

## Re: Invitation for a combined Kick-Off Meeting of the Interreg North Sea project KID (Keep it Dark) & information and exchange session on light management in ports (DBU project)

Dear reader,

The partners of the KID project, the University of Groningen, the Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg, and Aarhus University, invite you to attend the kickoff meeting of the KID project. It will be combined with a workshop on light management organized within the project Sustainable Shipping and Ports at the Wadden Sea (DBU project). The aim is to bring together different stakeholders who, at various levels, are active or interested in reducing light pollution in the Wadden Sea region. The meeting will be held in Groningen, in the Best Western Hotel Groningen Center. The meeting will consist of a closed part in the morning for the participants of the KID project, and an open part in the afternoon. We invite you for this afternoon session:

**Date:** Thursday 10 November

**Location:** University of Groningen – Zernike Campus/ online

**Time:** 13-17.30h (for details see the **program** in this invitation).

### **The Keep it Dark (KID) project:**

Light Pollution is a serious problem in current society, for human beings, animals and plants. The KID project wants to make a substantial contribution in solving this growing problem by carefully looking at the various ways in which the monitoring of sky brightness is done and finding the most accurate and most attractive ways that can be used to monitor darkness. At the same time KID aims to enhance transnational cooperation among key stakeholders dealing with light pollution (e.g. administrations, life scientists, managers) in the Wadden Sea Region. The Project consortium consists of the University of Groningen (Lead Partner), the University of Oldenburg and the University of Aarhus. The Project is funded within the Interreg North Sea Region Programme.

### **The project on Sustainable Shipping and Ports at the Wadden Sea:**

This project funded by the DBU (Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt) aims to develop a cross-sectoral dialogue between shipping stakeholders, ports and environmental organizations in the Wadden Sea. Within this project, stakeholders identified key topics about which they wish exchange knowledge and best practices but also reflect on opportunities for cooperation. Light management in ports is one of these topics.

### The meeting:

With this meeting we bring together the participants of the KID project and the participants of the DBU project with stakeholders within the civil society, nature organizations, and stakeholders of the port sector, policy makers, scientists, etc. to exchange about ongoing initiatives and discuss about causes and consequences of light pollution, with a focus on the Wadden Sea Region and the Wadden World Heritage Site. We hope that these discussions will be fruitful for all the participants, will be supporting us in enriching and better targeting our projects and presenting and further exploring opportunities for cooperation.

### Confirm your presence

Participation to the afternoon session can be in person or on-line. We will make sure that people on-line will be able to interact and enjoy the meeting just as much as the people in Groningen. Please confirm your participation before 5 November using our registration system at <https://www.astro.rug.nl/~donker/> (click on 'Kickoff Meeting'). Information about logistics (travel to the location, hotels) will be available there soon. People who cannot be present on site will receive a participation link a few days before the meeting.

We look forward to a fruitful meeting in Groningen or on-line. Yours Sincerely,

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Attachment: Program of the joint meeting