assessment (QSR)* | | *Additional resources required for a trilateral project* | |
| 15 | 2.3 | | Trilateral guest survey (PROWAD LINK) and exchange of best practice | PROWAD LINK  WP 5.7 and 5.8 | | | Develop and implement a survey trilaterally.  **Baseline: 0**  **Target: 1** | *Enhanced understanding of visitor needs, expectations and motivations* | | *PROWAD LINK*  *WP5* | |
|  | **3** | | **Vision “Wadden Sea World Heritage as the most sustainable destination”** | | | | | | |  | |
| 16 | 3.1 | | ***Actions local / regional***  Compile best practices for sustainability.  Ambition for Wadden islands to become self-sufficient in energy. | (fill in focal points, e.g local councils) | | | Best practice from entrepreneurs in the regions (selection criteria to be defined \* suggestion to be in line with [GSTC Criteria)](https://www.gstcouncil.org/gstc-criteria/)  **Baseline: 0**  *(PROWAD list of sustainable offers)*  **Target: 1** | *Additional selling point for local stakeholders. Enhanced awareness of transnationality of WSWH on local level.* | | *Additional resources required* | |
| 17 | 3.2 | | ***Actions trilateral***  Feasibility study to develop preconditions for a transnational sustainability destination approach | CWSS /NG-ST | | | Feasibility study.  **Baseline: 0**  **Target: 1** | *Enhance engagement of stakeholders to invest a transnational sustainability approach.* | | *Additional resources required* | |
|  | **4** | | **Enhance awareness and mitigate marine litter pollution and use of plastic** | | | | | | |  | |
| 18 | 4.1 | | ***Actions local / regional***  Engage stakeholder in local events and projects on awareness, monitoring, removal and avoidance of marine litter and plastics, incl. circular economy | (fill in focal points) | | | Provide overview of local events  **Baseline: 0**  **Target: 1** | *Enhanced engagement in reduction of marine litter and plastics to protect the OUV* | | *Additional resources required on regional level* | |
| 19 | 4.2 | | ***Actions trilateral***  Exchange experiences and best practice examples in the Wadden Sea. Cooperation with UNESCO and other international organisations | CWSS /NG-ST | | | Communicate best practices in the Wadden Sea trilaterally and internationally  **Baseline: 1**  **Target: 2** | *Enhanced coordination of relevant activities and initiatives related to WH* | | *Additional resources required on trilateral level* | |
|  | **5** | | **Sustainable Transport** | | | | | | |  | |
| 20 | 5.1 | | ***Actions local / regional***  Compile best practices of sustainable transport in connection with WSWH (e.g. zero emission agreements)  *NL/Nds: Waddenagenda 2.0* | (fill in focal points) | | | List of best practice in sustainable transport linked to WSWH  **Baseline: 0**  **Target: 5** | *Enhanced engagement of stakeholders in sustainable transport in WH* | | *Within planned / allocated budget* | |
| 21 | 5.1 | | ***Actions trilateral***  Exchange experiences and best practice examples in the Wadden Sea. | CWSS /NG-ST | | | Communicate best practices in the Wadden Sea trilaterally and internationally  **Baseline: 0**  **Target: 1** | *Enhanced coordination of relevant activities and initiatives related to WH* | | *Within planned / allocated budget* | |
|  | **6** | | **Impacts of tourism / LAC for tourism development** | | | | | | |  | |
| 22 | 6.1 | | ***Actions trilateral***  Exchange experiences and best practice examples in the Wadden Sea. | WWF  PROWAD LINK  WP 5.6 | | | Analysing visitor pressure impacts. Recommendations for the development of sustainable tourism offers and services, including visitor management.  **Baseline: 0**  **Target: 1** | *Enhanced understanding of the challenge of tourism in the WSWH destination and potential impacts an nature and socio-economic values* | | *PROWAD LINK*  *WP 5* | |

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|  |  | **Objective 3**  **To ensure the tourism sector provides consistent communication and marketing and promotes the high quality tourism offers of the Wadden Sea World Heritage Destination**  Commitments to reach the objective:   * Development of a joint marketing approach (products, services, facilities) for the Wadden Sea World Heritage Destination, which contributes to the aims of World Heritage * Integration of World Heritage marketing in existing regional and national marketing activities. * Continuation of joint communication and information activities to raise profile and visibility of the Wadden Sea World Heritage Destination locally, nationally and internationally. | | | |  |
|  | **No.** | **Actions** | **Who is responsible?** | **SMART?** | **What shall be achieved**  **(impact indicators)** |  |
|  | **1** | **Marketing World Heritage** | | | |  |
| 23 | 1.1 | ***Actions local / regional***  NL: Preparation of joint marketing concept story telling (6 yrs period), building on STS.  NL/Nds: Waddenagenda 2.0  SH / DK: NAKUWA | (fill in focal points) | Regional WH marketing activities to implement STS  **Baseline: 3**  **Target: 3** | *Enhanced engagement of stakeholders marketing of WH* | *Regional projects,* |
| 24 | 1.2 | ***Actions trilateral***  Develop a marketing approach and planning for the WH including coordination of regional WH marketing activities by NG-ST.  (including digital marketing tools).  PROWAD LINK WP 3 / Online Toolbox Brandspace  Supported by Development exchange platform for stakeholders (PROWAD LINK WP 6). | CWSS /NG-ST  PROWAD LINK  WP 3  WP 6 | Develop marketing approach.  **Baseline: 0**  **Target: 3**  Define contents of exchange platform, and stakeholders to be reached and time period (PROWAD LINK)  **Baseline: 0**  **Target: 1** | *Enhanced coordination of marketing activities and approaches related to WH.* | *PROWAD LINK* |
|  | 3 | **Annual Wadden Sea World Heritage Day** | | | |  |
| 27 | 3.1 | ***Actions local / regional***  Events and activities related to WSWH anniversary in June (2020, 21, 22) | (fill in focal points) | Compile annual WH anniversary events and activities in the regions  **Baseline: 0**  **Target: 3** | *Enhanced engagement of stakeholders WSWH day events and activities, and public response (participants, press, other media)* | *Within planned / allocated budget* |
| 28 | 3.2 | ***Actions trilateral***  Coordination and communication of events and activities related to annual WSWH Day (PROWAD LINK WP 2 + 3). | CWSS | Communication plan for WH anniversary  **Baseline: 0**  **Target: 1** | *Within planned / allocated budget* | *Within planned / allocated budget* |
|  | **4** | **Digital Communication WH** | | | |  |
| 29 | 4.1 | ***Actions trilateral***  Regular exchange and support of focal points in charge of digital communication and marketing, e.g. social media workshops.  (also PROWAD LINK WP 2 and 6). | CWSS | Conduct annual social media workshop.  **Baseline: 1**  **Target: 3** | *Enhanced coordination and support of digital marketing and communication.* | *Within planned / allocated budget* |
|  | **5** | **WH Information Material** | | | |  |
| 30 | 5.1 | ***Actions local / regional***  Regular update of existing material and communication (e.g. glocal flyer, maintenance WH columns), development of new material as appropriate (apps, guides, give-aways) | (fill in focal points) | Update Material  **Baseline: 0**  **Target: 5** | *Enhanced visibility of World Heritage in regions and engagement of stakeholders.* | *Additional resources required on regional level,*  *Partly within allocated budget* |
| 31 | 5.2 | ***Actions trilateral***  Update and further development of trilateral concepts for WH material and communication (also PROWAD LINK WP 2+3) | CWSS /NG-ST | Update WH communication plan  **Baseline: 0**  **Target: 1** | *Enhanced visibility of World Heritage in regions and engagement of stakeholders.* | *Additional resources required on trilateral level,*  *Partly within allocated budget* |

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|  |  | **Objective 4**  **To ensure nature conservation, tourism and local communities benefit from the World Heritage Status**  Commitments to reach the objective:   * Increased engagement of stakeholders in transnational activities on World Heritage (transboundary partnership and networking, cooperation with other World Heritage sites and UNESCO programmes). * Promoting World Heritage and sustainable tourism as an instrument **to maintain and enhance quality of life in local communities** and sustainable regional development. * Generating **financial revenue** from high quality tourism to stakeholders and to the protection of the Wadden Sea World Heritage. | | | |  |
|  | **No.** | **Actions** | **Who is responsible?** | **SMART?** | **What shall be achieved**  **(impact indicators)** |  |
|  | **1** | **Engagement of stakeholders in trilateral and international activities** | | | |  |
| 32 | 1.1 | Engagement in trilateral activities and events,  UNESCO Marine Programme and Sustainable Tourism Programme - ongoing | CWSS, NG-ST | Exchange with ST Programme, participation in relevant international events  **Baseline: 0**  **Target: 3** | *Enhanced engagement of stakeholders at trilateral level. Enhanced trilateral coordination and synergies.* | *Additional resources required.*  *Partly within allocated budget* |
| 33 | 1.2 | Stakeholder engagement at annual ITB tourism fair in Berlin  (PROWAD LINK WP 2) | CWSS | Stakeholder booth, 10-12 entrepreneurs participating with own programme, annually (March)  **Baseline: 1** (2019)  **Target: 3** | *Enhanced profile of stakeholders and their WH offers and services contributing to OUV.* | *Additional resources required.*  *Partly within allocated budget* |
|  | **2** | **Investigate impact of WH status on economy, society and culture in the Wadden Sea** | | | |  |
| 34 | 2.1 | ***Actions local / regional***  Studies on socio-economic impacts on World Heritage / national parks.  Nds/SH- update NP Job study  DK: study SEM | (fill in focal points) | Continue, adapt or extent studies on SE impacts  **Baseline: 2**  **Target: 5** | *Enhanced understanding of socio-economic potential of WH/NP by stakeholders and policy makers.* | *Additional resources required.*  *Partly within allocated budget* |
| 35 |  | ***Actions trilateral***  Trilateral studies and surveys on socio-economic impacts (PROWAD LINK WP 5.9) | CWSS /NG-ST | Brochure on added value of sustainable tourism in the WSWH destination  **Baseline: 0**  **Target: 1** | *Enhanced understanding of socio-economic potential of WH/NP by stakeholders and policy makers at trilateral level* | *PROWAD LINK* |
|  | **3** | **Providing financial revenues** | | | |  |
| 36 | 3.1 | ***Actions local / regional***  Investigate possibilities of donations/funding of projects by tourism sector. Study on WH fee / willingness to pay. | (fill in focal points) | Cooperation with SME to provide support for local / regional activities to protect OUV  **Baseline: 550**  **Target: 1,000** | *Increased number of stakeholders engaged in WH knowledge partnerships* | *PROWAD LINK* |
| 37 | 3.2 | ***Actions trilateral***  Investigation cooperation with companies  (PROWAD LINK WP 4+5). | CWSS /NG-ST | Develop trilateral cooperation and partnership schemes engaging entrepreneurs to provide support for protection of OUV  **Baseline: 0**  **Target: 1** | *Enhanced understanding of role and responsibilities of stakeholders for OUV protection at trilateral level* | *PROWAD LINK* |
| 38 | 3.3 | Development of 21 product and services in co-creation | PROWAD LINK | Income from PROWAD LINK products and services  **Baseline: 0**  **Target: 5 Mio €** | *Increased income from WH specific sustainable products and services* | *PROWAD LINK* |
| 39 | 3.4 | Increased sustainable facilities, developing and marketing of sustainable products and offers, and in supporting nature awareness and education/training for sustainable development. | PROWAD LINK | Additional investment by SME in increased sustainability  **Baseline: 0**  **Target: 2 Mio €** | *Increased investment in sustainability* | *PROWAD LINK* |