



**Final Programme
for the Joint Annual Conference and Exhibition 15th – 17th June 2005
“Working together for the future”**

**Golden Tulip
WestDuin Koudekerke/ Vlissingen**

Wednesday 15th June 2005

Registration is possible from 9am

- 9:00-12:00 North Sea Commission Executive Committee meeting (members only)
- 12:00-13:00 Lunch in the Golden Tulip's restaurant
- 13:00-14:20 Plenary Session**
- Chair: **Ruut Louwers**
Ministry of Housing, Spatial Policy and the Environment (VROM), The Netherlands.
Chairman of the Interreg North Sea Programme Steering Committee
- 13:00-13:10 Welcome
Wim van Gelder
Queen's Commissioner in Zeeland
- 13:10-13:40 “North Sea Region in Europe”,
Robin Thompson
Professor of Planning at University College London, Special Advisor to the Mayor of London on the London Plan
- 13:40-14:00 “The North Sea Commission as an instrument for the development of the North Sea Region”
Gunn Marit Helgesen
President of the North Sea Commission
- 14:00-14:20 “Towards a new spatial agenda for the North Sea Region”
Lorraine George
Head of the Interreg North Sea Programme Secretariat
- 14:20-15.30 Coffee break and tour of Interreg North Sea Programme project exhibition
- 15.30-18:00 Parallel seminars on the following themes**
“Towards a new spatial agenda for the North Sea Region”:
○ Coastal Water Management, meeting room 6
○ Transport and Accessibility, meeting room 3
○ Facilitating Innovation, meeting rooms 4 and 5
○ Energy, meeting room 8
○ Demographic Change, meeting room 9
(See separate information)
- 19:30 Dinner hosted by the Interreg North Sea Programme
Grote Kerk, Goes
Transport provided



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8:30-9:30 North Sea Commission National meetings

9:30-12:45 Plenary Session

Chair: **Jacques Suurmond**

Deputy of the Province of Zeeland for financial affairs, environment and European transnational co-operation

9:30-10:30 “Working together – the Maritime Safety Umbrella Operation”

Richard Hill

Co-ordinator Maritime Safety Umbrella Operation, Interreg IIIB

André Kroneberg

Norwegian Coastal Administration

10:30-11:00 Coffee among the exhibitions in the tent

11:00-11:30 “Perspectives of the new Objective European Territorial Co-operation”

Esben Poulsen

Head of Unit Territorial Co-operation, Directorate General Regional Policy, European Commission

11:30-12:00 “The future of transnational co-operation – some practical perspectives”

Harry Knottley

Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, UK and Monitoring Committee member

Sipke Swierstra

Member of the executive of the North Netherlands Assembly and member of the CPMR.

12:00-12:15 Short coffee break in the tent

12:15-12:45 Report back from seminars and conclusions from Interreg IIIB North Sea Programme

Friedhelm Budde,

Ministry for Rural Areas, Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection of Lower Saxony, Germany. Chairman of the Interreg North Sea Programme Monitoring Committee

12:45-13:45 Lunch in the Golden Tulip’s restaurant



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14:00-18:00 Parallel sessions and tours

- 14:00-16:00 Interreg Contact Point Network Meeting (Invitation only)
- 14:00-18:00 North Sea Commission study tours including discussions of what the North Sea Commission wants out of a future Interreg programme
- 14:00-18:00 Individual project meetings Interreg (Schedule in conference pack)
- 19:30 Dinner hosted by North Sea Commission/Province of Zeeland
Grand Hotel Arion, Vlissingen

Friday 17th June 2005

- 9:00-13:00 North Sea Commission Annual Business meeting**
 - Annual report by the President of the NSC
 - Annual reports by the NSC Thematic Groups
 - Work plans for the NSC
 - Finances
 - Election of NSC office bearers
 - Update of the NSC charter
 - Report from the CPMR
 - Report from the Interreg IIIB North Sea Programme
 - Resolution and political statements
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00-18:00 Optional guided tour of Zeeland