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Background information

1. The 2012 Mediterranean Coast Day central regional celebration was organised in Split, Croatia by project. The main event was held on September 25 but the activities were extended over the whole implementation highlights were presented by the directors, leaders and managers of the Mediterranean coastal programmes and projects.
2. Nature Protection. The event was attended by high-level representatives of Croatian authorities as well as a number of distinguished foreign guests, UNEP/MAP and UNDP representatives, and members of the diplomatic corps.
3. The day after the central celebration, on September 26, a joint meeting of the PEGASO (funded - FP7), SHAPE (co-IPA Adriatic Cross-border Co-operation Programme) and MAREMED (MARitime Regions co-operation for the MEDiterranean) projects took place at the PAP/RAC premises in Split to share results related to the implementation of the ICZM Protocol. Also, PERSEUS (FP7), the GEF MedPartnership, the FaceCOAST Med-Cluster and ResMAR (Network for Environmental Protection in Maritime Space) projects joined the PAP/RAC initiative to bring together all these projects implementing the ICZM Protocol. The main objective of the meeting was to share information and seek for joint activities and project outputs so as to create better synergies and coherence among the projects. This was a unique opportunity which PAP/RAC took advantage of during the Coast Day events.

Participation

4. The meeting was attended by partners of PEGASO, SHAPE, MAREMED, PERSEUS, GEF MedPartnership, ResMar, PERSEUS, FACECOAST, a representative from the French Ministry of Environment, a representative of the Town of Trogir, Croatia, and the PAP/RAC staff. Complete List of participants is attached as Annex I to this report.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting, objectives and adoption of the Agenda

5. programme of the Coast Day, particularly the main celebration event that was held the previous day atives who attended it.
6. Mr. Marko Prem, PAP/RAC Deputy Director, chair of the meeting, then presented the objectives and the Agenda of the meeting. The Agenda of the meeting is included in Annex II.

Agenda item 2: PEGASO project (presentation of the project and the results of the stock-take at the national level)

7. The floor was, then, given to Ms. Françoise Breton, PEGASO project, to present the project. She mainly focused on the main issues and opportunities, particularly regarding the promotion of the PEGASO platform as a hub for the ICZM practitioners, researchers and stakeholders. presentation is attached as Annex III.

8. Mr. Sylvain Petit, PAP/RAC Programme Officer, presented an overview of the ICZM stock-take, including the background, the scope and results. Some information was provided in terms of implementation of the questionnaire. Issues were pointed out, particularly regarding the interpretation of the questions by the reporters, the large amount of information to be synthesised and analysed, and the need for clarification on some questions. The ICZM Stock-take analysis presentation is attached as Annex IV.

Agenda item 3: Presentation of the SHAPE project

9. Mr. Giuseppe Bortone, Emilia-Romagna Region, presented the Shaping an Holistic Approach to Protect the Adriatic Environment (SHAPE) project. He first reminded the participants to the meeting that SHAPE is the only project approved within the 1st Ordinary Call of Adriatic IPA for Measure 2.1

and general objectives, Mr. Bortone described the ICZM Protocol and the EU Roadmap for MSP as the framework policy reference to the project. He introduced the structure of the project, i.e. the 5 Working Packages (WP), and presented the first results, which can be summarised as follows:

WP2: the SHAPE web-portal including Adriatic Regional Forum, social networking (Facebook, Twitter) and international conferences organised in Bari and Venice. Mr Bortone also introduced the FACECOAST cluster which SHAPE joined in March 2012.

WP3: (i) the analysis of current national legislation and comparison with the ICZM Protocol, an activity for which was underlined the link with the MAREMED project. (ii) Explanatory reports prepared by the PAP/RAC on Art 7 & 8 of the ICZM Protocol. It was announced that the MedOpen online course on ICZM, will run from September 2013 for SHAPE project partners.

WP4: (i) an integrated analysis of legal frameworks, policies and planning instruments; (ii) description of the data collection process for MSP; (iii) draft reports on integration of ICZM and MSP for pilot actions aiming at testing such integration.

WP5: in coordination with WP3 and WP4 results and using a top-down method, collection and analysis of relevant topics/legislation frameworks. A questionnaire and semi-structured interviews were prepared to analyse potential GIS users demand.

10. He put a particular stress on the need and the efforts made towards more and better exchange of information and knowledge. He also pointed out the importance of using the ICZM Protocol included in Annex V.

Agenda item 4: Presentation of the MAREMED project

11. The floor was, then, given to Ms. Corine Lochet, PACA Region, who presented the MAREMED project developed within the framework of the creation of an integrated Mediterranean maritime policy. She stressed out the efforts done in terms of governance in that project, and for the implementation of strategic goals through pilot actions. She pointed out that the Regions were a key scale of the coastal and maritime management and that they had to be taken into account in the European governance process for the European coastal policies. She also insisted on the need for a constant dialogue with the European Union DG (MARE & ENV), to gather and exchange information for a better application of its directives, especially in the context of a possible EU Directive for MSP and ICZM in addition to the Mediterranean ICZM Protocol.

12. She closed her presentation by inviting all the partners to join the MAREMED team in March 2013 on the occasion of the presentation of the project results at the European Union Parliament. Ms. as Annex VI.

Agenda item 5: Presentation of the MedPartnership project component related to ICZM and the new Climate Variability and Change GEF project

13. Ms. D. Povh- , PAP/RAC Programme Officer, presented the GEF MedPartnership project, partners involved and the PAP/RAC role in the project. She attributed particular importance to the size of this project as one of the largest initiative in the Mediterranean in the recent years. She also presented the challenges faced when implementing the Integrative Methodological Framework (IMF) which aims at responding to the need to converge the methodologies for the coastal, river basins and aquifer/groundwater management. She stressed the need for a synergy between the projects, and presented the practical examples of the Buna-Bojana Integrated Management Plan implementation, as well as the Algerian ICZM Strategy and the Reghaia Coastal Plan on-going project.
14. Ms. Povh- change into national strategies to implement the ICZM She briefly described the fields of activities where PAP/RAC is directly involved.
- In regards to - model was introduced and presented. Two remarks concluded the presentation: (i) the Protocol provides a solid foundation to build partnerships; and (ii) the implementation of the ICZM Protocol depends on all Mediterranean stakeholders. Ms. Povh- included in Annex VII.

Agenda item 6: Presentation of the PERSEUS and RESMAR projects

15. In the first part of his presentation, Mr. Julien Le Tellier, BP/RAC, gave a brief overall presentation of the project, including the statistics, partners, the scope and objectives. He drew a parallel between the PEGASO and PERSEUS projects, emphasizing the similarities of the two platforms, particularly to define and test adaptive policies and new management schemes for a better governance of the human made pressures to coastal and marine environment. However, he specified that the PEGASO was more ICZM-oriented whereas the PERSEUS was focused on MSFD. He, then, presented the demonstration areas to the PERSEUS project, which reflected that certain zones overlapped with the ones of other projects, for example in the Adriatic. He also stressed the need for a close co-operation between the PERSEUS cluster and other projects like the PEGASO, the SHAPE and/or the MAREMED.
16. In the second part of his presentation, Mr. Le Tellier detailed the Work Package co-ordinated by the Blue Plan concerning the creation of adaptive policies and scenarios, insisting on the need to better involve the local stakeholders through a continuous dialogue. To that endeavour, a stakeholder platform has been built within the PERSEUS project, and is being moderated. He presented the methodology implemented to organise and co-ordinate that participatory process being crucial for a better involvement of the stakeholders.
17. He concluded his presentation by inviting the partners from other projects to join with their suggestions and proposals on how to strengthen and improve stakeholder participation. Finally, he stressed the need to avoid the multiplication of platforms and overlapping, and to work in synergy. as Annex VIII.
18. Mr. Luigi Cipriani, Toscana Region, presented the ResMar project, stressing the smaller size of the project area (Cross-border Cooperation Programme Italy-France Maritime), which makes the co-ordination easier. He said that the ResMar aimed at implementing the coastal observatories in various regions to the project and beyond. In terms of data collection, he stressed that smaller projects bring material to bigger projects, and data collected that way in the ResMar project have

been feeding the MareMed and the FaceCoast cluster. He stressed the absolute need to make data

Agenda item 7: Discussion

19. Following the presentations, the participants made suggestions and provided valuable concrete proposals for establishing better links and co-ordination among the projects. can be summarised as follows:

Ms. Breton insisted on the fact that the ICZM and its Protocol were now processes in place, where MSP should be considered as a tool rather than as a strategy. She stressed that the ICZM was useful in terms of the blue growth strategy, and that exchanges on the topic should keep on being carried out beyond the Mediterranean. She concluded that a better dialogue with the stakeholders was

platform for the ICZM, where the PEGASO platform could be a solid base;

Mr. Montanari also stressed the need for better participatory processes, as well as the need to strengthen the existing clusters, and continuously share the results on the platform;

Ms. Lochet considered it important to send a common message, from the partners to different projects, to reach a common wording with the EU, especially regarding the

the t projects are working together, in order to express the will of the Mediterranean partners present during the Coast Day celebration to strengthen their co-operation and will use existing platforms enlarging these structures with emerging issues;

Most of the participants agreed that a strong message needed to be sent to the EU DG MARE and DG ENV to better integration of MSP and ICZM, and accepted the idea of a Declaration to underline the concept of ICZM and MSP that all participants agreed about, to be prepared after the meeting;

Ms.

pointed out the need to secure financial sources to realise that endeavour, especially to run the technical part;

Mr. Le Tellier raised the question of the commitment to the platform, saying that some rules should guarantee an equitable share and exchange of information. At the same time, he advocated

that would help avoiding overlaps. He insisted again on the need to enhance the dialogue with the stakeholders by organising more joint meetings;

Ms. Povh- Lupino (Lazio Region) exchanged opinions on the use of the DIVA model in different projects and at different levels of the decision making, pointing out that the need for an economic valuation of the project had to be better considered to give indications and incentives to the local stakeholders and decision makers;

d that project leaders should invite each other to important meetings organised by these project to strengthen synergies;

Regarding the example of mapping marine habitat types in the coastal area of Istria (Croatia) - future allocation for marine Natura 2000 sites, where the relevant data are included in a GIS map, links could be established with the MAREMED and PEGASO projects. Also, a possibility could be investigated of integration into the PEGASO platform.

Agenda item 8: Making synergy: Presentation of the Bologna Charter II; presentation of the ICZM Protocol implementation test; and presentation of the FACECOAST Med-Cluster

20. Mr. Roberto Montanari, Emilia- provided a brief overview of the history of the Charter (starting in 2007, first political document), the main contents of the Charter 2012 and the next key steps to be taken. He said that the Charter 2012, launched within the MAREMED project, is a Regional initiative political tool for a novel and

common policy approach to the coastal zone management having as reference framework the following official documents and provisions:

- the White Paper on Climate Change adaptation COM(2009) 147;
- the Directive 2007/60/CE on the assessment and management of flood risks;
- the ICZM Protocol for the Mediterranean; and
- the Roadmap for MSP COM(2008)791.

He said that the text of the Charter 2012 has been adopted by the Emilia-Romagna Region (Resolution of the Regional Government n. 1346, 17th September 2012), as result of a fruitful joint work between several coastal Administrations, now expected to sign it, as partners in a long cooperation experiences within relevant European projects (COASTANCE, MEDGOVERNANCE, MAREMED, SHAPE, and the FACECOAST Med-cluster) and that the Charter provides the basis for synergies and cooperation between the Mediterranean regions in terms of policies derived from the above presented policy reference framework.

cro-Project for the next programming period of the European Structural Funds (2014-2020), to be implemented through a number of coordinated projects dealing, among the others, with (i) erosion and risk of marine ingression, (ii) beach nourishment issues, (iii) integrated spatial planning, (iv) coastal observatories network.

The capitalisation process was at the heart of his presentation. Mr. attached as Annex X

21. Mr. Christian Marasmi, Emilia-Romagna Region, presented the test phase, within the MAREMED pilot action for the implementation of Art. 8 on setback zones of the ICZM Protocol. He first presented the main objectives, as follows:

- to highlight the ICZM practices within the countries and regions;
- to individuate possible gaps with respect to the ICZM Protocol provisions; and
- to facilitate the ICZM Protocol implementation.

He said that two pilot actions had been carried out : (i) Comparison between the local legal framework on coastal zones and ICZM Protocol provisions; and (ii) Testing the applicability of Protocol Art. 8 provisions concerning the - (Emilia-Romagna, Crete, Liguria, PACA).

He, then, briefly presented the results gathered in the different regions. In conclusion, Mr. Marasmi stressed the fact that the methodology was developed under the SHAPE project and tested within the MAREMED project, being the first collaboration of a kind. He announced that this collaboration and sharing of information would be pursued in the framework of the FACECOAST cluster, and capitalize in the next capitalization call on the MED Programme. Mr. attached as Annex XI.

22. Finally, Mr. Lupino presented the Face the challenge of Climate Change in the Mediterranean coastal zones (FACECOAST) cluster, its principles, objectives and development potentials. He said that the project was built on the principles of the ICZM Protocol, bringing together 13 European projects, and aiming at capitalizing multi-sectoral experiences, developing multi-level synergies, raising awareness, avoiding/reducing overlaps and project Incubation for 2014-2020 financing period. Mr. Lupino invited all the partners to join the cluster with new projects. Mr. included in Annex XII.

Agenda item 9: Conclusions and recommendations, and closure of the meeting

23. In the conclusive session of the meeting, all the participants were invited to continue with their efforts on concrete activities and encouraged synergy. The following conclusions and recommendations were made:

- a) A good level of cooperation and collaboration between projects already exists but there is still a lot of room for improvement.
- b) Synergies must be encouraged between the existing platforms on ICZM and the blue growth, also to avoid duplication. Long-term technical support is necessary, therefore financial support will have to be secured and organised to run a common platform. As the first step in the creation of the future common platform, the creation of a common map with pilot projects is proposed where linkages between the projects could be seen the PEGASO platform could become a common platform for all relevant projects.
- c) Participatory processes should be strengthened, and particular efforts are to be made in order to bridge the gap between science and decision makers, especially on the topics like the Climate Change. Joint meetings should be organised with stakeholders to facilitate circulation of information where at least two representatives of each project should attend;
- d) Data sharing and exchange should be facilitated through the platforms linked to the stakeholders, but with commitment, so as to build and spread a common vision of the Mediterranean coasts. It should be invested in the existing projects to find solutions, to show existing links and to propose the future relationship with stakeholders and donors. There is a need to show the existing links, as well as to propose the future relationship with stakeholders and donors; for example, with the PESETA project using the DIVA results to give the economic impact information to decision makers. Co-operation among the projects would bring a new (added) value and could be useful for the creation of jobs;
- e) A strong message has to be sent to the EU, showing that partners from different projects are working together to promote the EU Directives and push forward the ICZM Protocol and MSFD implementation. A joint Declaration will be drafted by the PAP/RAC after the meeting and shared with the partners (Declaration attached in Annex XIII).
- f) To create a mailing list to include project co-ordinates, important information, events, etc. so that everybody could follow the process and make it available on the PEGASO platform.

24. The Joint Meeting was closed on 26 September 2012 at 13 : 30 hours.

ANNEX I
List of Participants

PROJECT/ ORGANISATION	NAME
SHAPE representatives	
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	Mr. Gianluca MACORETTA
	Ms. Emanuela TOLME
Emilia-Romagna Region - Italy	Mr. Roberto MONTANARI
	Ms. Irene SABBADINI
	Ms. Olga SEDIOLI
Montenegro	
	Ms. Aleksa
Slovenia	Mr. Slavko MEZEK
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PACA Region - France	Mr. Mathieu BECHET
	Ms. Corine LOCHET
Crete Greece	Ms. Effrosyni MAURAKI
	Ms. Aikaterini TSOUKALA
	Ms. Daphne VOLYTRAKI
Emilia-Romagna Region- Italy	Mr. Christian MARASMI
CRPM France	Mr. Besser IUCAS
PERSEUS representative BP/RAC	Mr. Julien LE TELLIER- (PEGASO as well)
PEGASO representative UAB Barcelona	Ms. Françoise BRETON
FACECOAST representative Lazio Region	Mr. Paolo LUPINO
	Ms. Selene PEDETTA PECCIA
RESMAR Toscana region	Mr. Luigi CIPRIANI (MAREMED as well)
Town of Trogir	Ms. Djana
Ministry for Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy France	Ms. Valerie Brillaud

PAP/RAC representatives		GEF MedPartnership
		SHAPE
	Mr. Sylvain PEIT	PEGASO
	Ms. Daria POMF	GEF MedPartnership
	Mr. Marko PREM	SHAPE, PEGASO
	Mr. Brian SHIPMAN	PEGASO
		SHAPE, PEGASO

ANNEX II

Agenda

Joint meeting of the PEGASO, SHAPE and MAREMED projects to share results related to the implementation of the ICZM Protocol	
09:00 09:30	Registration of participants.
09:30 09:45	Opening of the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome addresses (Mr. M. Prem, PAP/RAC) - O
09:45 10:15	PEGASO project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the Project (Ms. F. Breton, UAB). - Presentation of the results of the ICZM stock-take at the national level (Mr. S. Petit, PAP/RAC).
10:15 10:45	Presentation of the SHAPE project (Mr. G. Bortone, Emilia-Romagna Region).
11:15 11:30	Presentation of the MAREMED project (Ms. C. Lochet, PACA Region)
11:30 11:45	Presentation of the MedPartnership project component related to ICZM and the new Climate Variability and Change GEF project (Ms. D. Povh- , PAP/RAC).
11:45 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the PERSEUS project (Mr. J. Le Tellier, BP/RAC). - Presentation of the RESMAR project (Mr. L. Cipriani (Toscana Region)).
12:00 12:30	Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Which are the common elements for all the projects? - How to improve links among the projects?
12:45 13:00	Making synergy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the Bologna Charter II (Mr. R. Montanari, Emilia-Romagna Region). - Presentation of the ICZM Protocol implementation test - MAREMED pilot action on Art.8 (Mr. C. Marasmi, Emilia-Romagna Region) - Presentation of the FACECOAST Med-Cluster (Mr. P. Lupino, Lazio Region). <p>Discussion.</p>
13:00 13:30	Conclusions and recommendations, and closure of the meeting