



Dear mareXtreme colleagues and everyone interested,

we are reporting back with further activities from the field. This time with the first focus group discussion, that marks an important step of co-designing the living labs in METAscales.

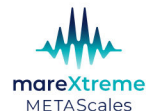
On December 5th, constructing on several interviews with regional and local actors from coastal protection, disaster management and nature conservation, a group of representatives came together in the Klimahaus Bremerhaven to discuss about criteria for a living lab and to identify a suitable location along the North Sea coast of Lower-Saxony.

For transdisciplinary processes like living labs, it is vital to not impose the research agenda on communities, actors and interest groups, but to collaborate and to adjust to the assessment and needs of those on the ground. The procedure of determining a suitable community to work with is essential ground work to establish a long-term engagement at eye level between the local population, actors from practice and administration, and us scientists.

We are on a good path and will now get into exchange with local decision-makers to officially establish the living lab location for Lower-Saxony.

Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming news.  
Cheers and see you soon.

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## **Focus Group Discussion**

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## **Co-Design Living Lab Location**

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**December 5th, 2024**

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**in the Klimahaus, Bremerhaven**

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