

# Science/Policy/Society â€™Dialogueâ€™™ on North Sea Research and Management

The North Sea Open Science Conference is scheduled from 7-10 November 2016 in Ostend (Belgium). This conference will highlight knowledge, solutions and prospects to enlarge the scientific basis for an ecosystem-based management of the North Sea. Two main pillars with associated themes will structure the content of the conference: 1) scientific foundation, comprising spatio-temporal patterns and marine ecosystem processes, and 2) science for management and policy, comprising ecosystem assessment, assessment tools and socio-economic relevance.

The [North Sea Open Science Conference](#) will make use of very innovative formats moving away from the classic parallel sessions, encouraging types of presentations other than traditional power points and promoting participatory methodologies stimulating real dialogue among participants.

The conference is open to fundamental and applied research, lessons-learned from both successes and failures in marine management, and innovative measurement and data handling concepts from within and beyond the North Sea. The conference will equally cover biodiversity and physico-chemical environmental aspects of the North Sea.

Event is organised by [the Operational Directorate Nature of the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences](#) and the [Belgian Biodiversity Platform](#). [Registration can be arranged online](#) with an early bird fee until 30 June 2016.

The website also hosts a sponsorship package which will provide your organisation with exclusive exposure to a wide spectrum of influential players in the North Sea community. You will have an exceptional opportunity to network with policy makers, businesses, NGOs, academics and other major stakeholders.

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