

Press Release

Climate protection in the maritime economy: Success through partnership

Exchange with the participants of the project MariGreen at the meeting of the DUAL Ports project

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For the third time the partners participating in the European project DUAL Ports met to discuss the possibilities of transforming ports into more environmentally friendly ones. At the partner-meeting in Emden this week, the project managers reported on the current state of their particular DUAL Ports projects and the progresses already made. During the three days in Emden and Leer, the challenges that still have to be overcome were discussed together. "We all face the same challenges. We want to benefit from the experience of our partners and work together to develop larger solutions", explains Dr. Matthäus Wuczowski, Sustainability Manager at Niedersachsen Ports.

Exchange with the project MariGreen

Moreover, the participants of the DUAL Ports met with the MariGreen project in order to share knowledge and exchange experiences. The MariGreen project also deals with the possibilities of making the maritime economy more environmentally friendly. However, the DUAL Ports project primarily concentrates on finding solutions for port authorities, while the MariGreen project is mainly focused on the development of concepts for shipping companies. At the meeting, experts from both sides were able to discuss within small groups the potential and current challenges of LNG, hydrogen and sail cargo. All participants agreed that there will be a variety of environmentally friendly fuels in the maritime economy in the future. However, which low-emission fuels will ultimately prevail, is largely dependent on medium-term legislation, on the incentive mechanisms of the market and on the awareness of society.

"In order to work efficiently on these issues in the future, greater cooperation between ports and the maritime sector is necessary", stresses Wuczowski. "For this reason, we are also planning to promote a close exchange between the two projects in the future.", Katja Baumann, managing director of MARIKO GmbH, agreed.

The DUAL Ports project

The European project DUAL Ports, launched in 2015 and financed by the EU and the Interreg North Sea Region Programme, brings together ports, businesses and scientific institutions from Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands, Denmark and Scotland. The aim of the cooperation is to jointly develop solutions for

the long-term reduction of CO₂ emissions and environmental pollution caused by the activities of the port industry. Through the exchange of knowledge between the partners and the emerging synergies, the development and implementation of sustainability innovations in ports should be promoted and facilitated.

More information on the DUAL Ports project are available on:
<http://www.northsearegion.eu/dual-ports/> and <http://www.dualports.eu/>

More information on the MariGreen project are available on:
<http://marigreen.eu/>