Learning from the Lancewad projects.
Challenges and the regional approaches
in a trans-boundary context

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- impact of infrastructure
- indifference
- low resources (financial, human)
- loss of regional identity
- energy production
- poor co-operation
- diverse management approaches
- lack of knowledge

impact of agriculture
Common cultural identity

specific regional historic diversity

Inventory on similarities and diversity of cultural landscapes in the WSR
Results:

- Characterization of landscapes
- Characterization through time
- Perception of landscapes
- Description of sub-regions
- Detailed description of elements
- Criteria and guidelines for the conservation, management and use of the heritage
- Recommendations for management
LancewadPlan 2004 - 2007

How to shape the future of the cultural landscape?

• analysis of potentials
• analysis of vulnerabilities

Integrated strategy to preserve, maintain and develop the cultural landscapes and heritage
LancewadPlan 2004 - 2007

Products:

- Description of 60 cultural entities
  - Landscape
  - Settlement history through time
  - Modern developments
  - Legal and spatial issues
  - Vulnerabilities and potentials

- Handbook best practices (30)

- Lancewad Strategy: A Living Historic Landscape
§19: Request the Board to discuss and evaluate the draft strategy.....

§20: Encourage the competent authorities to develop the accepted parts into a trilateral policy.....
Follow-up efforts

**Recognition & Awareness**
- Comparative analysis 2010

**Ribe workshop 2011**
- Framework for cooperation
- Identification of key areas

**Hannover meeting 2011**
- Cooperation on cultural heritage
- Establishment of an expert group

**Amersfoort 2012**
- Prepare annual workshops

**Husum workshop**
- Indicative mapping
Husum 2012,
the last trilateral approach???
Challenges:

Commitment of competent authorities to cooperate
Conceive transboundary collaboration as benefit
Consider the WSR as entity also for cultural heritage
Establish a long-lasting trilateral research agenda
Analysis of challenges and obstacles

Obstacles:

Limited resources of authorities
Restricted areas of responsibilities and tasks
Different aims and approaches in research and management
Differences between natural (landscapes) and social (identity) science
Conclusions

- Use the findings of the Lancewad projects (and follow-ups)
- Build on the expertise of the current network
- Make use of the „Biosphere concept“ to integrate nature conservation and cultural heritage
- Strengthen the WSF as stakeholder forum
- Forward request to TGC-13 (2018) to integrate cultural heritage issues in the trilateral political agenda
- Capture the momentum of Leeuwarden as European Cultural Capital
- Agree on concrete actions and responsibilities at this meeting
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This is the end

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