



IMplementing MEasuRes for Sustainable Estuaries (IMMERSE)

Final Conference

Antwerp, 23 -24 March 2022

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Agenda

Wednesday, 23 March 2022

08:30-09:00	Arrival and registration
Morning Session	
09:00-09:10	Welcome and opening <i>Angela Schultz-Zehden (sPro), Conference moderator</i>
09:10-09:30	Welcome by the Flemish Region, Department of Mobility and Public Works Introduction to the IMMERSE approach and key achievements <i>Frederik Roose, MOW Project Coordinator</i>
09:30-10.25	Plenary Session I What environmental and societal pressures do NSR estuaries have in common? A multidisciplinary overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote presentation by Prof. Patrick Meire (University of Antwerp) • Interactive discussion with participants
10:25-10:30	Introduction to the IMMERSE exhibition of solutions
10:30-11:00	Coffee break & visit of the exhibition
11:00-11:40	Plenary Session II Towards sustainably managed estuaries: Perspectives on estuary management in the context of future global challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote presentation by Prof. Mike Elliot (University of Hull and IECS Ltd.) • Interactive discussion with participants



11:40-12:40	<p>Animated Panel Discussion: The contribution of IMMERSE solutions to the implementation of management plans and strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Guest Panellists</i> <p><i>moderated by Angela Schultz Zehden (sPro)</i></p>
12:40-12:45	Introduction to the afternoon breakout sessions
12:45-13:45	Lunch & visit of the exhibition
Afternoon Session	
13:45-16:00	<p>Thematic Breakout Sessions (three sessions in parallel): Presentations of IMMERSE solutions and feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>1st round</u>: Flooding strategies, Sediments and tide, Solutions for water quality • <u>2nd round</u>: Solutions for flooding, Supporting habitat creation, Solutions for sediment quality
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break
16:30 – 17:30	<p>Final plenary session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conclusions from the breakout sessions • What have we learned in IMMERSE?

The conference dinner will take place in walking distance to the conference venue and start with a welcome drink around 18:30.

Wednesday, 24 March 2022

09:00 – 13:00	<p>Site visit: 'Port development and sediment management in the Scheldt' (hosted by the Port of Antwerp)</p> <p>Boat trip downstream Antwerp with presentations on port development and sediment management.</p> <p><i>The site visit will include a sandwich lunch.</i></p>
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