

INTERREG "Europe" PASSAGE PROJECT

Cross-border group of local stakeholders no. 2: Dover Strait

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| Partner | Pas-de-Calais County Council & Kent County Council |
| Date | 13 March 2017 |
| Venue | Pines Calyx, St Margaret's Bay near Dover, Kent |
| Number of participants | 57 |
| Agenda Power Point also available | <p>Introduction from Chair, Carolyn McKenzie, Head of Sustainable Business & Communities, Kent County Council (KCC) – strategic context to PASSAGE and opportunities for Dover Strait.</p> <p>PASSAGE theme 1: Transport – feedback from Helsinki seminar November 2016 Chris Drake, PASSAGE coordinator at KCC – introduction to the purpose of PASSAGE seminars and themes. InterCor (International Corridors) – project update from Andrew Westwood, Traffic Management Team at KCC.</p> <p>Workshop: A Low Carbon/Low Emissions Action Plan for Dover Strait See separate workshop report.</p> <p>Launch of the PASSAGE Low Carbon Study, Antoine Surget, Head of Unit - International Partnerships, Europe and International Department, Pas-de-Calais Council (PdC).</p> <p>Interreg programmes and low-carbon priorities Interreg V A 2 Seas, Interreg V A France (Channel)-England, Interreg V B North West Europe</p> <p>PASSAGE theme 3: Entrepreneurship and social innovation Preparation for seminar in May: Hervé Caux, Pas-de-Calais Habitat and William Miller, Amicus Horizon.</p> <p>PASSAGE theme 2: Environment and attractiveness What will be covered for Dover Strait in the seminar in Lecce, Italy, this month: Tom Kennedy (KCC) on the Kent Countryside and Coastal Access Improvement Plan and England Coast Path.</p> <p>Conclusion, perspectives and next steps from the chair</p> |
| Summary of discussions | <p>Introduction from Chair, Carolyn McKenzie (CM)</p> <p>CM outlined the strategic position in terms of policy drivers across our two regions/countries along with the current political changes taking place.</p> <p>Her key message was that the policy and the evidence base for Low Carbon transition are in place, but that our task in PASSAGE should be around linking different agendas</p> |

and making the business case for change. We also need to be able to measure how we have changed things.

PASSAGE theme 1: Transport – feedback from seminar - November 2016

Chris Drake (CD) described how the PASSAGE project is divided into three themes which are reflected in PASSAGE seminars running across Europe aimed at identifying best practice across these themes.

He provided a summary of a best practice which the partnership selected in Helsinki in November relating to the use of Liquid Natural Gas as a fuel at the Port of Livorno on the Corsica Channel. Dover Harbour Board was unable to attend the seminar, but CD shared the best practice with them and presented the points raised in response:

- Methane at point of production – what is the impact?
- The overall impact may in fact not be dissimilar to Marine Gas Oil.
- For Dover Strait, customer demand is not there
- Ships need fitting for LNG
- In the future hydrogen may be the answer rather than LNG
- However LNG is a good interim solution- but not one for Dover Strait.

There were no further comments from the room on this item, but it was suggested that the transport workshop could pick up areas such as this.

More information on the two best practices selected in Helsinki can be downloaded on PASSAGE project website:

<http://www.interregeurope.eu/passage/library/#folder=137>

Andrew Westwood (AW) presented an update on the InterCor (International Corridors) – project. The project concerns considering the potential around technologies which enable communication between roadside infrastructure and the vehicle in order to address congestion issues. Stakeholders were asked to consider how this project might assist with issues identified in PASSAGE and relevance to the action plan. These considerations were to be picked up in the workshop session.

Workshop: A Low Carbon/Low Emissions Action Plan for Dover Strait

Stakeholders split in to 3 groups and each group spent 20 minutes in the following 3 facilitated workshops based upon the Passage themes:

PASSAGE theme 1: Transport

PASSAGE theme 2: Environment and attractiveness

PASSAGE theme 3: Entrepreneurship and social innovation

See separate workshop report, but the outputs fall into the following categories:

- Issues relevant to the theme, adding to these.
- Existing actions relevant to the theme, adding to these.

- Proposals from previous PASSAGE meetings, adding to these.
- Who do we need to work with?

The outputs from the workshop will be fed into the process of drawing up the action plan; this will also involve recommendations from the Low Carbon Study (see next item) and considerations of best practice from the seminars. The plan is to be concluded by March 2018 and there will be two more joint stakeholder meetings before this point.

Launch of the PASSAGE Low Carbon Study, Antoine Surget (AS),
Head of Unit - International Partnerships, Europe and International Department, PdC.

AS explained that I-Care consult had been appointed by Pas-de-Calais County Council to conduct this key study for the entire PASSAGE partnership, this will involve:

- Functional definition of straits area (including sea and hinterland)
- Measurement of the carbon intensity of each strait (using existing data)
- Proposals for decarbonisation objectives 2050
- Appropriation of recommendations into each strait action plan

The study will be conducted across 2017. I-Care consult will present the work schedule at the PASSAGE seminar in Italy in March and then contact each authority for data and stakeholder information.

Interreg programmes and Low Carbon priorities

The following presentations covered the potential funding and timescales for taking forward the sort of actions that we might wish to include in a Low Carbon/Emissions Action Plan for Dover Strait across other Interreg programmes:

Interreg V A 2 Seas, Solveig Burfeind , Facilitator
Interreg V A France (Channel)-England, Aiste Petraityte, Facilitator
Interreg V B North West Europe – update provided by Colette Marie, Pas-de-Calais County Council.

The details – including timeframes for calls are included in the Power Point.

PASSAGE theme 3: Entrepreneurship and social innovation

In preparation for the seminar in May, Jérôme Capelle from Pas-de-Calais Habitat and William Miller from Amicus Horizon presented on the Interreg project IFORE (Innovation for renewal).

This was a housing project focused on energy, but it was broader than this, crossing agendas and involving residents in the project.

Part of this involved a “green energy doctor” providing advice to households, especially young people.

The project only involved two neighbourhoods, but was put to the room as a good

practice that should be considered by the PASSAGE partnership and potentially taken forward within the Dover Strait action plan.

PASSAGE theme 2: Environment and attractiveness

Tom Kennedy (TK) from KCC presented what will be covered for Dover Strait in the seminar in Lecce, Italy, later in March. This focused on the Kent Countryside and Coastal Access Improvement Plan which outlines the strategic approach which KCC has taken to public access. TK also introduced the England Coast Path and the opportunities it presents to visitors, new residents and businesses. This work is likely to be taken forward through a trail partnership, with cross-border opportunities.

TK discussed the opportunities for carbon and emissions reduction which these approaches might present for PASSAGE.

Conclusion, perspectives and next steps from the chair

CM concluded by recognising the breadth of potential that the presentations and workshop had uncovered in terms of the Low Carbon/Emissions transition.

She emphasised the importance of knowing our users and their needs and joining up agendas as we consider our Low Carbon/emissions Action Plan.

⇒ **The next PASSAGE cross-border stakeholder group should be organised in September in France.**