# PlanCoast Partners

## **Germany:**

- > Ministry of Labour, Building and Regional Development Mecklenburg-Vorpommern www.am.mv-regierung.de
- > Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development www.bmvbs.de

### **Poland:**

- > Maritime Office, Gdynia www.umgdy.gov.pl
- > Regional Spatial Planning Office, Pomorskie Voivodship

### Slovenia:

> Regional Development Centre, Koper www.rrc-kp.si

## Italy:

- > Emilia-Romagna Region, DG Environment www.regione.emilia-romagna.it
- > Ancona Municipality www.comune.ancona.it

### Albania:

> ECAT Tirana www.ecat-tirana.org

## **Bosnia & Herzegovina:**

> Neretva Cantonal Ministry of Physical Planning

### **Bulgaria:**

- > District Administration Centre, Varna www.vn.government.bg
- > Black Sea NGO Network www.bseanetwork.org

### **Croatia:**

> Regional Activity Centre, Split www.pap-thecoastcentre.org

### Romania:

- > National Institute for Marine Research and Development, 'Grigore Antipa' www.rmri.ro
- > National Institute for Research and Development 'Urbanproiect' www.incdurban.ro

## **Serbia Montenegro:**

> Public Enterprise for Coastal Zone Management www.morskodobro.com

### **Ukraine:**

> Ukraine Scientific Center of Ecology of Sea www.sea.gov.ua







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# The Challenge faced by Coastal Zones

The coastal zones of the Adriatic, Baltic and Black Sea are facing severe pressure from development. Multiple sea and coast-based activities such as tourism, transport, fishery / aquaculture and energy generation are constantly growing. Combined with the requirements for nature protection and the effects of global climate change, these uses implicate numerous actual and potential conflicts which are not limited to the landside areas, but will affect offshore areas even more strongly in future.

The challenge is to make the most of the economic potential of the seas in a sustainable manner by avoiding conflicts and creating maximum synergies between the various interest groups.

# Current focal points of European policy for coastal zones and maritime areas

Within the **EU recommendation** for Integrated **C**oastal **Z**one **M**anagement (ICZM) all EU Member States have been requested to submit National ICZM Strategies. Those will form the basis for the ICZM chapter within the EU Green Book on Maritime Policy. Also other transnational organizations such as **UNEP – Mediterranean Action Plan** and the **Black Sea Commission** are at the moment in the process of elaborating their ICZM strategies.

# **Current Gaps / Opportunities for PlanCoast**

Whereas much work has already been undertaken in preparing ICZM strategies, hardly any country has currently developed the necessary **tools and capacities** for an effective integrated planning in coastal zones and maritime areas.

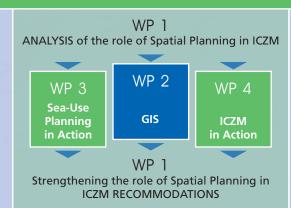
The benefits of modern geographical information systems (GIS) for ICZM and maritime spatial planning have so far not been fully realized due to uneven spread, missing capacities, differing data bases and systems and lack of information exchange mechanisms.

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**PlanCoast** will show the strengths of spatial planning instruments to the benefit of an effective ICZM and maritime policy:

- PlanCoast will start to develop, introduce and implement the tools and procedures for the brand new discipline of **Sea-Use-Planning** in each participating country complying to international standards while at the same time reflecting local and regional needs. Thus PlanCoast will contribute to the implementation of the EU maritime strategy through spatial planning in maritime areas.
- PlanCoast will enhance the implementation of the national ICZM Strategies by demonstrating the benefits and role of **Spatial Planning in ICZM** within a number of selected pilot projects. As such the project is going to play a significant role in the **ICZM consultation processes** in the Adriatic, Baltic and Black Sea.
- PlanCoast will support the increased use of modern geographical information systems (GIS) for data collection, editing and exchange, and create GIS databases of internationally comparable data as a basis for transnational planning.
- PlanCoast conferences, working groups and transnational studies will support an exchange of experience among the organisations active in the Adriatic, Baltic and Black Sea.

# PlanCoast Structure



WP 5

Transnational dissemination of results and experience

# PlanCoast Activities

## Laying the ground for ICZM Actions

### **Assessment of Status Quo**

- > National reports on current ICZM preconditions
- > Transnational, comparative study on the role of Spatial Planning in ICZM in the Adriatic, Baltic and Black Sea

### Creation of GIS databases

- > Agreement on common technical basis and set of data for all participants
- > Creation or update of GIS databases for coastal zones

# **Pilot Projects**

### **Sea-Use Planning in Action**

- > Preparation of Sea-Use-Plans for the 12 sm zone in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, (Germany), Puck Bay (Poland), Trieste Bay (Slovenia), Varna (Bulgaria), Constanta (Romania), Baka Kotorska Bay (Montenegro), Odessa (Ukraine)
- > Sea-Use-Planning training programme for spatial planners from participating countries

## **Spatial Planning and ICZM**

> Preparation or update of spatial plans according to ICZM principles for Palombina Beach (Italy), Pomorskie (Poland), Piran (Slovenia), Albanian Coast, Varna (Bulgaria), Constanta and the Tulcea/Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve (both in Romania)

# **Common Strategies / Local Approaches**

## **Exchange of ICZM Best Practice**

- > Best Practice Handbook
- > Guidelines on ICZM implementation for other regions
- > Recommendations for regional / national / transnational authorities

### Information and lobbying for ICZM

- > Recommendations to the major transnational organisations (EU ICZM Expert Group, UNEP-MAP, Black Sea Commission)
- > Exchange of experience with VASAB 2010+, Helcom, Baltic 21, Adriatic Forum, etc.
- > Extensive public participation in all pilot projects
- > Numerous workshops & other events open to public
- > Video on Sea-Use-Planning in Europe
- > Project website with linkages to other ICZM portals and e-Newsletters