Association of European Border Regions

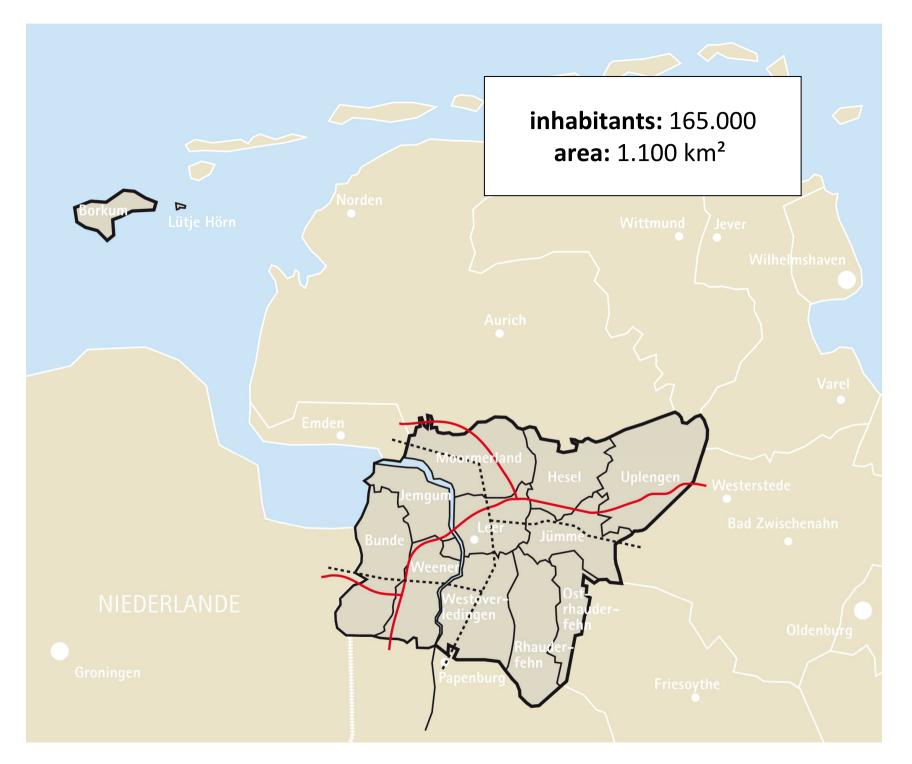




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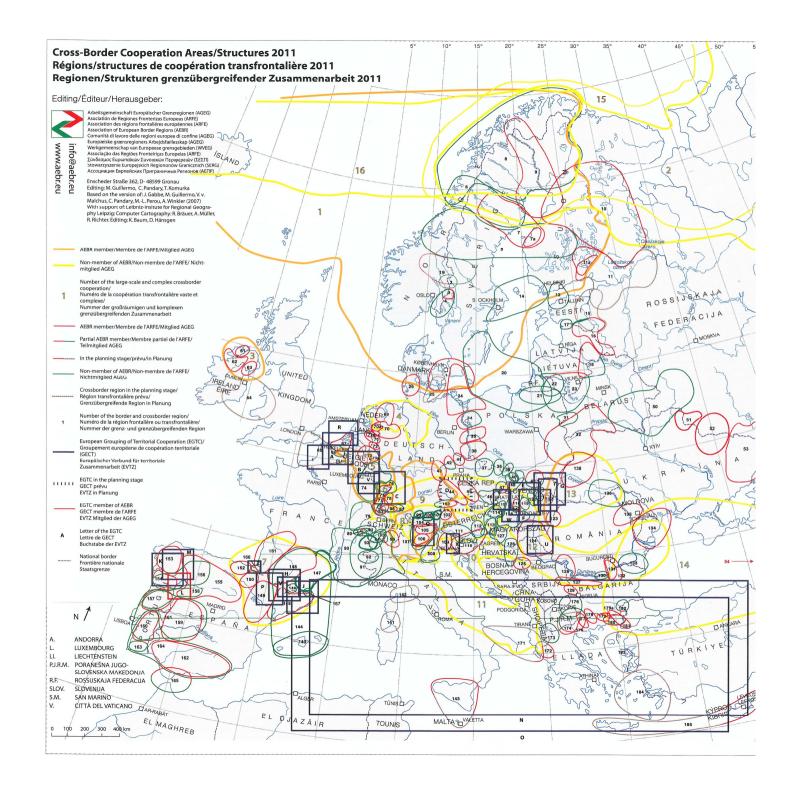


- **1986 1993:** City of Delmenhorst
- **1993 1997:** City of Northeim
- **1997 2001:** Landkreis (district) Leer
- Since 2001: Landrat Landkreis Leer



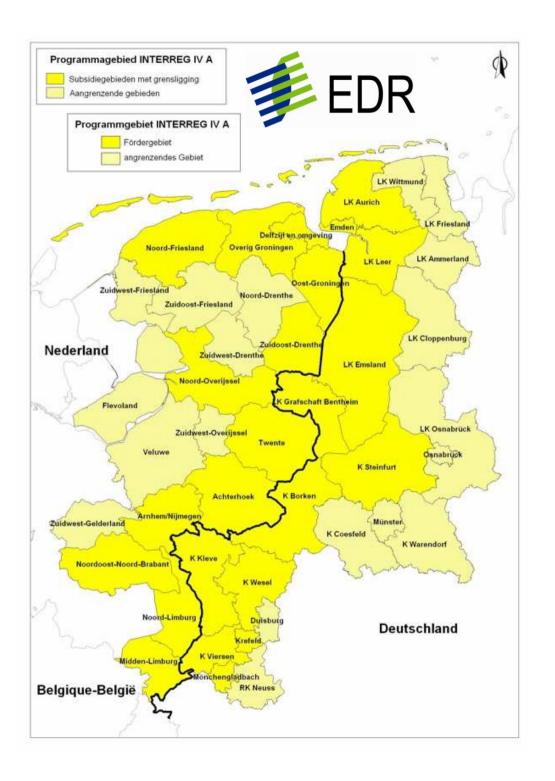






Ems-Dollart-Region







In the EDR-programme-area live ca. 2.8 million people Low population density: NL (149 inhabitants/km²), D (139 inhabitants/km²) National numbers: Germany: 231 inh./km², The Netherlands: 390 inhabitants/km²).

Ems-Dollart Region (EDR)

- founded in 1977 (as German and Dutch association)
- since 1997 public cross-border organisation (based on Contract von Anholt 1991)
- 102 members, mainly municipalities and f.e. Chambers of Commerce
- cooperation German-Dutch cross-border organisation in the border area
- Center of Competence for German-Dutch cooperation
- network, coordination and cross-border service center



INTERREG IV A - Program 2007 - 2013

Priorities:

- economy, technology and innovation
- strengthening of (sustainable) regional development
- Integration and society
- total amount : EUR 295 million
- EU-share: EUR 138 million
- EDR region: EUR 38 million





Structures and Co-operation





















Theme: energy, maritime, tourism, plastics, metal, farming, sensors, building, health, demography, labourmarket, logistics, water, nature, culture.

Cross-border cooperation in the border region:

f.e. consult citizens, education, public transport, hospitals, police, fire department





INTERREG IV A-Program 2007-2013 Implemented Projects

- sustainable energy Netherlands-Germany (NEND)
- network TOEKOMST (tourism) (€ 7,6 million EU: € 3,4 million)
- food Future
- nature park development Bourtanger Moor-Bargerveen (NPE)
 (€ 7,8 million EU: € 3,9 million)
- framework project "Net(z)werk" (€ 3,0 million EU: € 1,5 million)
- MariStart Maritime cooperation
- Mechatronics innovation small- and medium sized enterprises
- Young Ems Dollart-philharmony (€ 524.000,- EU: € 262.000,-)
- Maritime Technologies and Innovations Model Region
 Germany/The Netherlands (€ 8,7 million EU: € 2,6 million)





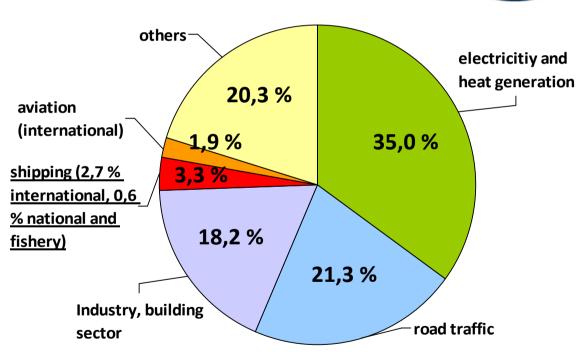
Maritime Technologies and Innovations – Model Region Germany/The Netherlands

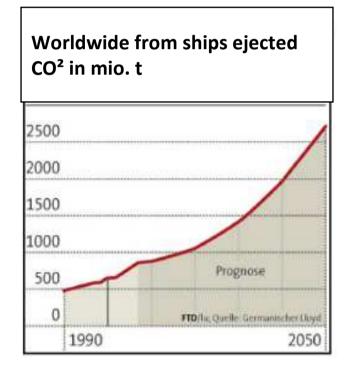
Research and development of new propulsion technologies for the ships of tomorrow



Climate-Sinner: Shares in the Global CO² Emissions 2007 in %









Stakeholder:

- scientific research
- university / college
- economy company
- classification company

35 German and Dutch partners









































































- Duration: January 2011 to December 2014
- Total cost: EUR 8,7 million
- Financing:
 - EU: 30% (EUR 2,6 million)
 - Germany 15% (EUR 1,3 million)
 - Netherlands 15% (EUR 1,3 million)
 - own recources 40% (EUR 3,5 million)





1.LNG Passenger Vessel

Examination of the technical and economic feasibility of LNGelectric propulsion systems in passenger shipping



2. ECO² Inland Vessel

Research and comparison of various (LNG-)propulsion concepts to identify the most efficient and economical propulsion for different types of inland shipping vessels



3. Wind Hybrid Coaster

Implementation of a lightweight design of a wind sail system with aerodynamic rotors for small coasters







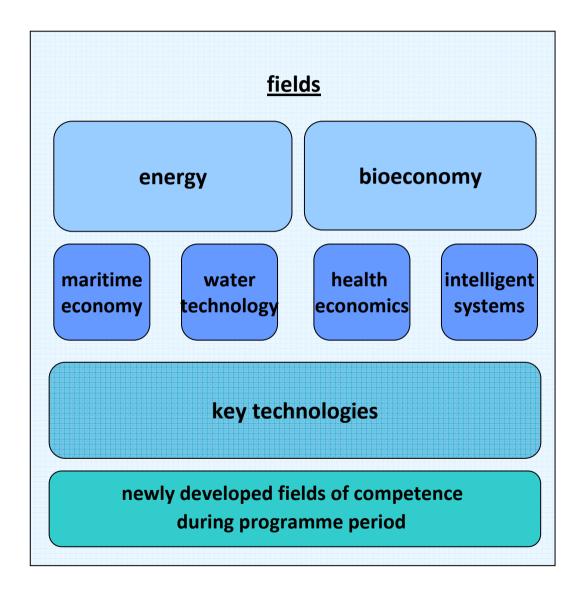
Future Challenges in the EDR

- increase competitiveness and attractiveness as economic region
- realise innovation potential of SME
- develop cross-border economic landscape
- react to demographic changes in an anticipatory way
- deal with threatening lack of qualified workforce
- deal with energy turnaround and improve energy efficiency
- strive to sustainable food supply
- recognize water as special challenge for the North
- counteract decrease of biodiversity
- maintain German-Dutch cooperation in a permanent manner

Objectives: Economy, Science, Innovation

- strengthening of cross-border science based cooperation in applied science, technological development, innovation and networking
- starting-point should always be benefit and need of enterprises (in particular SME)
- focus on regional fields of competence in the sense of smart specialisation (result of the analysis)

Objectives: Economy, Science, Innovation



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!