



**TIDE Kick-Off Conference
16th – 19th February 2010
Antwerp**

Agenda



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Tuesday, 16th February 2010

Arrival of participants

20:00 – 23:00 Joint Dinner at Elzenfeld
Room Kanunnik Van Gessel
Informal / Welcome of the participants / Get to know each other

Wednesday, 17th February 2010

Excursion day with intermediary content sessions

- 08:00 **Travel to Saeftinge**
Departure from Elzenveld
Welcome by Patrick Meire, University of Antwerp, Host of TIDE Conference
- 09:00 **Visit Saeftinge**
A brackish tidal marsh: vertical accretion vs. horizontal expansion, restoration in a dynamic environment
- 9:30 **Arrival Local Pub Saeftinge: Coffee**
Participant welcome (*Heinz Glindemann, HPA*)
- 10:00 **Arrival Visitor's Center Saeftinge**
Session 1: Estuary Functioning
- Presentation of results of partner contributions to preparatory paper on resilience quantification method (*Stefan van Damme, University of Antwerp*)
 - Benefits for estuaries*
 - Use of joint study within other work packages*
 - What can be realistically achieved?*
 - Planned steps for next period*
 - Discussion
- 10:45 **Bus trip along Hedwige, KBR**
- Travel along restoration sites (Sieperda, Hedwige, Prosperpolder)

- Visit construction site for sluices of a controlled inundation area with reduced tidal range
- Short presentation on communication strategy at the visitor's centre of KBR (*Tina Stroobandt, Communication Manager*)

12:30 **Boat trip to Lippenbroek (lunch on board)**

13:30 **Meetings on board**

Session 2: TIDE Governance

- Presentation on the relevant results from Harbasins, SedNet and New!Delta. How can they be used within TIDE?
- Presentation of joint elements and common approach towards management of regional working groups (*Mike Elliott, IECS*)
 - Minimum common denominator for comparable work in regional working groups to justify integrated approach*
 - Best practice methods available*
 - How can TIDE partners best learn from each other*
 - Benefits of transnational approach*
 - Next steps on individual estuary level and joint/transnational level*
- Discussion

15:00 **Session 3: TIDE Communication**

- Presentation of results from individual contributions of TIDE estuaries to joint TIDE Communication Plan (*Angela Schultz-Zehden, EPCO*)
 - Strategies according to different target groups*
 - Estuary communication tasks / EPCO services*
 - Open questions – setting priorities for communication activities*
 - Next steps*
- Discussion

16:00 **Coffee break**

16:30 **Presentation on Lippenbroek, Moneos**
(Stefan Van Damme – University of Antwerpen)

17:00 **Arrival at Lippenbroek**

Visit at Lippenbroek until inflow of the water and sunset. Lippenbroek is a pilot site to study the ecological role and safety impacts of reduced tidal action in inundation areas.

18:15 **Bus travel to restaurant**

- 18:45 **Apero Session 4: TIDE Progress Reporting**
 Presentation of progress report requirements / template (EPCO)
Timetable for activities and financial reporting
Template instructions
Most important issues regarding finance
Cost-sharing
 Individual questions to be handled in bilateral talks between partners and EPCO during following days.
- 19:30 **Joint dinner**
 View over the Schelde on the illuminated city and cathedral of Antwerpen
- 22:00 **Travel to Elzenveld (bus)**
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Thursday morning, 18th February 2010

Continuation of Internal Project Meeting

Location: Elzenveld Lazarus Marcquis Auditorium

- 09:00 **Session 6: "Mitigation & Compensation Measures"**
- Presentation of partner suggestions on joint WP5 activities
(Wilfried Heiber, NLWKN)
Criteria for assessing measures: suggestions, next steps
Compilation of measures: approach, structure, responsibilities, timeline for next steps
Joint development of new measures – first thoughts
 - Discussion
- 10:30 **Coffee Break**
 Room Professor Sommé

Kick-Off Conference **Start of Open Day**

- 11:00 **Introduction to the TIDE Project**
 Background, motivation, approach, activities, and outcomes (*Heinz Glindemann, HPA – Lead Partner*)
- 11:25 **TIDE Estuaries: Scheldt, Elbe, Humber, Weser**
- Major issues, drivers, success stories, and problems in each estuary. What does each estuary hope to learn from the others?
(Joint presentation by TIDE project representatives)

- Discussion

- 12:15 **Joint lunch**
Room Kanunnik Van Gessel
- 14:00 **TIDE in the context of EU Commission activities**
The implementation of the Birds and Habitats Directives in Estuaries and Coastal Zones: Expectations of results to be achieved by the TIDE project (*François Kremer, European Commission, DG Environment*)
- 14:20 **TIDE from the viewpoint of ports**
Expectations and opportunities (*Toon Tessier, GHA, port of Antwerp*)
- 14:50 **Joint Discussion**
- 15:20 **Coffee Break**
Room Professor Sommé
- 15:50 **Planning estuary restoration and rehabilitation in selected estuaries of the USA: Is there time and room left to be strategic?**
A mirror image for TIDE, provided from the USA (*Charles Simenstad, research professor, University of Washington*)
- 16:35 **An ambitious restoration masterplan for improving hydrosedimentological processes in the Loire estuary**
Safe shipping-required impacts in the Loire estuary and resulting altered estuarine processes. Experience in system restoration through morphology measures available for the Loire. (*Pierre Bona, GIP Loire*)
- 17:00 **Management challenges of the Ems Dollar estuary**
An estuary, representing the border area between The Netherlands and Germany, faces dramatic nautically-linked ecological changes which require immediate transnational governance and management. (*Victor de Jonge, Wadden Sea Council*)
- 17:25 **Final discussion**
- 19:00 **Joint Gala Dinner**
Room Kanunnik Van Gessel
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Friday, 19th February 2010

Continuation of Internal Project Meeting

Plenary location: Elzenveld Rodriguez d'Evora Hall

09:00 Separation of group into small sub-working groups

WG 1 Joint Estuary Resilience Study

Room Cornelis Broeckx

Detailed steps and structure of expected partner activities and data needs. (*Stefan van Damme, University of Antwerp*)

WG 2 Joint Estuary Measures

Room Leon Desguin

Detailed steps, aligning activities of partners with each other, responsibilities, etc. (*Manfred Meine, HPA*)

WG 3 Communication Planning

Room Rodriguez d'Evora

Details on further steps, estuary input to EPCO, estuary-specific activities, brainstorm on TIDE Video and other general public approaches, etc. (*Estuary Communication Officers plus EPCO*)

Project Advisory Board – Constituent Meeting

Room Tijn Ulilespiegel

Concurrent 9:00-11:00: TORs, recommendations to TIDE project: TIDE activities, outputs, policy relevance, priorities, possible duplications, etc. (*Chairman: Heinz Glindemann, HPA – Secretary: EPCO*)

Scheldt Study Tour (PAB Members only) 11:00 – 15:00

11:00 **Coffee Break**

Room Professor Sommé

11:30 **Final concluding session**

(Back to plenary session, Room Rodriguez d'Evora)

TIDE Outputs (30 min)

- Facilitated brainstorming on the expected format of various outputs: TIDE ToolBox, TIDE Presentation Pack for TIDE on TOUR, TIDE Recommendations, TIDE Video

- Further discussions, open questions, decisions taken by working groups, next steps, etc. (*EPCO*)

13:00

End of TIDE Conference

Sandwiches available as take away lunch, room Kanunnik Van Gessel

Departure of TIDE Participants

Joint transport to Brussels Airport