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Update on discussions held at the 27th meeting of the London Group on Environmental Accounting

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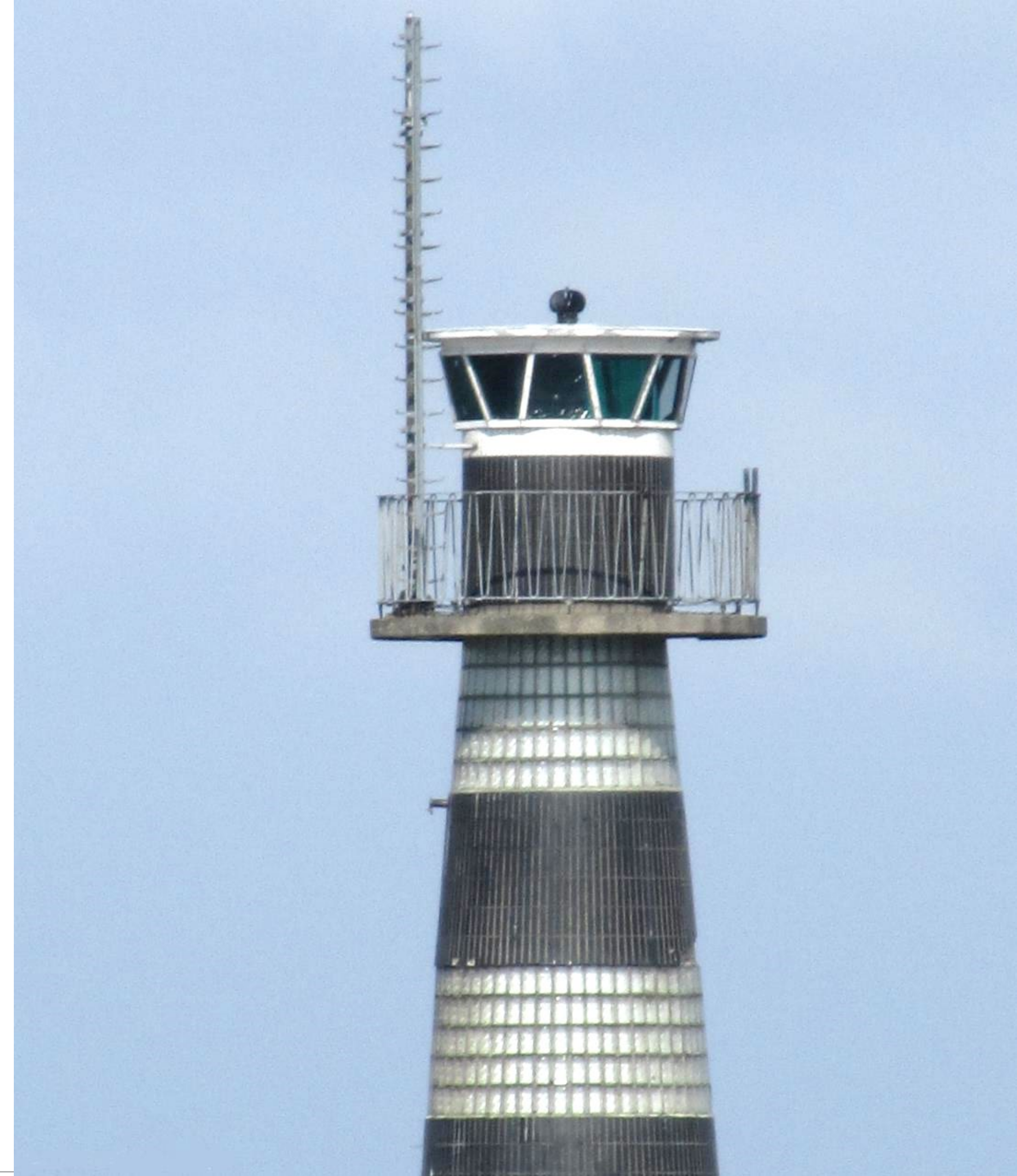
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27th meeting in 2021: Online format in the light of Covid-19

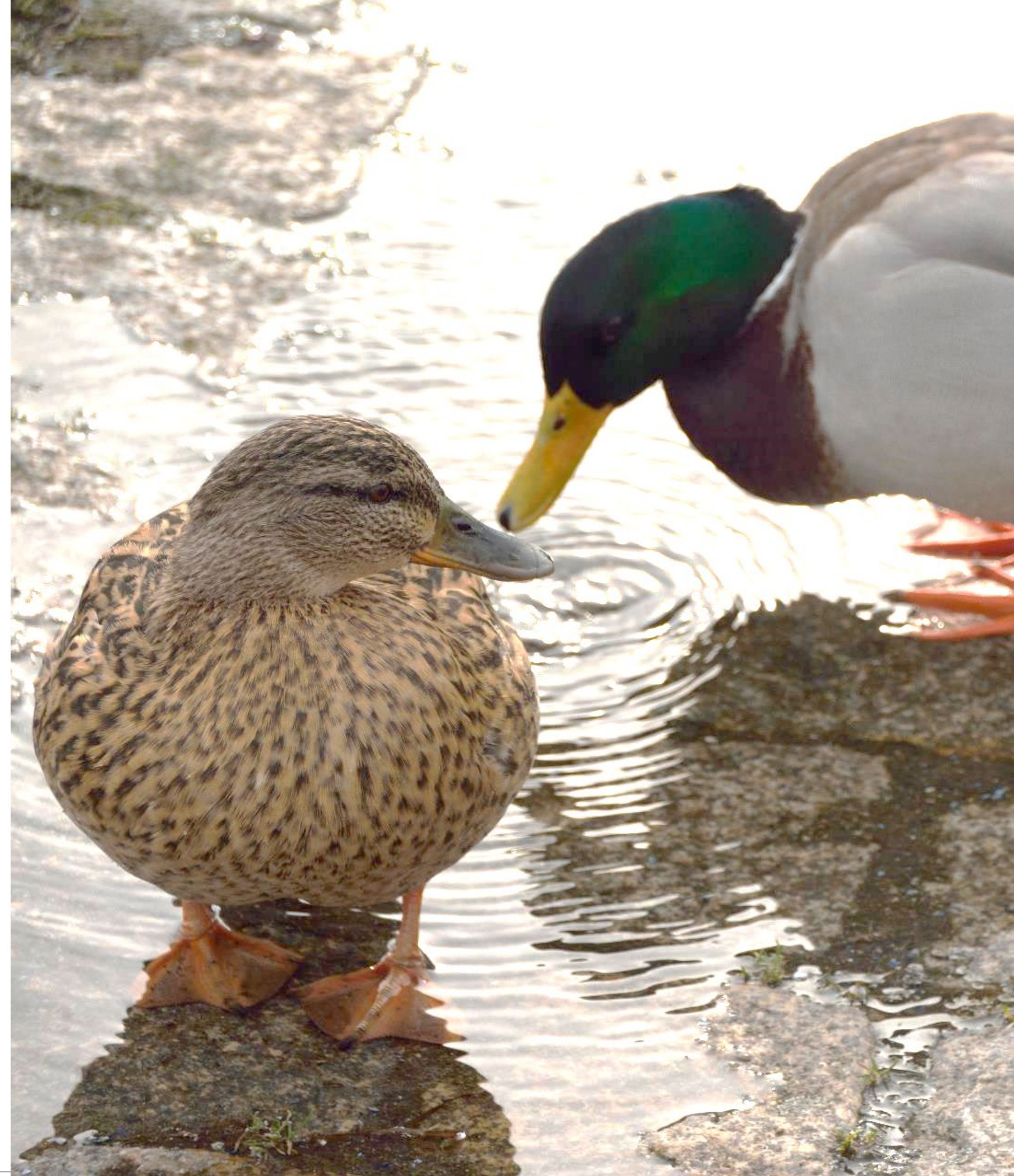
- 2nd 100% virtual meeting of the London Group
- 27th Sept – 4th Oct 2021
- 5 days, at approx. 4 hours
- by participants largest London Group meeting ever (almost 150)
- pre-recorded presentations
(still available at <https://seea.un.org/content/london-group-environmental-accounting>)
- session discussants as presentations' summarists



Travemünde – altes Leuchfeuer Nordermole, photo by Sven Kaumanns

Main discussions at the 27th meeting

- Implementation issues and case studies on the SEEA EA
- Assessing ecosystem service flows
 - Accounting for indigenous perspectives in SEEA EA in theory and practice
 - Initial set of indicators from ecosystem services accounts
 - Country-level ecosystems accounts for estuaries
 - Marine Ecosystem Asset Accounts
- Valuation of ecosystems and their services
 - Beyond valuation-monetary aggregates for the SEEA EA
 - Ecosystem and species appreciation-service flow, biodiversity wealth and biodiversity debt
 - Aggregation of the ecosystem service values in urban ecosystem account



ducks in a puddle, photo by Sven Kaumanns

Way ahead – the 28th meeting

- resuming to normal
 - in person meeting in Bonn (3rd attempt)
 - some hybrid/online-elements
 - last week of September 2022 <- [Save the Date](#)
- but more focused
 - shorter papers, more discussion
 - issue papers will highlight the relevant questions to be discussed for each session
 - target: conclusion papers
- main topics
 - ecosystem services – potential vs. actual flows
 - (ecosystem) valuation
 - SNA and SEEA update issues incl. integrating accounts and deriving integrated indicators
- call for papers (soon)
 - the LG Bureau will review the proposals and contact the authors in due course



Way to the beach, Travemünde Priwall, photo by Sven Kaumanns

And in case we're again not allowed to travel?

... or are not allowed to meet in person for other reasons:

- we'll still try working more focused
- but meet [again online](#) as in the previous two years



Empty old 1st class IC seats, photo by Sven Kaumanns

THANK YOU

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