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This document contains a draft progress report of the Ad hoc working group ‘Cables and Pipelines’ to update the TG-M members.

**Proposal:**

The meeting is invited to note the information.

DRAFT Progress report to TG-M

Since TG-M 22-3 (21 June 2022) the Ad hoc working group “Cables and Pipelines” has progressed on the following tasks:

1. **Content related**

A first contact has been established with the Danish Taenketank Hav /Ocean Institute[[1]](#footnote-1) to explore the potential of a future cooperation to gather information on potential impacts on high-voltage subsea cables and gas pipelines on the key features of the Wadden Sea.

A follow-up meeting will be scheduled in the next two weeks aiming to uncover the possibilities of cooperation, also in the field of Elaboration of recommendations for best practices of an ecosystem approach on grid connections for offshore wind farms etc. in the North Sea with special emphasis on the Wadden Sea, ranging over the three countries.

1. **Procedural related**

As preparatory action to apply for a project under the roof of Interreg North Sea Programme the group started putting together a list of relevant stakeholders per country.

For a proper stakeholder mapping a call of tender will be issued to identify specific stakeholders who have a stake in the topic at hand (as outlined in TG-M 22-3-7) and specify further the involvement (like being part of decisive processes/ part of the solution / function as a multiplicator/liaison person). The stakeholder mapping is a necessary step for the creation of a consortium in a possible project who will steer the process.

1. The Copenhagen based think tank Ocean Institute was founded in 2021 at the initiative of THE VELUX FOUNDATIONS. Among its grant areas are scientific, environmental, social and cultural purposes in Denmark and internationally with a focus of a sustainable development of the Danish marine waters. Members range from green NGOs to companies to fisheries‘organisations. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)