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 representatives 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 What does climate change mean for coasts and seas in Africa?
*Dr. Isabelle Niang, University of Dakar, Senegal*

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

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**Practical Information**

**Conference venue:**
Bundesministerium für Verkehr, Bau und Stadtentwicklung (BMVBS)
Klausnersaal
Invalidenstrasse 44
10115 Berlin

**Reception venue:**
Diekmann’s Austernbar
Hauptbahnhof, Level 1

**Accommodation:** a block booking was made at
RAMADA Hotel Mitte
Chausseestraße 118
10115 Berlin

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