

THE COAST, A MATTER OF BALANCE: AN INSIDE VIEW ON THE COORDINATION CENTRE ON INTEGRATED COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT

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Our mission

Our mission is to stimulate and promote the sustainable and integrated management of the Belgian coastal zone. The Coordination Centre is the prime point of contact for everyone in the coastal zone that is involved in cross-sector issues.

Together with our partners, the Province of West Flanders, the Flemish authorities, (1) the Department of Mobility and Public Works, Agency for Maritime and Coastal Services, Coastal Division; (2) the Department of the Environment, Nature and Energy, Agency for Nature and Forests and Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ) we try to achieve this goal.

What can you expect from us?

We communicate on and enhance awareness of integrated coastal zone management, by making publications, articles, websites such as the coast, a matter of balance, the coastal atlas, gulls at the coast... We organize seminars, workshops and symposia.

We act as the point of contact for integrated coastal zone management and give information to interested persons in Belgium and abroad.

We offer a platform for consultation on integrated coastal zone management

We assure the follow-up of the sustainability indicators in the coastal zone. By means of a website and the publication 'the Coastal Compass' we deliver concrete data, especially based on the coastal zone.

We cooperate in the realization of the European Recommendation regarding the implementation of an integrated coastal zone management in Europe

What do we do?

Three examples:

The Coastal Atlas: a well illustrated atlas with beautiful pictures and handy maps. Also online available with the possibility to download, data, gis maps and pdf-files. Check www.kustatlas.be

The awards for sustainable coast project: Hereby we want to support original projects which contribute to a sustainable coast. Check www.dekustkijktverder.be for more information on the nominated projects.

The sustainability indicators for the coast: To pursue effective policies for the coast, a wide variety of high-quality information and data is needed. Therefore the Coordination centre developed and implemented a set of indicators for the coast. We bring the indicators actively and repeatedly to the attention of policy makers and potential end users. To this end, an interactive Internet site (www.kustbeheer.be/indicatoren) and a recurrent publication: 'The Coastal Compass', are developed.

If we can help you... contact us!