Land-Sea Interface Engagement

in Maritime Spatial Planning

it is not an option,
it is *a must*!

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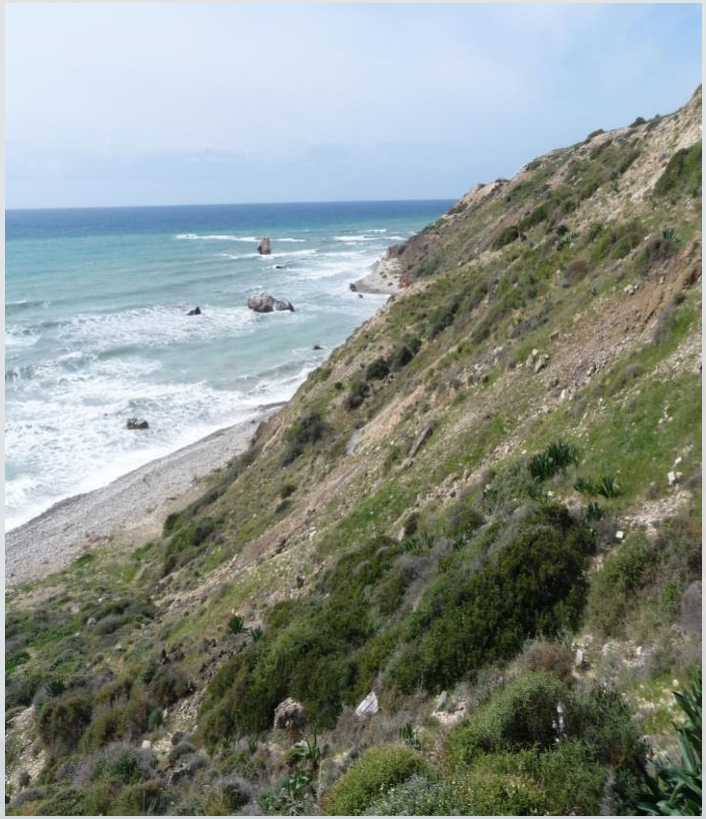
Complementary Processes: MSP / ICM

Land – Sea interface (ICM) engagement in MSP

- Lead by common guiding principles, such as integration, log-term planning, an ecosystem-based approach , …
- Should be a high priority issue that requires effective governance at a regional sea basin level
- Aims to establish transboundary cooperation and coherence between potentially competing sectors
- Ensures a participatory approach in which all users are involved, heard and their uses are considered
- Requires a strong and overlapping knowledge base

Land - Sea Interface in MSP

Synergies & benefits of Land – Sea Interface



- ✓ organisation of stakeholder consultation and cross-border cooperation
- ✓ development of best practices, data management and information (exchange) systems
- ✓ reduced costs and administrative burden
- ✓ Joint implementation ICM / MSP key principles

Planning the marine area cannot be achieved independently from what is happening in the coastal zone

Land - Sea Interface in MSP

EUC Coastal & Marine 25 years

Integrated Coastal Management has:

- ✓ Created a new awareness of long-term coastal and marine challenges,
- ✓ European funds made available through several different types of programmes,
- ✓ Caused re-thinking of traditional planning approaches towards more sustainable ones,
- ✓ Put pressure for increased participation in decision-making;
- ✓ Better recognised the land/sea interface; and
- ✓ Shown the need for integration of differing layers of governance, sectors, stakeholders to avoid conflict.

ICZM Legacy : lessons learned

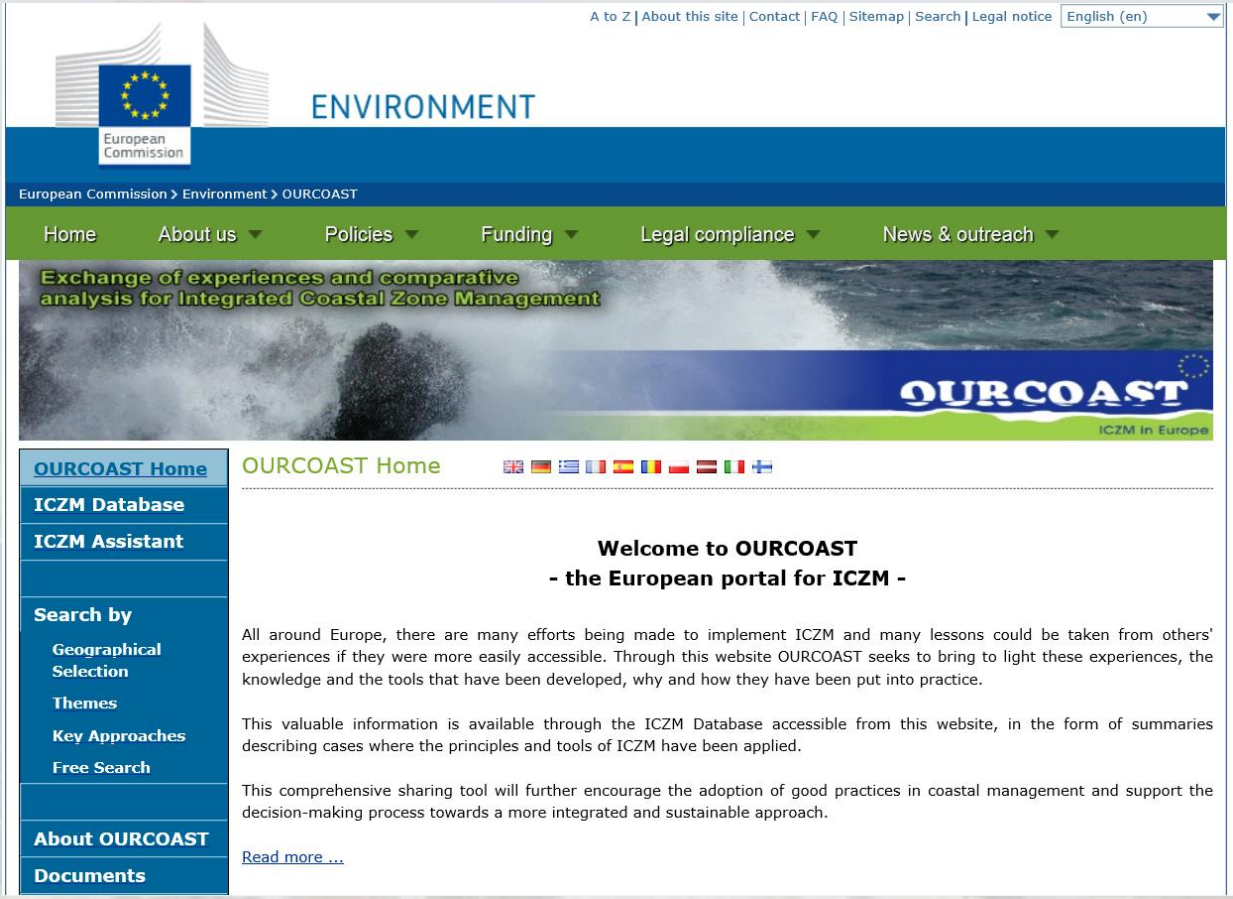
The OURCOAST initiative to show the added value of conducting ICZM in Europe!

- ✓ **350 two-page case summaries were collected and they highlight (mainly) good experiences of ICZM implementation. All coastal Member States are represented.**
- ✓ **These cases were not judged but were evaluated according to success and fail factors necessary for (successful) ICZM.**
- ✓ **Comparative analysis of ICZM planning experiences has been done.**
- ✓ **Guidance for future ICZM projects was formulated.**
- ✓ **A series of recommendations were drawn up based upon the cases and their analysis.**

ICZM Legacy : lessons learned

All information is housed in a data base on multilingual OURCOAST website of DG Environment:

http://ec.europa.eu/ourcoast/



Land – Sea Interface Examples

i. Offshore wind parks and maritime safety in the EEZ of the Baltic Sea Region - Denmark

ii. A handbook for integrated maritime spatial planning – Romania

iii. Developing new policies for new technologies ~ tidal energy - UK

iv. Spatial planning and sustainable development of the western Gulf of Gdansk – Poland

v. Renewable energy by harnessing waves – NW Atlantic

vi. Efforts to make fin-fish farming sustainable – Europe/UK

vii. Environmental impacts of wind farms – Denmark ….

Challenges & Opportunities

- ✓ **MSP transposition and implementation process EU (coastal) Member States in next 6 years**
- ✓ **Inclusion of land-sea interactions, transboundary cooperation and participatory process are key conditions for implementation**
- ✓ **Homogeneous and complete data is essential but missing or not freely available / accessible**
- ✓ **Opportunities in guiding the implementation process, especially re ICZM, EBM, SEA components**
- ✓ **Selected EU funding opportunities available**

Key messages

- EC and Member States would benefit from increasing the capacity for coastal communities to engage as stakeholders in the MSP process

- Encourage to strengthen and promote integrated approaches to decision-making in MSP

- Highlight and continue to support sharing experiences and Good Practice examples by Member States – <u>including ICZM experiences</u> that can help the MSP implementation process…

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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