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 Maritime 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 off-shore areas. The 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 spatial plans.

To summarise the results of the pilot projects, work has started now on the preparation of the PlanCoast Handbook. Besides practical advice to people involved in coastal and maritime management it will also give recommendations to all policy levels on possible changes necessary to better achieve the goals expressed in the EU Blue 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 first results of PlanCoast in the context of climate change effects, growing sea-use pressures as well as current policy developments.

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Wednesday, 21th of November 2007

8.30 Registration

9.00 Welcome
Manfred Sinz, Head of Working Group Spatial Planning, Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs

Block 1: PlanCoast lessons for Maritime Spatial Planning

9.15 PlanCoast contribution to Maritime Spatial Planning
Dr. Bernhard Heinrichs, PlanCoast Lead Partner, Ministry for Transport, Building and Regional Development Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

9.30 PlanCoast: Key messages
Angela Schultz-Zehden, s.Pro, PlanCoast Coordination Office

9.50 PlanCoast MSP pilot project examples:
- Trieste Bay
  Slavko Mezek, Regional Activity Center Koper, Slovenia
- Romanian 12 sea mile zone
  Victor Gheorghe, Urbanprojekt, Romania

10.30 Panel discussion with representatives from the Adriatic, Baltic, North and Black Sea regions
Moderated by Christian Dahike, Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency

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 Marine and Coastal Management in England and Wales: The view of the local government association
Heidi Roberts, Atkins Consulting, UK

12.30 Open question round
Moderated by Dr. Bernhard Glaeser, German Human Ecology Society, Germany

13.00 Lunch

Block 3: Progress in Maritime Policy and Marine Spatial Planning: Climate change as major challenge

14.00 The EU Blue Book: Current status and next steps
Iain Shepherd, European Commission, Maritime Task Force, Brussels

14.20 Towards an integrated maritime policy in Germany
Bernd Törkel, Head of DG Waterways and Shipping, Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs

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 Open discussion round: How to ensure the sustainable development of coasts and seas in the face of climate change?
Moderation: Kira Gee, GKSS Coastal Futures, s.Pro

17.15 Summary and conclusion
Manfred Sinz
Dr. Bernhard Heinrichs

17.30 End

18.00 Reception

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**Practical Information**

**Conference venue:**
Bundesministerium für Verkehr, Bau und Stadtentwicklung (BMVBS)
Erich-Klausner-Saal
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Diekmann’s Austernbar
Hauptbahnhof, Level 1

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