



NorthSeaFish
Innovation from catch to plate

Dear people,

As member of the board of the Municipality of De Marne, lead beneficiary of the Interreg IVB North Sea Region project North Sea Fish: innovation from catch to plate, I am proud to present the

second North Sea Fish newsletter

to you...

The North Sea Fish start conference took place on the 18th of April this year and took place in Lauwersoog. In this newsletter you can read about it. The University of Hull attended the North Atlantic Seafood Forum (NASF) in Bergen, Norway on behalf of NSF and Municipality of De Marne appointed a supporter of the fishery in Lauwersoog. Partner ILVO, the Institute for Agricultural and Fisheries Research in Ostend, Belgium is developing a Fish Information System on Sustainability (FISS) and visiting auctions all over Europe and last but not least the North Sea Fish project management is showing first project results on the North Sea Fish website: www.northseafish.eu

I wish you a good summer and look forward to meeting you at our next NSF network meeting in Breskens which takes place this autumn.



Harm Evert Waalkens, alderman of the Municipality of De Marne

About North Sea Fish

6 partners from 4 countries around the North Sea work together in North Sea Fish.



The partners in North Sea Fish aim to increase the innovative capacity of fisheries, fishery ports and fish based regional economies around the North Sea. It promotes sustainable solutions by means of specialization and broadening within the whole supply chain: from catch to plate!

In North Sea Fish partners exchange experiences and expertise and also share these with other organizations and regions. More experienced partners take the lead in specific actions, while others create a new development area. Specific actions will be jointly executed by all partners, e.g. an inventory of necessary steps to be taken for the transition towards a competitive and sustainable supply chain. The outcomes from this project will form the basis for further action in the near future.

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Successful North Sea Fish Start Conference

The North Sea Fish Start Conference took place on the 18th of April in Lauwersoog, The Netherlands. It became an inspiring all-day event, a perfect occasion to get informed about and to contribute to innovation in the wet fish supply chain of the North Sea Region.

During the conference, which was chaired by **Mr Maarten Mens** stakeholders from all North Sea Fish partners and other interested parties got the opportunity to network and exchange knowledge on the innovative capacity of fish based regional economies and the sustainable transition of fishing. In his welcome alderman of Municipality De Marne, Mr Harm Evert Waalkens, stressed the importance of transnational cooperation in North Sea Fish and described how the Marne is investigating the long term perspectives for a sustainable fishery especially related to the shrimp catch and the marketing of fresh products in the harbour of Lauwersoog. He also pointed at the development of the future proof framework for the logistics in the harbour where the fresh fish is landed and the plans to improve the way to the consumers.

After a short introduction of the North Sea Fish project, its aims and objectives, by **project manager Mrs Roos Galjaard** the chairman introduced the speakers of the morning.



Key note speeches were held by **Mr Kees Taal**, research fishery economics, aquaculture and market chains from the LEI, the Netherlands, **Mr Martyn Boyers**, Chief Executive, Grimsby Fish Market, UK and **Mrs Barbara Rodenburg-Geertsema**, fisher, shop owner and chair of De Goede Vissers.

Mrs Barbara Holierhoek, chair of two Fishermen Associations in the North of the Netherlands represented the fishermen and reflected upon the speeches of the keynote speakers.

After lunch on a boat at sea the participants left to different excursions, exploring the harbour or getting informed about the new shrimp peeling machines or cooperation to keep fishing communities and ports vital, including sharing of knowledge, fishing rights, regional food culture and marketing.

For more information go to the [website](#).

Picture: Waalkens, Taal, Rodenburg, Boyers and Galjaard

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