

# Kick-Off Conference – Open Day

**18th February 2010 / Antwerp, Belgium**

## Agenda

Location: Elzenveld Lazarus Marcquis Auditorium

- 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**
- 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



Project part-financed by the European Union (European Regional Development Fund)

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



Project part-financed by the European Union (European Regional Development Fund)

