



Speaking a multidisciplinary language for sustainable urban water planning in the EU

SKINT Final Conference
Tuesday, 18th September 2012

Background

The North Sea Skills Integration and New Technologies (SKINT) project, funded by the Interreg IVB North Sea Programme, aims to facilitate the implementation of sustainable urban land and water management by improving the integration of water management in spatial planning processes. The European Water Framework Directive (WFD) and Floods Directive (FD) have clear goals for improving water quality and regulating water quantity in the EU. When coupled with climate change and urbanization these create increasing pressure on water management, especially in urban areas. These issues are dealt with by the SKINT project.

The recent shift towards a more integrated approach in urban development, in which many different disciplines have to work together, demands a new approach to water management. Currently it is often the case that innovative water solutions are available, but implementation is hindered by barriers to multidisciplinary working. There is a need to foster awareness of the role of different disciplines and build up capacity within disciplines to make the required contributions. On this basis, the SKINT project has undertaken a set of initiatives meant to tackle these issues and outline future strategies which may further the cause of sustainable water management in the North Sea Region. At the SKINT final conference, the work undertaken and the results obtained in the project will be presented.

More information about SKINT: www.skintwater.eu

Aims

The final conference of the SKINT project aims to present the project findings and its quantitative and qualitative achievements, along with related application examples of sustainable water management. To this purpose, experts from different countries in the North Sea Region will discuss the implementation of solutions in the field of sustainable urban drainage systems, sustainability and the training of prospective water managers. A complementary exhibition of the accomplishments of the project will showcase publications, the SKINT online portal and Water Town, a computer game.

The event will help to disseminate the findings and inform water managers about the latest solutions and ideas. Furthermore, the SKINT final conference also aims to offer networking opportunities between local authorities, universities, companies and the interested public.

Participation in this conference is free. Please note that registration is necessary due to limited places. Use the attached registration form to register via fax or email.



Programme

8:30	Registration
9:00 – 9:10	<i>Welcome</i> – Prof. Walter Leal, HAW Hamburg
9:10 – 9:30	<i>The INTERREG North Sea Programme</i> – Lise Espersen, Joint Technical Secretariat, The North Sea Region Programme
9:30 – 9:50	<i>SKINT: from conception to results</i> – Arjen Grent, HHNK
9:50 – 10:20	<i>Urban green-blue grids for sustainable and dynamic cities</i> Arjen Grent, HHNK and Floris Boogard, TU Delft Hiltrud Pötz, opMAAT
10:20 – 10:50	<i>What do developers need to make them more sustainable?</i> Tony Poole, City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council Andrew Mason, New Mason Properties
10:50 – 11:15	Coffee break and exhibition visit
11:15 – 11:45	<i>The support needs of a flood risk manager in the UK</i> John Blanksby, Pennine Water Group, University of Sheffield Mark Young, North Yorkshire County Council
11:45 – 12:15	<i>Communicating what's needed on time</i> Inkie Goijer and Roel Valkman, Tauw Natasa Manojlovic, TU Hamburg Harburg
12:15 – 12:45	<i>Sustainable urban water planning through multi-benefits</i> Tone Muthanna, Norwegian Institute for Water Research Hans de Beer, Geological Survey of Norway & Ann Christensson, Directorate for Cultural Heritage in Norway
12:45 – 13:30	Lunch and exhibition visit
14:30 – 16:30	Excursion on the river Elbe (HAW Hamburg and GÖP)

The exhibition will show the results of the SKINT project. You can take the chance to play the Water Town game or visit the SKINT Waterportal!