



Minutes from the steering group meeting, Stansted Airport, 24/4-2014

Attendees: Frank Ahlhorn, Silke Buckner, Alistair Maltby, Irene Wiborg, Ben van Os and Rolf Johnsen

Rutger vander Brugge (on skype)

1. Evaluation of the first two MTTF and the conditions of the rest

The meeting about Nitrate in April in Oldenburg – it was a really good bilateral meeting. The attendants learned a lot about possibilities on how to use N-min. **Hans will fill out a template with the main learning's from the meeting. He will send it to Silke and she will make sure it's circulated to the relevant people from Oldenburg (Deadline 8th of May 2014)**

Return visit is planned to take in the second half of the year – then Egon Harn, Johannes grosser by large can attend (Silke and Hans are responsible for the visit). Silke will contact Hans

The meeting in UK - The governance meeting – we have just finalized the first meeting

Next meeting will take place in September in Denmark. We expect it will include other MTTF issues (Barry will ask local River Trusts what they would like to get to know more about – it could be ground water protection, how Denmark make wetland restorations, how Denmark work with nature protection in designated areas like in the Natura 2000 areas, how Denmark are mapping nature, ground water protection areas, areas where farming should have high priority, etc. (we are having many GIS layers. Many but not all are open for all...) and perhaps how Denmark educate young farmers

The meeting in the Netherlands – the Sea barrier MTTF – CDR has invited 7 municipalities (21 people to attend) they are going to the Netherlands and Germany. Rolf is doing the planing

The sustainable drainage MTTF: need to find a date possible in the first 2 weeks of July – Barry is doing the planning

The Netherlands - Efficient irrigation 16 – 17 June – Rinke has made a nice proposal. KCA are working on the suggestion and expect 5 – 7 people to attend the meeting. Irene will make sure we answer Rinke next week with suggestions for adjustments to the program etc. Oldenburg might be interested I attending the meeting.

Salt water intrusion – is not going to be a MTTF event



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Sustainable farming – will be presented at the ENCORE meeting in May. Henk, Rinke, Enno and Irene has worked on a proposal.

It might be possible to discuss it further at the meeting about irrigation in June in Aberdeen. Expect to present it as an InterReg V proposal.

2. Evaluation of the use of CANVAS

The canvas has been used at 2 MTTF events. Nitrate and water governance

Once for the preparation of the MTTF meeting in Oldenburg

Three canvases were made in Norfolk.

At the evaluation phase it was mentioned that it worked as a good tool for reflection.

Good to use to test more concrete measures not so good for more broad measures

Rutger will try to make an extra canvas for more abstract measures

Rolf will send the Danish version of the canvas to Rutger.

Alistair will like to see an alternative tool for engagement of people – as a tool to use before the canvas made by Rutger. **Alistair will look up some good tools and send them to the steering group.**

3. Communication of the project Synthesize report, press releases, news letters

Synthesize report – Drenthe(Ben) is responsible.

Target group: InterReg, project participants and the EU level

Deadline for a final version of a report: 15 November 2014. This is in advance of the final conference.

We agreed on the following headlines for synthesis report:

Chapter 1: aim and background

EU background

Aim

Which program indicators have we addressed?

How many organizations have been involved dealing with water issues?

How many events?



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Chapter 2: the canvas

Chapter 3 – xx: MTF

What were the requests for the MTF?

What was the problem?

What was the answer?

The success story /how does it work (innovation, economy and jobs)

Where to get more knowledge: links to relevant organisations and web-sites

Feed back?

Gaps and further knowledge needed

Chapter xx+ 1:

evaluation

Conclusions and recommendations

Template for MTF: Responsible KCA (Hans) / Deadline 8th of May 2014 – an example will be send based on the Oldenburg meeting

Web

Visits should be described at our web-pages

The communication plan should be finalized /Ben will make sure that we get the final version within 3 weeks

Alistair will read the report from Frank – when your comments are included is should be uploaded on the web.

News letters: We have to make three newsletters

What kind of message do we want to send in Aberdeen?



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We cover the whole water management cycle /Rolf's picture (also to use as a roll up)

The work have turned into implementation on the ground.

Technical development of tools and processes (innovative solutions)

Ben will like to make an interview with a Rivers Trust person to be included in a newsletter?

Together with descriptions of the 2 MTTF meetings.

Hans is responsible for making the description from the meeting in Oldenburg and Irene is responsible for the description from UK. There should of course be a check of what's in the articles from Oldenburg and Riverstrust people :)

4. Aberdeen Annual conference (25th – 26th of June)

Extended newsletter and a roll up should be included

Project ideas

The simulator should be available if shipping is possible

Rolf will make a list of who should at the exhibition stand

Remember we are having a steering group meeting the **24 June at 3 o'clock**

5. WaterCAP Hub

It has now passed the eligibility check (the 29th of April)

6. Future projects ideas

- Biodiversity and water management – including how to improve economic benefits by involvement (Drenthe)
- Sustainable agriculture (Drenthe, KCA)
- Groundwater resource management /quality and quantity (technical solutions but also practical work with water companies (Drenthe, Oldenburg)
- Better tools for investigating the upper 30 meters of the soil in relation to ground water (CRD)
- Water sensitive urban development /water sensitive design / surface water issues (Oldenburg)
- Precipitation data management/ forecast of adaptation for flooding in relation to heavy rain (Oldenburg)

- Nitrate leaching – development of autumn N-min effort – evaluation tool for ground water quality (Oldenburg, Dk, ..)
- How to deal with pesticides in groundwater? (Oldenburg, CDR)
- Multilayer safety (Ruben, CDR, RiverTrust),
- Paid ecosystem services in relation to flood risk and urban pollution – how to identify the areas?, multifunctional - (Rivers Trust, KCA,
- Community led catchment approach (Rivers Trust, KCA)
- Transitional migrational fishery (Rivers Trust)

Are there some of the ideas which should be merged?

Make some few paragraphs (10 – 15 lines) about each project idea

Deadline: 24th of May

Possible next steps:

Should we make a project idea book?

Try to find template on InterReg webpage

7. Other matters

Final seminar 25 – 27th of November in UK (possible northern England Newcastle)

