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# SARCC WP2

## UPDATE

Within the SARCC project, the partners of WP2 co-design and co-deliver a capacity building programme for SARCC's key stakeholders, which are considered as urban decision-makers, leaders and members of staff that are involved in coastal management and policy (engineers, strategic and emergency planners, economic development, tourism/economic development). The capacity building programme will enable urban authorities to integrate nature-based solutions into coastal management plans and policies and will target the reasons why NBS are not currently mainstreamed by urban authorities, addressing issues like costs, potential for success, requirements for immediate protection/improvement and uncertainties regarding future change.

The capacity programme kicked off in Flanders with 2 sessions in November and December 2020. This session captured questions on NBS that should be tackled in future sessions. With the input from WP1 and the urban partners' experience from the NBS Pilots, seminars and workshops were delivered in the UK and France in 2021. Due to the covid restrictions, the delivery of the physical workshops/seminars series had to be reinvented and rescheduled, therefore the workshops in the Low Countries did not take place yet, and all other events were held online: 2 in the UK, where EA took the lead and 1 in France, led by the city of Gravelines. In the Netherlands, a workshop is planned in May 2022 in Vlissingen, the final date is not set at this moment. The city of Vlissingen will have the lead and by now it is planned as a live event. There is a collaboration planned with TU Delft for a similar workshop on an international Delta Conference on 16-17-18th of June.

In Belgium, there will be a congress about the dunes where several experts on the dunes and their use and users. The target group for this live event on 10 March 2022 are urban decision-makers, leaders and members of the staff, as foreseen in WP2 programme. In addition, from October 2021 till October 2022 there are evening lectures planned for the same target group and the wider public. Those lectures will take place in several coastal cities and there will be about the impact of climate change on nature, agriculture, the water system and the coastline itself.

WP2 will produce a Nature-Based Solutions Guidance Booklet for Urban Authorities to use. It will provide a summary of the activities undertaken in the capacity building programme. A ghost writer for the booklet is appointed. All partners of the project helped to create the content and outline of the booklet, and are now required to provide information and texts to populate the booklet. The ghostwriter will coordinate this. The booklet will be presented at the final SARCC Conference and will include content on scientific evidence, historic trends, technical solutions and business models.







# SARCC WP3 UPDATE

## SARCC Roadshow plans -

The plans for the SARCC roadshow are gathering momentum as we now confirm events on the schedule. The roadshow will be delivered through the Maritime Archaeology Trust's Discovery Bus during 2022 the aim being to reach and engage with as many of the general public and stakeholders as possible across all of pilot investment areas in the UK, France, Belgium and the Netherlands.

The Discovery Bus is fully open and accessible on one side complete with a wheelchair ramp, and posters and banners will be displaying information about the benefits of NBS and information about the pilot schemes inside and outside in the free space surrounding the Bus. Additionally, there will also be a range of multi-sensory and interactive activities onboard.

The roadshow is booked at large public events and festivals in all countries, as well as setting up at strategic points in some towns local to pilot investment areas to engage with the local community. There are also visits planned to university campus areas, and in some locations school visits will also take place.

## WP3 General Updates -

Work package three is currently in the works, with our videographer creating a series of videos for our visualisation tool kit in order to best explain the work we are hoping to achieve across the duration of the SARCC project. WP3 is here to best explain the project to people and potential clients.

Documents are being created and shared amongst the partners as you read this including visual guides, indepth explanations of each partner and pilot as well as the videos to best explain why this work is necessary and the problems we face.



# NEW SARCC VIDEOS

As many of you know multiple SARCC videos have and continue to be released across the three year project. These will include introduction videos to each partner, pilot updates, factual information videos and project overview videos.

Since the last news letter we have release five new partner introduction videos on the SARCC website and Youtube channel.

With this in mind this means we have only four more introductory videos to go, focusing on Vlissingen, Gravelines, MDK and HZ, so keep your eyes peeled for those.

*Introducing Oostende*  
Head to:  
[www.sarcc.eu/videos](http://www.sarcc.eu/videos)



*Introducing Blankenberge*  
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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## SARCC Final Conference Dates confirmed -

Since the first official meetings about SARCC with all of our partners back in November 2017 the project has overseen many projects, seminars and pilots but will soon come to an end.

The date for the closing conference has finally been confirmed for the 6th to the 8th of December, 2022 in Southend on Sea, England. However, please do watch out for any emails and follow our socials to keep up to date with this. It would be fantastic to see you all there.

As soon as the closing conference takes place the deliverables will be made available to help inform urban decision-makers on how to use nature based solutions in long term coastal management strategies.

## New Public Lecture Dates -

Climate change affects all different types of environments. Sea-level rise and increasing flood risk pose difficult challenges. The Flemish Government wants to explore all the consequences it'll have on various fields. They are organising a series of public lectures as part of the activities in work package 2 of SARCC in both 2021 and 2022. The following are the new dates for the 2022 lectures.

- . The Changing Water System - (17th March 2022 / De Grote Post / Oostende-Ostend)
- . Biodiversity In The Dunes - (24th March 2022 / Zwin / Knokke-Heist)
- . Coastal Morphology, Then and Now - (30th March 2022 / Trachet and Rauwoens / Blankenberge, Pier)
- . Coastal Morphology, Then and Now - (21st April 2022 / De Grote Post - De Clercq and Rauwoens / Oostende-Ostend)
- . Biodiversity in the Dunes - (28th April 2022 / Natuureducatief centrum Duinenhuis / Koksijde)
- . Coastal Morphology, Then and Now - (11th May 2022 / Magdalenazaal - Poulain and Rauwoens / Brugge-Bruges)
- . The Future of Agriculture in the Polders - (27th October 2022 / Kerk Westkapelle / Knokke-Heist)

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[Follow our socials for any further updates and changes to dates, times and locations these events are taking place...](#)

# SARCC PROJECT PARTNERS GIFTS

As you read this custom made gifts are currently being shipped to all of the project partners as a thank you for all of your hard work and to promote the good name of the SARCC project.

In the boxes shipping to you you'll find a note pad and pen, a paper bag, a towel and a SARCC business card, all items we believe you will find great use for and will be affective when distributing them amongst our clients and the general public.

We hope these gifts are to all of your liking.

[To find out more, scan the QR code below.](#)





## FEATURED TWEETS

A few tweets from the past few months. Make sure to follow us @SARCCeu and tweet with #SARCC to be featured next time!



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Happy new year everyone! Our latest Project News Blog is out now - Quantifying the Benefits of the NBS Workshops! Be sure to check it out...



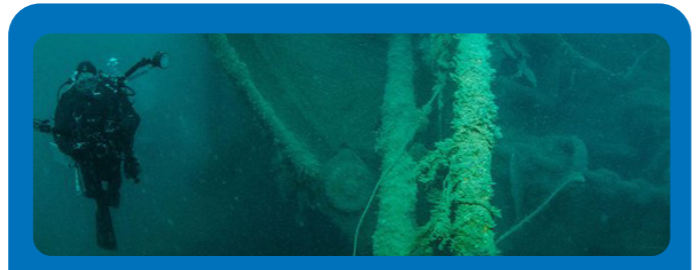
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Sustainable Asset Valuation (SAVi) of Nature-Based Coastal Protection in the Netherlands [https://nbi.iisd.org/report/savi-nature-based-coastal-protection-netherlands/...](https://nbi.iisd.org/report/savi-nature-based-coastal-protection-netherlands/) #NBI via @NBI



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On Wednesday the first public lecture of a four part theme SARCC lecture took place in Bruges. The Lecture was on: The Changing Watersystem and impact of climate change at the Belgian coast.



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Check out what @maritimetrust have been up to at the north west coast of the Isle of Wight! Find out more about the innovative techniques used.



**Introducing**  
The Department of Environment & Spatial Development.

@SARCCeu Bruges

Introducing the Flemish Government's department of environment & spatial development (DESD) as an important partner within the SARCC project, helping to demonstrate the possibilities and

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