

## Wadden Seaports Conference 2022

This year the 14<sup>th</sup> Trilateral Governmental Conference on the Protection of the Wadden Sea (TGC) will take place in Wilhelmshaven from 28<sup>th</sup> November to 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022 under the German leadership of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection. In the run-up to and parallel to this event - analogous to the 13<sup>th</sup> TGC in the Netherlands - a conference organized by the German Wadden Seaports ([www.waddenseaports.com](http://www.waddenseaports.com)) under the motto "*Cooperation in partnership for the benefit of the Wadden Sea region*" is to be held on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

The target groups of the Wadden Seaports Conference are various NGOs, authorities, politicians and port representatives from the Wadden Sea region. The content and results of port representatives should then be brought into the 14<sup>th</sup> TGC.

### Goals of the Wadden Seaports Conference

The objectives of the conference are reflected at various levels. On one hand, the important role of ports is to be explained to raise the awareness of their important functions on a regional and national level. On the other hand, the ports show that they are aware of their role in this region, are willing to strengthen the dialogue and take action to find sustainable solutions.

#### Dialogue process is needed to enable further progress.

Therefore, the Wadden Seaports have made it their mission to share Best-Practices in order to achieve the greatest positive impact on the Wadden Sea. A panel discussion and two Workshops will provide the opportunity for exchange and communication between Ports and NGOs and will give the opportunity to bring the different points of view and expectations closer together. The findings and results of the conference should then contribute to the signing of a joint document about "*Sustainable shipping and ports initiative for a well-protected Wadden Sea*" within the framework of the 14<sup>th</sup> TGC.

#### Registration:

You can register using the registration form under the following link: [Maritimer Kalender](https://www.maritimes-cluster.de) & [Maritimes Cluster Norddeutschland e.V.](https://www.maritimes-cluster.de) ([maritimes-cluster.de](https://www.maritimes-cluster.de))

Registration deadline is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

#### Location:

Logenhaus "Wilhelm zum silbernen Anker"  
Rheinstr. 65  
26382 Wilhelmshaven

### Agenda – Wadden Seaports Conference 28.11.2022

Moderation by Dr. Iven Krämer

(The Senator for Science and Ports of the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen)

**12:00 – 12:30 Reception & Snacks**

**12:30 – 12:50 Welcome:**

- Dr. Claudia Schilling (The Senator for Science and Ports of the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen)
- N.N. (Lower Saxony Ministry for Economic Affairs, Construction, Transport and Digitalisation)

**12:50 – 13:30 Introduction Presentations:**

- Dr. Jan Wedemeier (Hamburg Institute of International Economics):  
*What would the world be like without ports?*
- Arjen Bosch (Dutch Wadden Seaports):  
*Development of Wadden Seaports Cooperation*

**13:30 – 14:00 Presentation of Best-Practices:**

- **Dredging** Jesper Jørgensen (Port of Esbjerg)
- **Light Emissions** Matthäus Wuczkowski (Niedersachsen Ports)
- **Nature Conservation** Bart van de Kolk (Groningen Seaports)
- **Climate Protection** Arjen Bosch (Dutch Wadden Sea Ports)
- **Ship Waste** Stephan Berger (Head of Port Authority Bremen and Harbour Master)

**14:00 – 15:00 Panel discussion: "How can ports and environmental organizations work together to make the energy transition a success?"**

- Mathias Lüdicke (Niedersachsen Ports GmbH & Co KG) "*The port of Wilhelmshaven can only become a green energy hub and contribute to the climate goals, if all sides are willing to compromise, including on nature conservation.*"
- Jesper Bank (Port of Esbjerg) "*Working intensively with carbon reduction, emission control, sustainability and renewables, we know all that this reaches across national borders and seas. We ports must do the same and work together*"
- Frank Ahlhorn (Wadden Sea Forum e.V.) "*A trustful and constructive dialogue is aiming at mutual understanding and the development of joint solution approaches*"
- Marco Glastra (Stichting Het Groninger Landschap) "*A complete transition from fossil to renewable energy is necessary for the survival of the Wadden Sea, but should not be passed on to the Outstanding Values of this World Heritage*"
- Sönke Diesener (NABU e.V.) "*Ports are decisive to provide the infrastructure for the decarbonisation of maritime transport. Zero Emissions ships will not only help to prevent climate change. There is also high potential to substantially decrease air and water pollution as well as noise emissions*"

**15:00 – 15:45 Coffee Break with Demonstration of our Seabin** (more information: [Seabin](https://www.seabin.com))

**15:45 – 16:30 Workshop I: Which topics have the greatest common intersections for ports and NGOs?**  
Impulse by Dr. Frank Ahlhorn (Wadden Sea Forum e.V.)

**16:30 – 17:15 Workshop II: What does it need for a fruitful and trustful cooperation?**

**17:15 – 17:30 Summing-up Results & Outlook**