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**- EUCC NEWS -****1. Coming up: Seminar on Texel (NL) linking science & management**

EUCC and Kust & Zee will be hosting an international seminar about bridging the gap between science and coastal management, which will take place between 24th and 26th November 2010, in Texel (a Wadden Sea island of the Netherlands).

This event will address the needs of adaptive strategies and deal with the impacts of climate change. In particular, it will provide an insight into the innovative and knowledge-based approaches and tools being developed under the project IMCORE (*Innovative Management for Europe's Changing Coastal Resources*) and the first-hand results of the Dutch project MOSSELWAD (*Restoration and Sustainable Management of Mussel-beds in the Wadden Sea*).

Scientists, practitioners, policy makers and representatives of the coastal management community in NW Europe are welcome to participate.

More information: [www.eucc.net/texel2010/](http://www.eucc.net/texel2010/)

**2. SUSTAIN: European inter-regional co-operation to strengthen coastal sustainability**

This new project initiative aims to ensure that the integrated management of coastal issues will be sustainable. SUSTAIN (Assessing sustainability and strengthening operational policies) is an INTERREG IVC project that has recently started and the kick-off event took place in the beautiful municipality of Kouklia (Cyprus), one of the partners of the project.



Twelve European partners (all represented in the above photo) will be working together, including eight regional and local authorities under the lead of the Coastal & Marine Union (EUCC) during the coming 3 years.

The Local and regional authorities are making efforts to use ICZM planning approaches to lead to sustainable development. A number of actions need to be implemented along the coast to improve sustainability. The criteria for assessing sustainability at the coast which will be developed and tested in SUSTAIN will provide the management policy tool which is very much needed and currently lacking. *"SUSTAIN is an ambitious and comprehensive project that will develop a fully implementable, self-assessment policy tool to measure the extent that sustainable development is being applied in all 22 coastal states of the EU."* said project manager Alan Pickaver. *"The partners in this exciting project have come together to address the challenges that coastal communities face from issues like climate change, pressure on natural resources and the need for economic, social and cultural well-being by providing a new and innovative tool that can be used by the communities to enable them to live in and manage their own surroundings sustainably."* said Caroline Salthouse, communications lead partner (external expert for Sefton Council).



A project website will soon be made available at [www.sustain-eu.net](http://www.sustain-eu.net). It is currently under development.

For further information please contact [Maria Ferreira](#) (lead of Communication on behalf of EUCC the Lead partner).

### 3. 1<sup>st</sup> International BaltCICA Conference



The 1<sup>st</sup> International BaltCICA Conference (BaltCICA – Climate Change: Impacts, Costs and Adaptation in the Baltic Sea Region) took place on 26-27 January, 2010 in Kalundborg, Denmark.

The 2nd International BaltCICA Conference is going to take place in May 2011 in Bergen, Norway.

Following the Conference "Climate changes – from recognition to adaptation", the 3<sup>rd</sup> internal project meeting took place on 27-28 January, 2010. The INTERREG IVB project faces the assessment of regional impacts of climate change and the development and implementation of adequate adaptation measures. Climate change impacts on groundwater levels and hydro-chemical composition, flood risk and water quality of urban and coastal areas play a decisive role. The aim is to formulate long term visions and action plans for local areas. For this local scenarios and visual presentations of assessment results of climate change consequences and the formation of local stakeholder working groups resulted in first scenario workshops e.g. in the case studies Helsinki, Klaipeda and Kalundborg.



In the course of the project, EUCC-Germany is dealing with coastal tourism stakeholders, disseminating current scientific climate change knowledge and circulating information about regional climate change impacts on coastal tourism along the German Baltic coast. During the 1<sup>st</sup> local workshop in October 2009 stakeholders were sensitized; future workshops will identify and discuss concrete adaptation options. More information: [www.baltcica.org](http://www.baltcica.org).

### 4. ECNC and EUCC participate in Dutch launch of Year of Biodiversity

*The Coastal & Marine Union (EUCC) and ECNC work together towards a sustainable and beautiful Europe within the ECNC Group.*

Both ECNC and EUCC actively participated in the official launch of the International Year of Biodiversity in the Netherlands, which took place at Naturalis, the Dutch national museum of natural history, in Leiden. This public launch followed the national conference 'Time's up for biodiversity', organized by ECNC in Amersfoort in November 2009. During that conference the Dutch Biodiversity 2010 Coalition, chaired by Regional Minister for Ecology (Noord-Brabant) Mr Onno Hoes, was formally established. The seminar brought together experts and practitioners from various stakeholder groups concerned with biodiversity (universities, research centres, government institutions, NGOs). Break-out groups discussed five biodiversity themes and worked on defining innovative actions for NCB Naturalis in the fields of global change research, public outreach and communication.

For more information: [ECNC](#), [Mark Snethlage](#), Project Manager.

### 5. Help define the "Good Environmental Status" of the sea!

Under the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD - 2008/56/EC), the European Member States are to define targets and implement national strategies to achieve Good Environmental Status (GES) of their marine environment by 2020. In order to provide guidance on the criteria for GES, 11 descriptors have been outlined and Task Groups set up to describe their general definitions, indicators and monitoring methodology, that can be used and adapted by the Member States within the scope of their regions. Conclusions on these aspects are to be agreed within the Working Group on GES meetings, that have been taking place during the last twelve months. This work will be completed by this summer.

EUCC, as well as the Venice Platform, are participating in the discussions of the Working Group on GES. In support of the ongoing efforts, EUCC has provided written input to the discussion on descriptors 4 (food-web), 10 (marine litter) and 11 (energy) in a letter of 12 February 2010.

All EUCC members are invited to send us their comments on the documents and issues open for discussion in the next WG GES, which will take place in Brussels, on the 29th March. More information can be found in the EUCC Marine Team website: <http://marine-team.eucc-d.de/marine-strategy.html> For access to documents or for any other queries on this matter, please contact the EUCC officers who are dealing with the Marine Strategy: [Marije Siemensma](#) and/or [Joana Mira Veiga](#)

### 6. ARTWEI: A new joint regional co-operation project in the Baltic Sea

This new project has been recently initiated by the EUCC Baltic States Office, EUCC-Germany and Klaipeda University under the South Baltic Interreg Programme and gathers another three key partners around the Baltic –the World Maritime University, Malmö, Sweden, University of Szczecin, Poland and Sea Fisheries Institute, Gdynia, Poland.

The project named *ARTWEI* - Action for the Reinforcement of the Transitional Waters' Environmental Integrity. (In the Old-Prussian language 'Artwei' also means "to go seafaring"), will be running for the next 3 years. The project will address the regional management needs of the South Baltic transitional

waters (SBTWs) – namely the Curonian Lagoon, the Vistula Lagoon, the Odra Lagoon and the Oresund Sound. The four SBTWs have several specific common management needs. All four are located on the most important Baltic fish and bird migration routes. They also serve as fish nurseries. They are critically important for the hydraulic and nutrient regime of the Baltic Sea channelling water flows from the North Sea and major tributaries. Finally, all four are cross-border areas. Therefore, the common challenge of the South Baltic scale is to ensure a proper cross-border environmental integrity of the SBTWs with the adjacent river basins managed under the EU Water Framework Directive (WFD) and with the adjacent marine areas managed within the EU Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) framework. For more information please contact [Ramunas Povilanskas](#) EUCC Baltic States Office.

## **7. Support coastal management by booking your hotel through EUCC website**

EUCC and Booking.com have signed an agreement on world wide hotel bookings by all those entering the booking.com website via [www.eucc.net](http://www.eucc.net). In this case EUCC will receive a percentage of the total hotel bill, that will be paid to the hotel. So please use the Booking.com button in [www.eucc.net](http://www.eucc.net) for any conference or holiday booking. At booking.com you will be charged the lowest possible rate without additional registration cost.

## **- CLIMATE CHANGE -**

### **8. Welcome Message from new Commissioner [Hedegaard](#) for Climate Action**

"Climate change is one of the biggest challenges of this century. A lot of work lies ahead of us over the next five years. But my ambition is to see, in five years time, a Europe that is the most climate friendly region in the world. As the EU's first Climate Action Commissioner, I see myself as having a two-fold mission. First, to implement the Climate and Energy package that was adopted last year, but which now requires follow-up. I want to ensure that as we invest in a sustainable future, we choose solutions that at the same time can benefit climate, energy security and job creation – in other words, improve the quality of life for everyone. I want to show that by investing in climate friendly and energy efficient technologies, we gain economically. The opportunities are huge. The dedicated Climate team that has prepared the legislation over the past years will put all its know-how in an enhanced structure within a soon to be created [Directorate-General for Climate Action](#) in following the implementation of the package and preparing secondary legislation and new policy instruments. We will intensify efforts on several fronts - just to mention the EU Emissions Trading System, CO<sub>2</sub> reduction from cars and vans, a future Climate and Transport Package... We will mainstream climate into relevant policies and programmes: Research and Innovation, Agriculture, Rural Development, Structural Funds, Energy, Transport, Industry, Trade, Development and Environment. I am looking forward to working with my fellow Commissioners to ensure that the Europe of tomorrow is more sustainable than the Europe of today. Second, building on the outcome of the Copenhagen UN climate conference in December 2009, I will continue my efforts to reach an ambitious international climate agreement. Let's work together on this, and continue being a first mover, not a follower!"

Connie Hedegaard

The Belgian Jos Delbeke (53) has been appointed director-general of the new directorate-general Climate Action of the European Commission. This was confirmed on February 17 2010 at the first meeting of the new Barroso Commission. Delbeke earned his reputation as the architect of the trade in emission rights and as one of the founders of the current ambitious European climate plan which proposes to reduce greenhouse emissions by 20 percent in 2020.

[Mediargus.be/flanderstoday website, February 18 2010](http://mediargus.be/flanderstoday website, February 18 2010)

### **9. Climate report that includes coastal aspect**

On 25 November 2009, the final report of the PESETA project has been published: [Climate change impacts in Europe. Final report PESETA Project](#) This research project of the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) integrates a set of high-resolution climate change projections and physical models into an economic modelling framework to quantify the impacts of climate change on vulnerable aspects of Europe. The EU has played a tremendously important role in paving the way for changes in the way we view climate change. I am determined to continue to raise awareness and to deliver solutions. I want to pursue the negotiations with the aim of reaching the 30% emissions reduction target as soon as possible. How Europe chooses to tackle the climate challenge over the next years will largely define our strategic role in the world.

### **10. Guidance document adaptation to climate change in water management**

On 30 November 2009, Water Directors of EU Member States issued a [Guidance document on adaptation to climate change in water management](#) The document is the first result of numerous actions included in the European Commission's White Paper: Adapting to climate change. It includes coastal aspects.

**11. Publication: Coastline Reports 2009-14 'Klimawandel und Raumplanung'**

This Coastline Report issue looks at the result of the BMBF-research project 'RIMAX – Urban Flood Management Hamburg'. Central to the research stands the question how a flooding-proof living and working on the island Wilhelmsburg in the river Elbe at Hamburg might look like. With the impact of climate change, the flooding risk in the Elbe estuary will increase significantly. The adaptation to flooding impact will be a central concern for city and regional planning. This (German only) issue suggests innovative measures to cope with flood risks in urban areas.

By Jörg Knieling, Mareike Schaerffer & Stephan Tressl, 'Klimawandel und Raumplanung. Flächen und Risikomanagement überschwemmungsgefährdeter Gebiete am Beispiel der Hamburger Elbinsel', *Coastline Reports 2009-14*, November 2009, ISSN 0928-2734, ISBN 978-3-9811839-6-2

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**12. More CO<sub>2</sub> in ocean water increases under water noise**

As the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> in the Earth's atmosphere increases, so does the noise in the world's oceans, American researchers have calculated. Their findings are published in the magazine [Nature Geoscience](#). This remarkable connection is caused because the increasing amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere leads to a higher CO<sub>2</sub>-absorption by sea water. This increases the acid concentration in the water. A higher acid concentration in its turn causes a decrease in the absorption of sound waves in the water, through which sound is able – in combination with local circumstances – to spread itself over increasingly vast distances. In the oceans sounds with frequencies of circa 1000 Hertz are produced by natural processes, but also by human actions. A further increase in underwater noise means on the one hand that some sea mammals will be able to communicate with each other over greater distances, but on the other hand, they will have to cope with sharply increasing background noise. It is not yet clear if they will be able to adapt to this.

From: Dutch paper NRC Handelsblad, 30 January 2010

[Nature Geoscience, abstract article 'Future ocean increasingly transparent to low frequency sound owing to carbon dioxide emissions', January 2010](#)

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**- FISHERIES & AQUACULTURE –****13. MEPs set out fisheries reform priorities**

The planned overhaul of the EU common fisheries policy should take better account of the huge differences across European fleets and fisheries, give greater responsibility to fishing regions, address the problem of fleet overcapacity and improve the traditional quota system, according to a non-binding report adopted by Parliament on Thursday. MEPs also call for the creation of a strong aquaculture sector and an eco-labelling system. The report, drafted by Maria do Céu Patrão Neves (EPP, PT), which is a contribution to a wider public consultation process, was approved with 456 votes in favour, 50 against and 65 abstentions. It asks for a radical reform, warning that failure to adopt it could lead to being neither fish nor a fishing industry in the future. Fisheries management must abandon the traditional "top-down approach", instead emphasising regionalisation, subsidiarity and stakeholder involvement, to reflect the local particularities of Europe's seas and fleets, say MEPs. Whilst firmly rejecting any attempt to adopt a single Community fisheries management model, they nonetheless warn against jeopardising harmonisation of conditions of competition and equality of opportunity for producers. MEPs also urge the Commission to work for a separate, less bureaucratic model for managing small-scale and coastal fisheries and to improve their access to the European Fisheries Fund. The report recognises that the special situation of the outermost regions may justify positive discrimination in some areas, in particular as regards fleet modernisation.

[EP Press Release, February 25 2010](#)

**14. Sturgeon more critically endangered than any other group of species**

Gland, Switzerland, Thursday 18 March 2010 (IUCN)

85 percent of sturgeon, one of the oldest families of bony fishes in existence, valued around the world for their precious roe, are at risk of extinction, making them the most threatened group of animals on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. The latest update of the Red List assessed the status of 18 species of sturgeon, from all over Europe and Asia, and found that all were threatened.

<http://www.iucn.org/?4928>

## - COASTAL MANAGEMENT & RESEARCH -

### 15. SPICOSA brief news: 5<sup>th</sup> SAF Meeting Istanbul, events and SETNET

From 3 till 5 February 2010, the 5<sup>th</sup> SAF (System Approach Framework) Meeting was held in a wintery Istanbul, Turkey. The organization, done by the partner TUBITAK, Marmara Research Center was very well appreciated by the almost 100 attendants.

The programme consisted of various plenary presentations on the progress of the various Work packages and Study Site Applications (SSAs). Next to that a number of workshops was held and a poster presentation was given on the Appraisal Step of the eighteen SSAs in their work on the System Approach Framework.



A selection of the plenary presentations, and the videos can be viewed at [www.spicosa.eu/istanbul/index.htm](http://www.spicosa.eu/istanbul/index.htm)

The posters of the various SSAs are presented online, to view, start at [www.spicosa.eu/studysites/index.htm](http://www.spicosa.eu/studysites/index.htm)

Next to that, two podcast interviews were made, with Leyla Tolun on the SSA work progress in Izmit Bay (Turkey), and with Paul Tett about "Problem Scaling" and the SAF Handbook. Both interviews can be found at: [www.spicosa.eu/spicosa-live/index.htm](http://www.spicosa.eu/spicosa-live/index.htm)

The SPICOSA Team and in particular the Study Site Applications (SSAs) are already preparing the next Cluster meetings that will take place along side with the up-coming International Conference ICCCM'2010 in Estoril (Lisbon, Portugal) – see more details in events agenda section – where there will be good opportunities to learn from the latest developments of the project and engage with some of the project teams.

More information at [www.spicosa.eu](http://www.spicosa.eu)

**SETNET E-news** : We are glad to announce that the 4<sup>th</sup> e-newsletter for the SPICOSA Project's Education and Training Network for Coastal Management Professionals and Students (SETNET) is [available online](#). For more information visit SETNET [www.spicosa.eu/setnet/index.htm](http://www.spicosa.eu/setnet/index.htm)

### 16. OURCOAST NEWS: 3<sup>rd</sup> Issue ready online

The third issue of the "OURCOAST NEWS" is now [available online](#).

OURCOAST is a three-year project commissioned by the Directorate General (DG) Environment of the European Commission to support and ensure the exchange of experiences and best practices in coastal planning and management.

You are kindly invited to download it and learn more about OURCOAST latest developments, topical issues and news from projects and initiatives. You may also join directly the mailing list of OURCOAST by sending an email to Maria Ferreira (m.ferreira@eucc.net) and also suggest any new topics, publications, project announcements and any relevant information to share with the OURCOAST community!

### 17. UK: radical sea defence re-think urged

Rising sea levels and more storms could mean that parts of at-risk cities will need to be surrendered to protect homes and businesses, a report warns. The authors say that "radical thinking" is needed to develop sea defences that can cope with the future threats. About 10 million people in England and Wales live in flood risk areas. The project, launched on January 15, is a joint venture between the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) and the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA). The report, [Facing Up To Rising Sea Levels](#), urges the government, planning authorities and the public, to act sooner rather than later. The project focuses on Kingston-upon-Hull and Portsmouth, two cities deemed among the most at-risk areas in the UK, and presents a series of six scenarios set up to 90 years in the future. [BBC Science & Environment News, January 15 2010](#)

### 18. New Publication "Science for Environment" dedicated to "Coastal management"

A Special 'Coastal Management' issue of Science for Environment Policy has been recently published by European Commission, Directorate-General Environment. This Special Issue introduces a selection of various articles ranging from adaptation to climate change in coastal cities, the economic importance of coastal and marine areas, and the value of GIS in managing vulnerable coastline to name a few. Science for Environment Policy, is a free service from the European Commission, that brings the latest environmental policy-relevant research findings news in 'easy to read' format. This service is designed specifically for policy-makers throughout Europe and includes monthly thematic issues focusing in depth on research findings in key policy areas.

### 19. COASTAL WIKI – latest updates

The Coastal Wiki - short name for Coastal and Marine Wikipedia - is an Internet encyclopaedia providing up-to-date high quality information for coastal professionals, which is continuously improved, complemented and updated by expert users.

The Coastal Wiki is an excellent place to share your ideas and learn from others. Need to find specific coastal and marine related information? If you want to learn about the most recent additions to the Wiki, please check "This month's featured article" at [www.coastalwiki.org](http://www.coastalwiki.org)

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## - MARITIME POLICY AND SPATIAL PLANNING -

### 20. Baltic Sea Action Summit in Helsinki 'a success'

The Baltic Sea Action Summit that was held in Helsinki on 10 February was a success in the opinion of the arrangers. The summit attracted a large and high-level group of participants to Finlandia Hall to tell about their commitments to protect the Baltic Sea. All in all around 500 persons were on hand for the event. The summit was hosted by President of Finland Tarja Halonen, Prime Minister Matti Vanhanen and Mr Ilkka Herlin, the Chairman of the Baltic Sea Action Group, who together convened the summit. The summit was attended by heads of state and government and ministers from eleven countries around the Baltic Sea (photo). Numerous NGOs and businesses also took part in the summit and made commitments to protect the Baltic Sea. This was the first time such a summit



focusing on concrete commitments and bringing together the private and public sectors has been arranged in Finland. About 140 commitments were made at the summit, the purpose being to promote the protection of the Baltic Sea and to improve its ecological condition. These commitments are concrete and the Baltic Sea Action Group will monitor their implementation.

[www.bsas.fi/](http://www.bsas.fi/)

### 21. New UK wind farm zones are announced

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown is launching a £100bn programme to build more offshore wind farms. Successful bids for nine new offshore wind farm zone licences within UK waters have been announced. A consortium including Npower and Norway's Statkraft won the licence for the biggest zone, in the Dogger Bank, which could produce nine Gigawatts of energy. Turbines in the nine zones could generate up to 32 Gigawatts of power, a quarter of the UK's electricity needs. The winners have signed exclusive agreements with the Crown Estate which owns the UK seabed. Proposals for the wind farms will now go through planning and consent stages. It will create one of the biggest infrastructure projects for wind energy in the world, with construction beginning in 2014 at the earliest. This is the third time companies have had a chance to bid for zones. It's thought the turbines will be erected in water depths of up to 60m, compared with 25m for previous rounds. They will be positioned up to 205 km off the coast, compared with 25 km currently.

[BBC Science & Environment News, January 8 2010](#)

[BBC News, January 8 2010](#)

Offshore UK wind farm zones



**– EVENTS AGENDA –****March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - Ghent, Belgium  
Living North Sea project launch**

The invitation for the official launch of the Interreg IVB project "Living North Sea". The partners of the Living North Sea project would like to invite you to celebrate the launch of this exciting new collaboration by joining us for lunch and a boat-trip to the River Averije vaart in Belgium. You will learn first hand from representatives of the European Union, the Flemish Government and project partners about the problems faced by migratory fish. Please register before March 5<sup>th</sup> 2010 by sending your contact details to [livingnorthsea@inbo.be](mailto:livingnorthsea@inbo.be). Further details (transport, final programme) will be provided upon registration. [www.northsearegion.eu/ivb/projects/details/&tid=119](http://www.northsearegion.eu/ivb/projects/details/&tid=119)

**March 29<sup>th</sup> –31<sup>st</sup> , 2010, Paris, FRANCE****International conference on Marine Data and Information Systems (IMDIS 2010)**

The IMDIS cycle of conferences has the aim of providing an overview of the existing information systems to serve different users in ocean science. It also shows the progresses on development of efficient: infrastructures for managing large and diverse data sets, standards, interoperable information systems, services and tools for education.

IMDIS 2010 will be organized in four sessions where developments on standards, data circulation, services, interoperability will be shown and compared.

More information and preliminary programme can be found at:

<http://www.seadatanet.org/imdis2010>; Contact: [imdis2010@seadatanet.org](mailto:imdis2010@seadatanet.org)

**April 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Estoril, Cascais, Portugal****ICCCM'10 International Conference on Coastal Conservation and Management in the Atlantic and Mediterranean**

The New University of Lisbon, the Cascais Municipality, the Cascais Energy Agency, the Cascais Atlantic Agency and the Organizing Committee, are pleased to announce the International Conference on Coastal Conservation and Management in the Atlantic and Mediterranean (ICCCM 2010). The Coastal & Marine Union (EUCC) supports the organization of the conference.

Please find the [detailed programme](#) and more information at <http://icccm.dcea.fct.unl.pt>

**ANNOUNCEMENT:****Concepts and Science for Coastal Erosion Management – CONSCIENCE final workshop event**

The presentation of the project results: *Guidance for coastal managers working on eroding coastlines* will take place during the ICCCM'201, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon.

Check the final event programme [here](#)

**Important date:**

Authors who wish to publish their work in a SPECIAL ISSUE of the Journal of Coastal Conservation must submit their papers for publication no later than 31st March 2010 (NEW DEADLINE).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the organizing committee at:

[icccm@cascaisenergia.org](mailto:icccm@cascaisenergia.org)

**April 15<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> , 2010, Palanga, Lithuania****2nd Baltic Green Belt Forum - Towards sustainable development of the Baltic Sea coast**

The annual Baltic Green Belt Forum has the aim to foster transnational co-operation between stakeholders working in nature conservation and sustainable development of the southern and eastern Baltic Sea coast and other parts of the European Green Belt. We invite you to join the forum and get in touch with the Baltic Green Belt community. The European Green Belt vision is to create the backbone of an ecological network, running from the Barents to the Black Sea that is a global symbol for transboundary cooperation in nature conservation and sustainable development.

During the forum, participants will get an overview of the European Green Belt initiative, the Baltic Green Belt project activities, of specific challenges to sustainable development in the coastal areas of the southern and eastern Baltic and of good practice examples.

Furthermore, the forum offers an opportunity to meet and exchange experience. Baltic Green Belt is part-financed by the European Union (ERDF) within the BSRP programme.

For more information about the conference programme and venue, please contact Stefanie Maack at [s.maack@geographie.uni-kiel.de](mailto:s.maack@geographie.uni-kiel.de) or visit [www.balticgreenbelt.net](http://www.balticgreenbelt.net).

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Paris, France****5<sup>th</sup> Global Conference on Oceans, Coasts and Islands by UNESCO**

Ensuring Survival, Preserving Life, and Improving Governance

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, UNESCO

Celebrating the International Year of Biodiversity 2010!

The Global Oceans Conferences provide the major opportunity for all sectors of the global oceans community - governments, international agencies, nongovernmental organizations, industry, and scientific groups - to address the major policy issues affecting the oceans at global, regional, and national levels and to make progress in advancing the global oceans agenda.

[www.globaloceans.org/content/5th-global-conference-oceans-coasts-and-islands](http://www.globaloceans.org/content/5th-global-conference-oceans-coasts-and-islands)

**May 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Nausicaá, Boulogne Sur Mer, France****Fourth International Meeting of World Ocean Network ‘Acting together for the future of the Blue Planet’**

Linked to the International Year of Biodiversity 2010, its chief aim is to propose the First World Ocean Academy on May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, as a follow up to the 5<sup>th</sup> Global Conference on Oceans, Coasts and Islands mentioned above. For Information and pre-registration go to [meeting@worldoceannetwork.org](mailto:meeting@worldoceannetwork.org)

**May 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 Gijón, Spain****EUCC at European Maritime Day Stakeholder Conference**

The Coastal & Marine Union (EUCC) will co-organise several workshops at the next European Maritime Day Stakeholder Conference. The conference is organised by the European Commission in [Gijón](#) and it is hosted by the upcoming Spanish Presidency of the European Union and the Government of the Principality of Asturias. EUCC's contributions will include:

\* a workshop "Coastal and Maritime Tourism", including the presentation of the QualityCoast 2010 Awards: 20 May pm;

\* the Venice Platform Conference "Contribution to a European maritime platform"(including a presentation of the new FP7 MARCOM project): 21 May am;

\* contributions from the SPICOSA project – presentation at EUROMARES Conference: 19 May am

For a detailed conference programme and online registration (from Monday):

<http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeday/>

**Please register specifically for these events as soon as possible** since sessions with low registrations (by end April) may be cancelled.

**June 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, Brussels, Belgium****EU Green Week, Biodiversity theme**

The 10th edition of Green Week, the biggest annual conference on European environment policy. Over some 30 sessions, the conference will address the state of biodiversity and nature in Europe and the world, the benefits they bring, current pressures, and possible solutions to the current rates of loss. The path to be taken by EU policies on biodiversity and nature policies post-2010, the economic dimension of biodiversity, ecosystem services and Natura 2000 will also be examined.

[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/greenweek/pdf/application\\_details.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/greenweek/pdf/application_details.pdf)

Application form at [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/greenweek/pdf/application\\_form.doc](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/greenweek/pdf/application_form.doc)

**August 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Ponta Delgada, Azores Islands, Portugal****GIlands 2010 - International Summer School 2010 on Geotechnologies applied to Marine Spatial Planning**

Official Website providing all the information needed at [www.gislands.org/](http://www.gislands.org/)

Extended Deadline for applications: MAY 24th 2010

**September 5<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Rostock-Warnemünde, Germany****International summer school on 'Climate Change in the Baltic'**

From 5 - 18 Sept 2010, the [Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research Warnemuende \(IOW\)](#) will host an international summer school on 'Climate Change in the Baltic: From global problems to local adaptation'. Since summer 2002 IOW, together with the [Alfred-Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research \(AWI\)](#) and the [Research Centre GKSS Geesthacht](#), offers annual summer schools in a rotating schedule.

A team of prominent lecturers from all 3 institutions together with a group of 20 participants will through lectures and hands-on exercises cover topics such as global scenarios, models and consequences, risks, vulnerability & adaptation, marine ecology, marine chemistry, ecosystem modelling and coastal protection. [EUCC – the Coastal & Marine Union, Germany](#) will support the summer school as local organisers. Application is open to graduates or post-graduates, preferably in natural, life or geosciences, yet other applicants with a strong interest in coastal research and climate change are welcome, too. **Deadline for application is 15 May 2010!**

More information can be found under: [www.io-warnemuende.de/summer-school-2010-en.html](http://www.io-warnemuende.de/summer-school-2010-en.html).

**September 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> 2010, Hamburg, Germany****Storm Surges Congress: Risk and Management of current and future Storm Surges**

Storm surges represent a major type of natural hazard, frequently causing substantial losses of lives and economic damages. Besides climate change drivers, storm surges are exacerbated by anthropogenic forcing including intensive land and sea use along the river-coast continuum. How do we deal with the present level of risk? How do we respond to changing future conditions?

Answers require interdisciplinary approaches and to overcome the traditional fragmentation in scientific and coastal user discussions and management systems. We strongly encourage multiple stakeholders, coastal users and decision-makers, scientists, and particularly young colleagues from diverse fields of expertise, to participate with knowledge and share their experience. Plenary sessions and moderated poster sessions underpinned by roundtable discussions should encourage cross-disciplinary exchange.

The Congress is organized by LOICZ IPO and the Director Dr. Hans von Storch of the Institute for Coastal Research of the GKSS Research Centre in Geesthacht.

Call for abstracts – extended deadline 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010!

Contact: [ines.boettcher@loicz.org](mailto:ines.boettcher@loicz.org), [Flyer: Storm Surges Congress2010](#)

**September 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> , 2010, London, UK****LITTORAL 2010 "Adapting to global change at the coast: Leadership, Innovation, and Investment"**

CoastNet, Eurocoast and the Coastal & Marine Union (EUCC) have the pleasure to invite you to participate in this LITTORAL 2010, 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference. That will be held at the Royal Geographical Society, London.

**Important dates:**

Abstract acceptance notification 1<sup>st</sup> Call due: 15th April 2010

DEADLINE for Abstract submission - 2<sup>nd</sup> Call (Themes 2 and 3): 15<sup>th</sup> April 2010

Abstract acceptance notification 1<sup>st</sup> Call due: 24<sup>th</sup> May 2010

Camera-ready final papers/posters due: 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the organizing committee at:

[admin@coastnet.org.uk](mailto:admin@coastnet.org.uk) ; [Conference website](#)

**September 29<sup>th</sup> – October 2<sup>nd</sup> , 2010, Rotterdam, the Netherlands****The International Conference 'Deltas in Times of Climate Change'**

The two official Dutch research programmes on climate change and spatial planning (Climate changes Spatial Planning and Knowledge for Climate), the City of Rotterdam and the C40 (a group of the world's largest cities committed to tackling climate change) invite scientists, politicians, policy-makers and practitioners to share their knowledge and experience in a major international conference on climate adaptation. For more information contact: [o.van.steenis@programmabureauklimaat.nl](mailto:o.van.steenis@programmabureauklimaat.nl) and/or visit [www.climatedeltaconference.org](http://www.climatedeltaconference.org)

**October 27<sup>th</sup> –30<sup>th</sup> , 2010, Grosseto, Tuscany, Italy****Third International Conference on the Management of Coastal Recreational Resources**

The conference is the third in the biennial series on Management of Coastal Recreational Resources (MCRR) organised by the Euro-Mediterranean Centre on Insular Coastal Dynamics (ICoD), within the International Environment Institute at the University of Malta. This international event is characterized by its focus on selected coastal management issues relating to beaches, yacht marinas, ecotourism & conservation, and the impact of coastal hazards on such resources.

[www.um.edu.mt/iei/mcrr3-2010](http://www.um.edu.mt/iei/mcrr3-2010)

**November 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> , Texel, The Netherlands****International seminar about bridging the gap between science and coastal management**

This event will address the needs of adaptive strategies and dealing with the impacts of climate change. In particular, it will provide an insight on the innovative and knowledge-based approaches and tools being developed under the project IMCORE (*Innovative Management for Europe's Changing Coastal Resources*) and the first-hand results of the Dutch project MOSSELWAD (*Restoration and Sustainable Management of Mussel-beds in the Wadden Sea*).

Scientists, practitioners, policy makers and representatives of the coastal management community in NW Europe are welcome to participate.

More information: <http://www.eucc.net/texel2010/>

## 2011

### May 9<sup>th</sup> –14<sup>th</sup> 2011, Szczecin, Poland

#### 11<sup>th</sup> International Coastal Symposium - ICS

The symposium will be organized by the Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences at University of Szczecin.

##### Important Dates :

- Open of the Call for abstracts - 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2010
- Close of the Call for abstracts - 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2010
- Notification of Acceptance - 15<sup>th</sup> of August 2010
- Early Registration until - 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2010

More information available at [www.ics2011.pl](http://www.ics2011.pl)

### July 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Arendal, Norway

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> International Symposium on Integrated Coastal Zone Management

The Symposium will be hosted by The Institute Of Marine Research, Norway.

Early registration is open!

##### Important dates:

- Abstract submission deadline: 15 January 2011
- Abstract acceptance notification: 1 March 2011
- Early registration deadline: 1 April 2011

More information available at: [www.imr.no/iczm](http://www.imr.no/iczm)

### September 5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> ,2011 Oostende, Belgium

#### CoastGIS 2011

The CoastGIS 2011 is shaping up – add these dates to your calendar!

There will be an ICAN (International Coastal Atlas Network) meeting (ICAN 5) on 31<sup>st</sup> August - 2<sup>nd</sup> September (Wed - Fri) preceding CoastGIS 2011, courtesy of the IOC IODE Project Office among other key partners. For your information the proceedings of the ICAN 4 workshop - "Formalizing the Network, Engaging the Mediterranean" are now available online at [http://icoastalatlas.net/ican4\\_final\\_rpt](http://icoastalatlas.net/ican4_final_rpt) . This workshop was held 16-20 November 2009, at the Adriatico Guest House, UNESCO International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), Trieste, Italy.

More information about CoastGIS2011 will be made available soon.

**EVENTS UPDATE** - for a complete list of the planned events and conferences please visit:

[www.coastalguide.org/meetings](http://www.coastalguide.org/meetings) If you have news, announcements and events of interest for the coastal & marine community do not hesitate to contact us!

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