

## North Sea Commission Environment Group (NSCEG) Work Programme 2005 - 2006

The items on this page come from the NSCEG Work Programme adopted by the NSCEG Annual Meeting 2004 and the Project Working Group, PWG. However, at its next meeting on February 15<sup>th</sup>, the PWG may decide to revise this Work Programme further with additions and deletions.

Area of responsibility	Activities
<b>1. Sustainability training</b> Promote best practice in the development and implementation of training programmes for both Councillors and Staff, to aid the introduction of sustainability principles as core to the culture of Member Authorities.	Contact members who have expressed interest in this field. Ask for experiences and plans and, possibly, about their interest in environmental management systems. Potentially organise seminars, etc.
<b>2. Green Purchasing</b> Promote examples of best practice in the use and monitoring of sustainable products and services, using the NSC website.	Seminar for exchange of experience in Västra Götaland, Sweden, spring 2005.
<b>3. Sustainability indicators</b> Facilitate co-operation between Members interested in developing sustainability indicators, which could be used to assist in the monitoring of progress towards more sustainable development around the North Sea.	Contact members who have expressed interest in this field.
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<b>4. Promote partnerships</b> Develop and promote partnership projects for NSC Member Authorities.	Members are referred to the website of the Interreg North Sea Programme and other suitable websites for partnership search.
<b>5. Conference 2004 Report</b>	Prepare and distribute brief report on the outcome of NSCEG Conference 2004.
<b>6. New Porsgrunn Challenge Review</b> Carry out a new review of the progress being made by Members on the Porsgrunn Challenge in two years time.	Carry out Porsgrunn Challenge Review 2006, but maybe with different focus from earlier reviews.
<b>7. Member Profiles update</b>	The Member Profiles for the NSCEG should be updated twice a year, in Spring and Autumn. This gives members the opportunity to provide updated information on contact persons, project interests, etc, frequently enough to keep this information truly useful.
<b>8. Promoting the NSCEG to NSC members</b>	Activities to involve a greater number of NSC members in active NSCEG work. A letter to be written by the chair and vice chair.
<b>9. Regional Development Plans</b>	Exchange of experience, seminar(s)??

### **Activities required by North Sea developments**

<b>10. Sustainable Transports</b>	Contribute to upcoming conference in Kristiansand, Vest-Agder, Norway, on May 31- June 1, 2005.
<b>11. Integrated Coastal Zone Management</b>	Take part in preparations of North Sea Conference on CZM March 1-3, 2005  Follow general development with relevance to North Sea.
<b>12. Water Framework Directive</b>	Hans v M will inform the PWG of important events and developments in the new Interreg project NOLIMP-WFD.  Each country representative should follow up WFD work at home.

### **Activities required by commitments in various fora**

<b>13. Take part in OSPAR work</b> Through CPMR's observership at OSPAR, the NSC has the possibility to take part in most OSPAR work.  See attached list for dates and titles of meetings until June 2005!	Attend relevant meetings in OSPAR committees and other working groups, as well as in its political meetings.  Prepare contributions to relevant meetings.  Influence OSPAR parties and observers.
<b>14. Promoting environmentally sound shipping</b>	Use observership status at North Sea Conference in the preparations for Ministerial

	Meeting in 2006.  Consider contacting relevant North Sea states to enquire about reasons for not having ratified IMO's MARPOL Annex VI, designating the North Sea as a sulphur emission control area. Updated overview of ratifications available early 2005.  Contribute to CPMR work on Maritime Safety.
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### **Outstanding from Work Programme 2003:**

<b>13. North Sea Agenda 21 Network</b>	Prepare contacts with partners known to be interested in this project. Potentially arrange a preparatory meeting.
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