

# Wadden Sea Board

**WSB 16**  
**9-10 March 2016**  
**Leeuwarden**



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<b>Agenda Item:</b>	6.1 Status of discussion on WSWH Competence Center
<b>Subject:</b>	Competence Center Road Map
<b>Document No.</b>	WSB 16/6.1
<b>Date:</b>	29 February 2016
<b>Submitted by:</b>	Secretariat

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Attached is the Road Map developed by the Secretariat in accordance with the outcome of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the High Level Group (HLG 2)

**Proposal:**      **The meeting is requested to consider the document**

## **Towards a Wadden Sea World Heritage Partnership Center (PC)**

**Roadmap developed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the High Level Group (HLG 2), Berlin, 3 February 2016**

(as at 29 February 2016)

### **1. Partnership Center**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Product</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Time line</b>
Draft brief explanatory note on background and raison d'être and added value of future Partnership Center ("Why and What")	"Why and What" Note	Co Verdaas/CWSS	By WSB 16, March 2016
Discuss, endorse, (respectively modify), considerations of the HLG and adopt plan for discussions and decisions to be taken at upcoming WSB meetings		WSB	WSB 16 (March 2016)
Define as precisely as possible at this juncture the mandate and tasks of the future Partnership Center	Paper on mandate and tasks	HLG/CWSS	By WSB 17 (June 2016)
Define composition, mandate and institutional position (in the context of	Paper on composition, mandate and institutional	CWSS in cooperation with Denmark.	By WSB 17 (June 2016)

TWSC) of Steering Committee (StC)	position		
Based on decisions of WSB 16, fine-tune mandate and tasks of PC, as well as composition of StC in consultation with representatives of sectors concerned (NGOs, science, tourism)		Drafting group and/or joint workshop (CWSS, Parties, sector representatives) or drafting group	By WSB 17 (June 2016)
Commission paper on legal character / structure of CC and legal / institutional linkage with CWSS and Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation (TWSC)		WSB 17/CWSS in cooperation with Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs and Dutch government Help Desk	WSB 17 (June 2016)
Decide on legal character/structure and legal / institutional linkage with CWSS and TWSC		WSB	WSB 17 (June 2016)
Prepare agreement on staffing arrangements for the future PC for decision by WSB 18		HLG	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2016, by WSB 18
Agree on funding mechanism and budget of the future PC		HLG	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2016
Discuss, endorse, respectively modify, considerations staffing arrangements, funding mechanism and budget of the future PC		WSB 18	WSB 18 (November 2016)

Agree on recruitment and appointment modalities and carry out for future PC staff members, starting with appointment of staff member seconded by Lower Saxony		HLG/WSB/CWSS	WSB 18(November 2016); 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter 2016 / 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter 2017
Search for suitable (interim) premises		CWSS in cooperation with host country	Ongoing
Found PC		Parties	2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter 2017

## 2. Wadden Sea World Heritage Foundation<sup>i</sup>

Activity	Product	Lead	Time line
Explore possible partners for future Foundation		Co Verdaas	2016
Define the precise mandate and tasks of the future Foundation		HLG, Netherlands	2016
Adopt decision on the above and on commissioning relevant studies (cf. below)		WSB 17	2016

Start identifying potential members of the Board for endorsement by HLG		Netherlands	2016
Commission study on legal arrangements		CWSS, based on instructions of WSB	2017
Commission drafting of statutes in accordance with the above		CWSS, based on instructions of WSB	2017
Deliberate and prepare decisions by WSB 19 on the above, as well as staffing arrangements and location		HLG	2017
Adopt necessary decisions		WSB 19	2017
Carry out recruitment process for Foundation staff		CWSS in cooperation with Parties	2017
Search for (interim) premises if not identical to those of CC		CWSS in cooperation with host country	2017
Found Foundation		Parties	2017

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<sup>i</sup> Note: further steps towards the development of a Wadden Sea World Heritage Foundation were endorsed by Wadden Sea Board 15, cf. WSB 15 Summary Record, Agenda Item 6, p. 7. "It was also concluded that one should start with taking further steps in the process of the development of a World Heritage Foundation."