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# Digital hydro-morphological twin of the trilateral Wadden Sea TrilaWatt → (<https://trilawatt.eu/>)

## Introduction

CoU Wadden Sea Sediment Solutions

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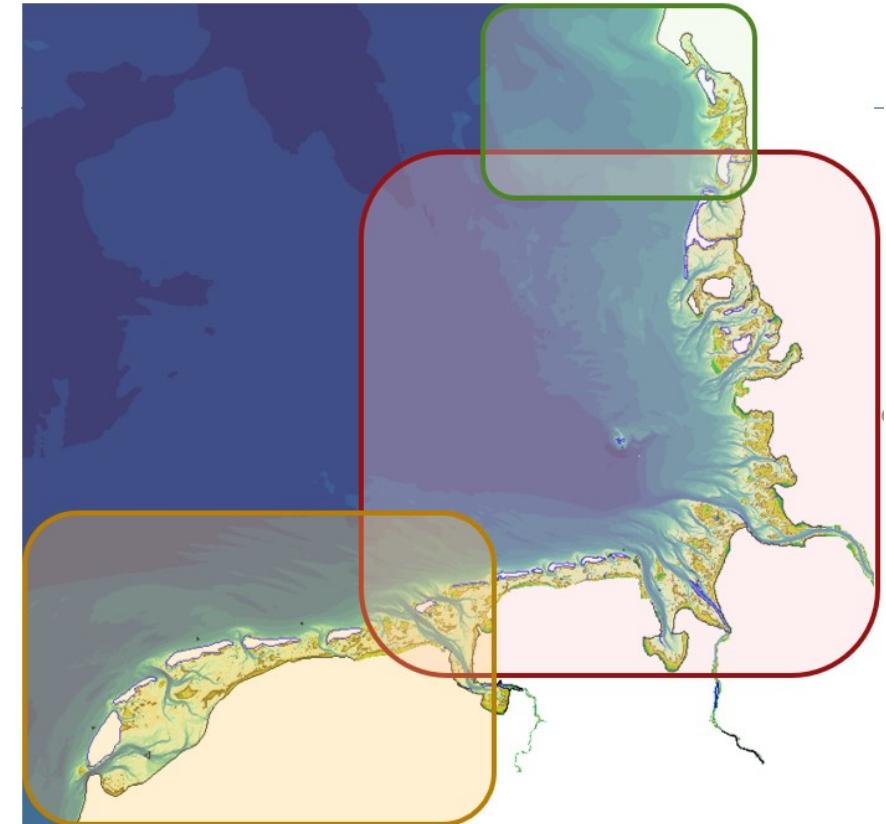
## Introduction to TrilaWatt

The research project **TrilaWatt** is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Digital Affairs and Transport for 3 years (start: 01.01.2022) and is managed by the Federal Waterways Engineering and Research Institute (BAW), smile consult GmbH, Wadden Sea Forum e. V. and planGIS GmbH.

**TrilaWatt** develops an innovative digital geodata and analysis infrastructure for the **Trilateral Wadden Sea**:

Denmark,  
**Germany** and  
**The Netherlands**

It supports the planning and maintenance of transport infrastructure with harmonized, quality-assured data on **geomorphology**, **sedimentology**, and **hydrodynamics**. Geodata, analyses, and documentation methods are linked via Web portals and services to form a **planning assistance system**.



## Challenges and Innovation

A major **challenge** of TrilaWatt is to **model** and **understand** the **complex physical processes** in coastal and especially wadden regions together with large-scale **sediment transport** in order to evaluate them for various purposes!

All of this depends on **accurate data**, which has so far been **heterogeneous, patchy, and not harmonized** across borders, and on appropriate tools that allow **efficient navigation** of such **Big Data**.

Planning and decision-making processes for detailed and comprehensive assessment of the mutual interactions between **sustainable use** and minimization or avoidance of adverse **environmental impacts** require sound knowledge of **hydromorphology** and **sediment transport processes**.



## Preliminary work and project goals

In the previous research project EasyGSH-DB ([easygsh/EasyEN](#)), areal data of **geomorphology** and **sedimentology** formed the basis for synoptic long-term **numerical simulations** (1996-2015) combined with extensive analyses. However, all this was mainly focused on the **German Bight** region!

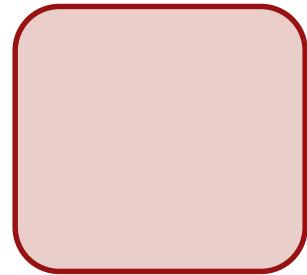
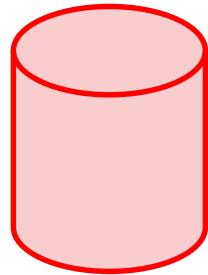
These data are freely available via Geoportals such as **MDI-DE** ([mdi-de.org](#)), **mCLOUD** ([www.mcloud.de/web/BAW](#)) and **GOVDATA** ([www.govdata.de/web/baw/](#)).

The **preceding work** in MDI-DE and EasyGSH-DB is the basis for this project and will be **extended to the whole Wadden Sea** area. Project goals are:

- **Extension and completion** of the **data base** of geomorphology, and numerical simulations (2005, 2010, 2015 and 2020) for the **entire trilateral Wadden Sea**
- Development of a **data management system** and implementation of **documentation** and **analyses components**
- **Integration into MDI-DE** as user interface and provision of **web services**
- **Stakeholder participation process** from NL, DK and DE

# Work flow

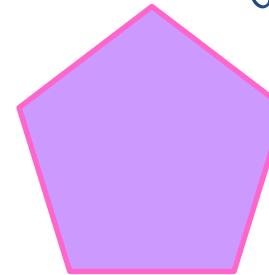
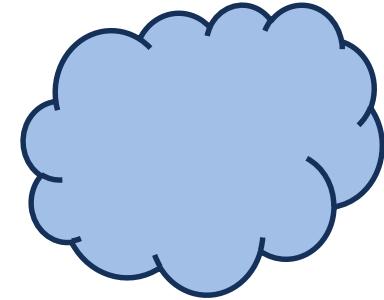
## Data infrastructure



Geo-Data base:  
Trilateral Wadden Sea  
yearly bathymetries:  
2005 – 2021 consistent  
and synoptic sedimentolo-  
gy with areal analyses  
morphological mass  
budget

Hydrodynamic:  
Trilateral Wadden Sea  
HN-simulations 2005 -  
2020 based on Geo-Data  
spec. sediment transport  
extensive analyses  
documentation

## Analyses infrastructure

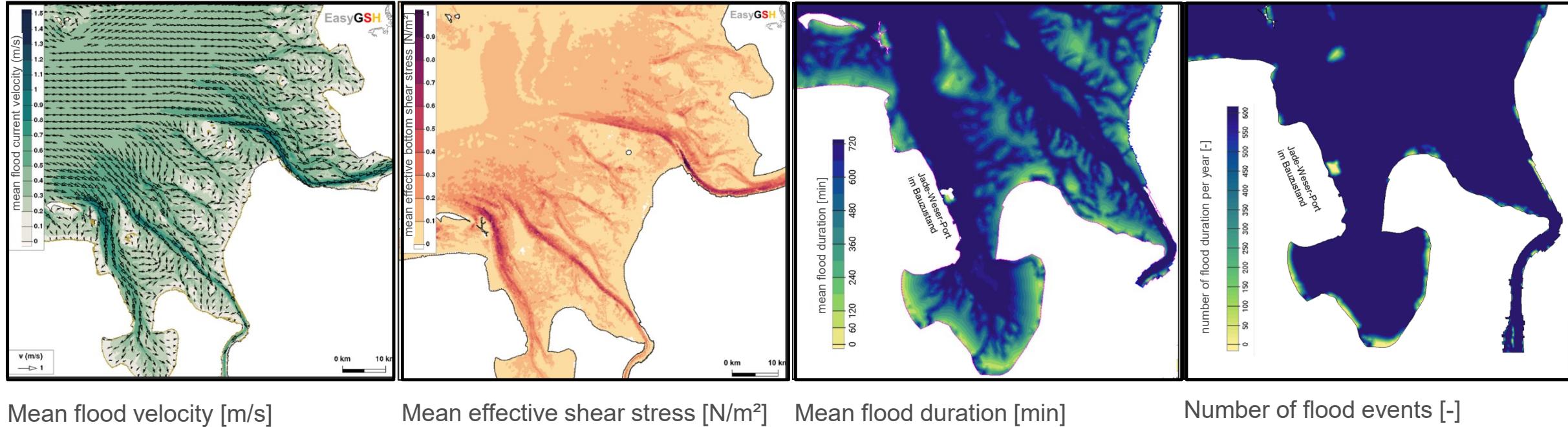


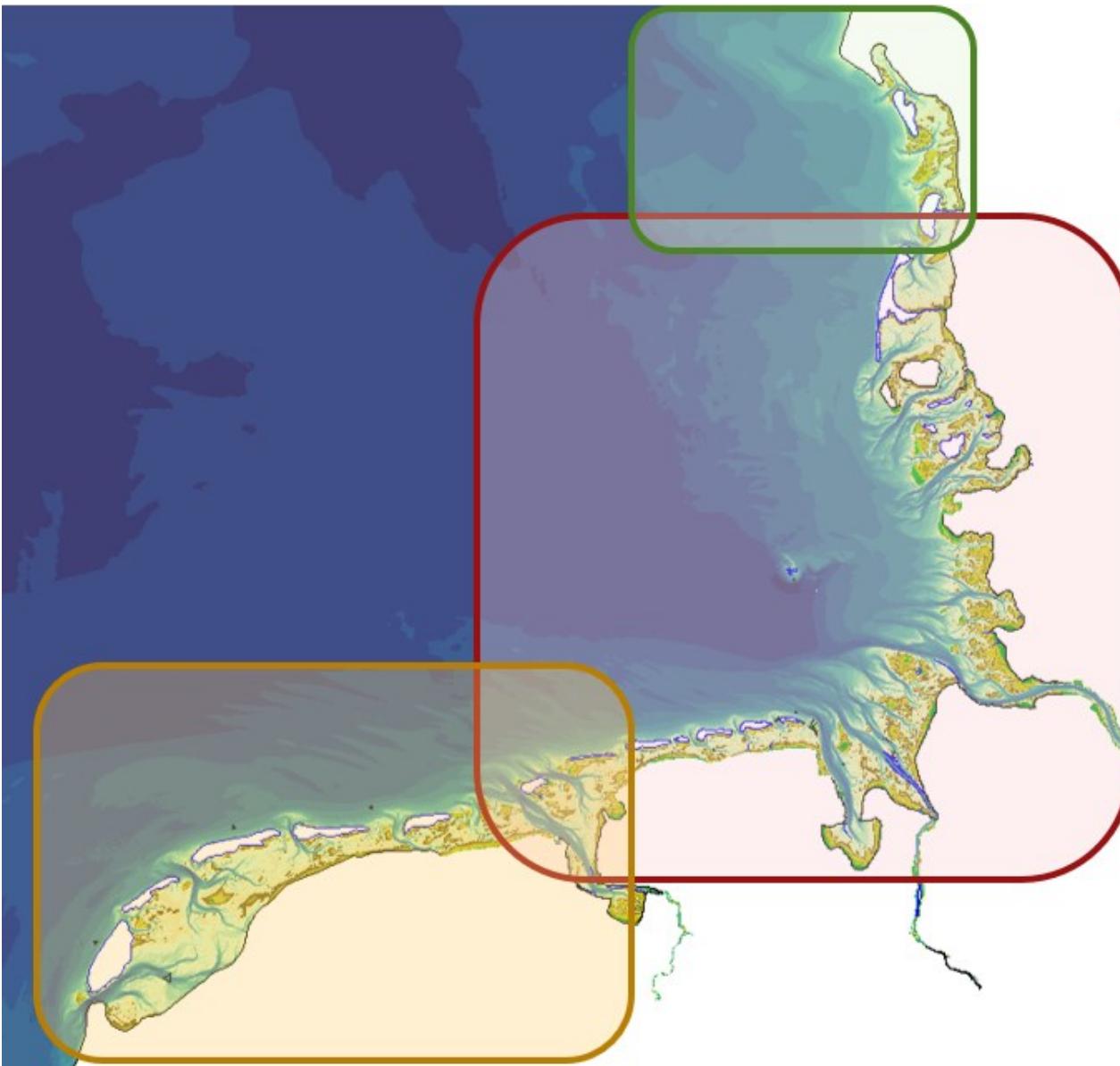
Delivery:  
simple / easy search  
detailed reporting  
meaningful pictures  
easy / fast download  
data / metadata  
German / English

Application:  
use-cases  
stakeholder  
requirements  
governmental aspects  
NGO-aspects

cable route design  
expertise report (BAW, WSV)  
planning of infrastructure  
reporting obligations (MSRL, ...)  
sedimentation in coastal harbors

# Examples





Thank you for your attention –  
and now it's time for questions,  
remarks, hints, ...

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Vielen Dank!  
hartelijk dank!  
mange tak!

# Literature / Product list

## Related literature:

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## Product list:

**Geomorphology:** yearly bathymetries: 1996 - 2016 ([https://mdi-de.baw.de/easygsh/EasyEN\\_DownloadG.html#home](https://mdi-de.baw.de/easygsh/EasyEN_DownloadG.html#home))

**Sedimentology:** Petrographic maps, d50, sorting, skewness and porosity for 1996, 2006 and 2016 ([https://mdi-de.baw.de/easygsh/EasyEN\\_DownloadS.html#home](https://mdi-de.baw.de/easygsh/EasyEN_DownloadS.html#home))

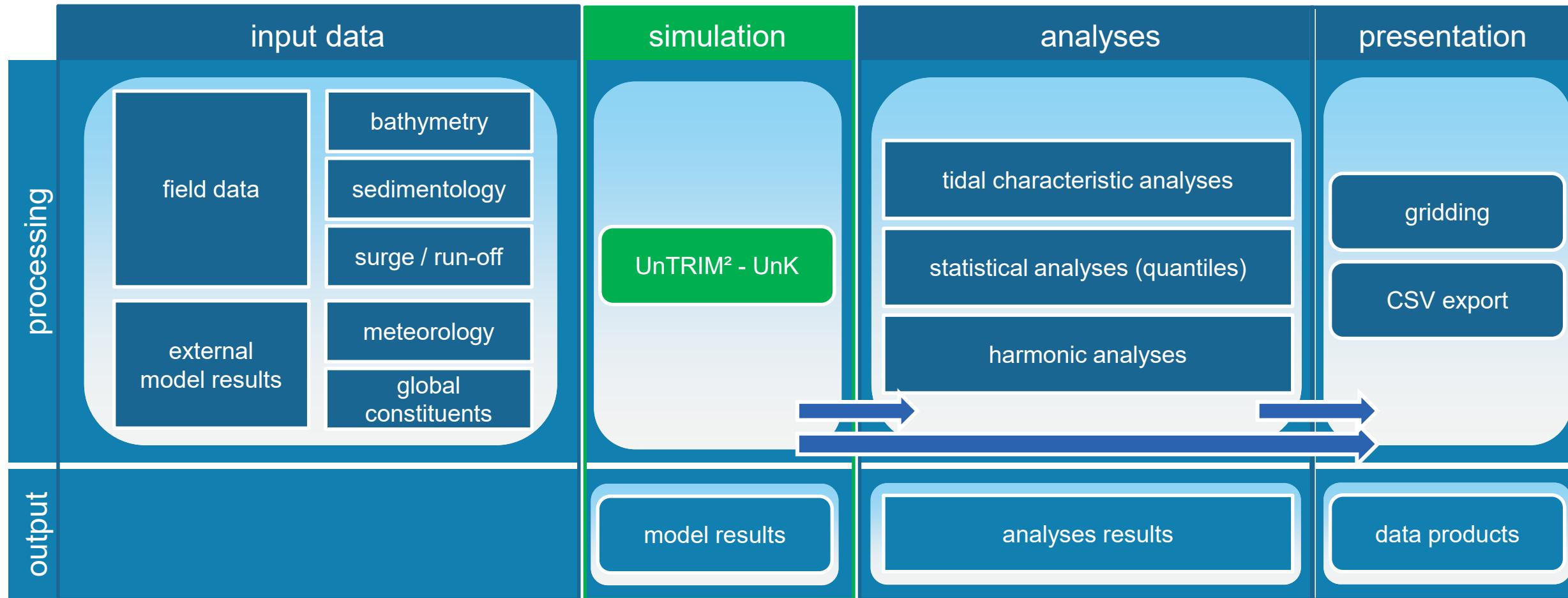
**Hydrodynamic / Analyses:** ([mdi-de.baw.de/EasyEN\\_Download](https://mdi-de.baw.de/EasyEN_Download))

- Tidal characteristic numbers / values (1996 - 2016):  
water level, currents, salinity, effective bed shear stress
- harmonic analysis of water level: 1996 – 2016
- characteristic numbers of wave and sea state,  
independent of tides: 1996 – 2016

**Synoptic hydrodynamics:** ([mdi-de.baw.de/EasyEN\\_Viewer\\_syn](https://mdi-de.baw.de/EasyEN_Viewer_syn))

- Synoptic values on a 1000 m - grid (1996 - 2015):  
water level, currents, salinity, effective bed shear stress, sea state
- sea state data at selected locations (1996 – 2015)

# Product lineage



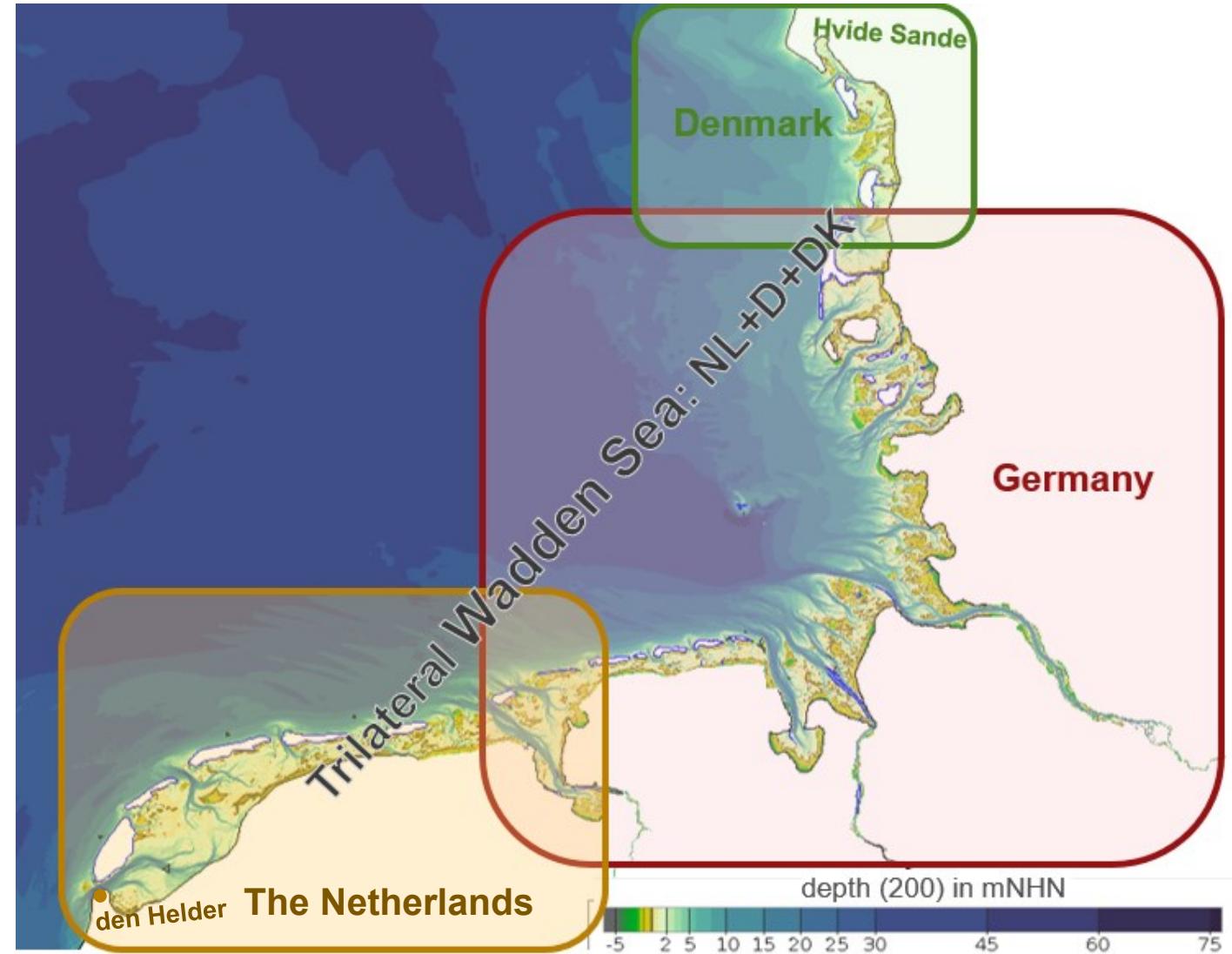
## Project Area

the project area comprises  
the entire Trilateral Wadden  
Sea:

**The Netherlands**

**Germany**

**Denmark**



# Project participants

## Funding:

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## Project Partner:

- Federal Waterways Engineering and Research Institute (BAW)
- smile consult GmbH
- Wadden Sea (WSF)
- Marine Data Infrastructure Germany (MDI-DE)
- planGIS GmbH



TrilaWatt-portal (<https://trilawatt.eu/>)

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