

Regional ICZM Envisioning Workshops for the Mediterranean and Black Sea Basins

Concept

The PEGASO project (www.pegasoproject.eu) is organizing two regional workshops oriented to the integrated coastal zones management (ICZM): one workshop for the Mediterranean Basin on 13-15 November 2012 in Tour du Valat (South of France), and a second workshop for the Black Sea Basin on 5-7 December 2012 at the offices of the Black Sea Commission, in Istanbul.

The aim of the workshops is to develop and explore future visions for the coastal zones of the Mediterranean and Black Sea Basins, based on tools that support an integrated assessment. The meetings will provide participants with the opportunity to discuss the kinds of ICZM policies and management activities that can achieve the goals of the Barcelona Convention and of its additional Protocols (particularly ICZM Protocol and SPA Protocol), as well as the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) and Water Framework Directive (WFD), in the Mediterranean and the wider perspectives offered by the Ecosystem Approach. It will also explore how similar policy goals might be developed for the Black Sea building on such initiatives as the Permanent Secretariat of the Black Sea Commission (PSBSC - Bucharest Convention). These visions will be explored in the context of current pressures and drivers across both basins. For both basins the “envisioning exercise” will help people explore what kinds of activities are needed to help implement national ICZM guidelines, such as those proposed by MEDPARTNERSHIP.

The two meetings have been arranged to focus on issues in the Mediterranean and Black Sea Basins separately. However, the events have been designed so that they will have a common framework and approach that can inform the development of the PEGASO Regional Assessment. The events will also allow participants to use and reflect on the work that has been undertaken in PEGASO on indicators, ecosystem accounts, participatory methods, scenarios and economic assessment, and how to integrate them. The sessions will be highly interactive and this will allow people to experience some of the participatory methods that can be used to support the ICZM process.

As a focus for the discussions the meetings will concentrate on two key ICZM policy objectives, namely to:

- preserve the natural capital in the coastal zone; and
- have a balanced use of the coastal zone, and avoid “unnecessary urban sprawl”.

In order to explore these policy objectives the workshops will bring together experts and decision makers who are working on coastal zone issues at different scales. Their expertise will be used to consider the implications of current trends for the main drivers of change for these policy objectives. In particular the events will enable PEGASO CASES Partners to shape the Regional Assessment and reflect on how the situation and issues in their study areas relate to the regional pressures and trends identified by the workshop.

The workshops will be discussion-based and following a method for integrated assessment that that draws on a range of tools that are covered by the PEGASO project. The work will build on current

understandings of the state of the coastal environment such as those provided by the recent UNEP/MAP assessments. It will also draw upon the foresight analysis in Plan Bleu’s *A Sustainable Future for the Mediterranean*, and suggest how it might be extended to take account of events that occurred since its publication in 2005 (updated in 2008). In particular the work will look at the relevance of the foresight analysis for the Black Sea and how important geographical differences can be taken into account. The discussions will allow participants to look at a range of alternative visions for the future and to discuss strategies for achieving them and the kinds of barrier and knowledge gaps that need to be overcome.

The workshop is addressing CASES experts and decision-makers, planners, and ICZM practitioners, as well as members of the PEGASO End User Committee, working in coastal zones at the local or (sub)regional level.

There will be **briefing material** circulated 2-3 weeks in advance of each workshop.

Outputs: Report on the workshop outcomes and visions that can inform the Regional Assessment and strategies for integrating the PEGASO tools.

Draft programme for both events:

Day 1 (CASES and end users reps)	Session 1	Thinking about the future: identifying the focal questions and the drivers of change at regional scales using current understanding of the state of the environment in the M&BS
	Session 2	Futures of fear and futures of desire: reviewing some initial storylines based on <i>Sustainable Future for the Mediterranean</i> /documentation for the BS
Day 2 (CASES and end users reps)	Session 3	Working through the measures of change and uncertainties using indicators and accounts to think about the future
	Session 4	Refining the storylines: identifying other perspectives, geographical differences (across regions and between CASES) and alternative development paths
	Session 5	Reviewing the focal questions, identifying policy implications
Day 3 CASES Partners Debriefing	Session 6	Reflections for the Regional Assessment
	Session 7	Reflections for the development and application of PEGASO tools (including SDI)
	Session 8	Reflections on the implications for capacity building (not training)

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