

1. Environmental policy statement

The geographical position of the port of Harlingen (i.e., North Sea and Wadden Sea) , together with its international orientation, makes of this port an important distribution and communication hub. Moreover, Harlingen provides employment to and is one of the most important engines for industrial and economic development of the Frisian region and the city of Harlingen. Furthermore, the port authority of Harlingen recognizes its responsibilities regarding the development of an environmental policy and management system attuned to its port activities and competences.

We are committed to contribute to a long-term sustainable development by identifying, monitoring and minimising the environmental impacts in our operations. For so doing we follow international standards as defined by the European Sea Port Organization (ESPO) in the Ports Environmental Review System and in line with the principles of corporate and social responsibility.

More specifically we are committed to:

1. Develop, update and maintain an appropriate environmental management programme through the PERS methodology as managed by ESPO to guide and continuously improve our environmental performance.
2. Keep ourselves informed about, comply with, and as far as it is economically justified, exceed present environments legislation and other environmental requirements to which we subscribe.
3. Strive to minimize the ports footprint by using resources as efficiently as possible and prevention of environmental accidents. To achieve the port strives to provide adequate training and resources to carry out the environmental policy and to influences our tenants and suppliers to adopt sustainable practices and products.
4. Communicate our environmental policy internally (i.e., with our employees) and externally (e.g. with our tenants, contractors, or the inhabitants of Harlingen) by, amongst others, making public our policy statement and environmental report periodically.
5. Specifically the port authority will focus on these environmental aspect:
 - Monitoring and efficient handling of the port's waste flow.
 - The port is committed to improve the air quality.
 - To encourage a sustainable energy usage and to reduce light pollution.
 - The port is committed to improve the water quality.
 - To limit the negative effects of dredging.
 - Community involvement: The port is committed to ensure that the port is a pleasant place to work and visit.
 - Noise: the port is committed to minimize noise nuisance.

The port of Harlingen strives to formulate a policy and develop an environmental management system which is tailored to its socio-ecological context.



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