

→ Dutch Delta Commission on Climate Change and Water Management

Climate change is not only the subject of impressive movies or magazine filling topics. All the effects and related subjects to climate change are indeed an important issue to take into account on both individual, societal and political level.

In the Netherlands the latter has been taken up by the Deltacommissie (Delta Commission), a modern version of the Deltacommissie that was created after the devastating flood of '53.

What did this new Deltacommissie do?

Safety against flooding, but also water shortage, environment and economy are main subjects in the report. Water management is based on sustainability principles related to economic development, new energy sources and improvement of quality of life.

In other words, the commission underlines risks, dangers and future (pessimistic) scenarios, but it also points to opportunities created by the new water management strategy.

The report pays also attention to cross-border water systems: the Wadden Sea, Rhine, Maas and Westerschelde. For this reason too the report is interesting for other countries.

For more information in English you can visit the [website of the Deltacommissie](#) or check the summary and advice from the report on the [website of European Waternews](#).

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Stylianos Flampouris from GKSS in Hamburg spent one month in the Proudman Oceanographic Laboratory in Liverpool. He has some great experiences to share with you:

*"When you set out on your journey to Ithaca,
pray that the road is long,
full of adventure, full of knowledge.[...]"*

The Young Professional Exchange Program (YPEP) of ENCORA platform offered me the opportunity to visit for one month the Proudman

Oceanographic Laboratory (POL) in Liverpool. From one hand, leaving my home institute, GKSS Research Center, for POL, the scientific expectations were already known and predefined. POL has a few hundreds of scientists who are open to discussions and with whom the direct contact is beneficial, in addition the institute is located in the center of the Campus of the University, therefore the spiritual and scientific fusion is apprehensible. The concrete scientific results of this visit is a chapter in my doctorate dissertation (some preliminary results can be found in the [Coastal Wiki](#)), but the main benefits are the impact on my way of thinking, the sharing of ideas with people who have common interests and in general the extension of my scientific horizon.

I've had the opportunity to appreciate the conclusion of C. Cavafy at Ithaca (1911) and I will keep extending my understanding of the significance of this trip.

"[...] And if you find her poor, Ithaca has not deceived you. Wise as you have become, with so much experience, you must already have understood what Ithacas mean."



→ DISSEMINATION OF FP7 RESULTS THROUGH THE COASTAL WIKI

A few weeks ago the 3rd call of the FP7 Environment programme has been published. Several topics are related to the ENCORA themes, and are interesting for the ENCORA community:

ENV.2009.1.1.6.1 Integrated methodology providing a common platform for an improved assessment of climate change impacts, vulnerability and related cost effective adaptation measures
ENV.2009.1.1.6.3 Climate change impacts on the marine environment: research results and public perception
ENV.2009.2.2.1.1 Options for Ecosystem-based management
ENV.2009.2.2.1.3 Support to "Maritime Partnership"
ENV.2009.2.2.1.4 Integrated Coastal Zone Management
ENV.2009.3.1.6.1 Innovative coastal defence technologies
ENV.2009.4.2.1.1 Network of excellence for Impact Assessment Tools
ENV.2009.4.2.3.1 Assessment of economic instruments to enhance the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity
ENV.2009.4.2.3.2 Enhancing connectivity between research and policymaking in sustainable development
ENV.2009.5.1.0.2 Knowledge transfer and uptake of EU-research results

The Coastal Wiki is an excellent tool for disseminating new insight gained in projects related to these topics. This is also the opinion of the European Commission, as reported in an [earlier E-News](#). Some basic notions regarding the above topics can already be found in present Coastal Wiki articles. We call on consortia preparing proposals for the 3rd call to consider the Coastal Wiki for dissemination of their results; this will help to keep the Coastal Wiki state of the art and to enhance the utilisation of project results in policy and practice.





Colophon

The ENCORA objective is to facilitate and create new opportunities for sharing knowledge and experience on coastal issues in Europe. This electronic newsletter will inform you frequently about the activities and achievements of the network. Every issue will contain a section with news about your national network or ICZM related topics in your country.

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