The 4th PlanCoast Conference

Climate change and growing sea use pressures: solutions offered by Marine Spatial Planning

Over a period of two years, the INTERREG IIIB CADSES PlanCoast project with 16 partners in 12 countries throughout the Baltic, Adriatic and Black Sea regions has focused on Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) and Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM).

Integrated Maritime Policy and Coastal Zone Management are currently core issues of both EU wide as well as national strategies and conferences. Nevertheless there is still a lack of experience, tools and capacities available to those who should realise an effective integrated planning in coastal zones and marine areas.

PlanCoast project attempts to fill this gap. In Spring 2007 the relevant actors have started assessing the various uses and possible problems in their coastal and marine areas in a number of pilot projects throughout the Baltic, Adriatic and Black Sea. As a next step, solutions are being sought between the different interests at stake and reflected in newly designed coastal and maritime plans.

To summarise the results of the pilot projects, work has started now on the preparation of the PlanCoast Handbook. Besides practical advice to persons involved in coastal and marine zone management it will also give recommendations to all policy levels on possible changes necessary to better achieve the goals expressed in the EU Green Book on an Integrated Maritime Policy.

Climate change poses an additional challenge to the Maritime Policy and the management of coastal zones. This conference, organised by the German Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs (BMVBS), will provide an opportunity to discuss the PlanCoast first results and recommendations in the context of climate change effects, growing sea-use pressures as well as current policy developments.

Programme

Wednesday, 21.11.2007

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 Welcome and introduction to the conference Manfred Sinz, Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs, BMVBS

Block 1: PlanCoast lessons for Marine Spatial Planning

- 9.15 PlanCoast objectives and results to date
 Dr. Bernhard Heinrichs, PlanCoast Lead Partner
 Ministry for Traffic, Construction and Regional
 Development Mecklenburg-Vorpommern,
- 9.30 PlanCoast: draft transnational recommendations

 Angela Schultz-Zehden, sustainable-projects,

 PlanCoast Coordination Office
- 9.50 Presentation of two PlanCoast MSP pilot projects:
 - Trieste Bay Slavko Mezek, Regional Activity Center Koper, Slovenia
 - Romanian 12 sea mile zone *Victor Gheorghe, Urbanproiect, Romania*
- 10.30.1 Panel discussion with representants of the Adriatic, Baltic, North Sea and Black Sea Regions Moderated by Christian Dahlke, Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency (BSH)

11.00 Coffee

Block 2: Specific aspects of MSP implementation

- 11.30 Dealing with alternatives: scenarios and other decision-supporting systems

 Dr. Dietmar Kraft, ICBM, University of Oldenburg, Germany
- 11:50 Predicting harbour development

 Dr. Georg-Dietrich Jansen, PLANCO Consulting,

 Germany
- 12.10 Public participation in Marine Spatial Planning: experiences and lessons from the UK

 Heidi Roberts, Atkins Consulting, UK
- 12.30 Open question round

 Moderated by Dr. Bernhard Glaeser, DGH,

 Germany

13.00 Lunch

Block 3: Progress in Maritime policy and Marine Spatial Planning: climate change as major challenge

- 14.00 The EU Green Paper: Current status and next steps

 Iain Shepherd, European Commission, Maritime
 Task Force, Brussels
- 14.20 Towards an integrated maritime policy in Germany

 Bernd Törkel, Parliamentary Secretary, Federal

 Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs,

 BMVBS
- 14.40 Climate change and its impact on regional seas: What do we know?

 Prof. Hans von Storch, Institute for Coastal Research, GKSS, University of Hamburg, Germany

15.10 Coffee

| 15.40 | seas in Africa? Dr. Isabelle Niang, University of Dakar, Senegal |
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| 16.20 | Panel: How to ensure the sustainable development of coasts and seas in the face of climate change Moderation: Kira Gee, GKSS Coastal Futures sustainable-projects |
| 17.15 | Summary and conclusion Manfred Sinz, BMVBS Bernhard Heinrichs, PlanCoast, Lead Partner |
| 17.30 | End |

18.00

Reception

Practical Information

Conference venue:

Bundesministerium für Verkehr, Bau und Stadtentwicklung (BMVBS) Klausnersaal Invalidenstrasse 44 10115 Berlin

Reception venue:

Diekmann's Austernbar Hauptbahnhof, Level 1

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