

**Minutes of the BaltCoast project kick-off meeting
12 – 15 April 2015,
Leibniz-Institute for Baltic Sea Research (IOW), Warnemünde, Germany**

Workpackage 1:

BaltCoast Project meetings and conferences

2015

12–15 April, 2015 Rostock, Germany: **BaltCoast - kick-off meeting**, Baltic Sea Research Institute (IOW),
13-15 June 2015 Riga, Latvia: **BaltCoast - meeting** (before the **Baltic Sea Science Congress 2015**; 15-19 June 2015) with excursion to CSS Latvia & Estonia; project-meeting with workshops on WP2,5 (SAF training workshop, full day), WP3 (economics & scenarios), WP4 (re-analysis studies workshop 4 h); WP6 (tool presentation & workshop, 3 h); WP7 (workshop 2h)
November 2015, Tallinn, Estonia: **BaltCoast - meeting** (Presentation on case study progress; help desk for WP re-analysis and WP 5 design step as well as end-user forum meeting; possibly in cooperation with BONUS secretariat)

2016

01-04 March 2016, Murcia; Spain: **BaltCoast - meeting** linked to **EUROLAG/LaguNet** (Special session on ICZM with presentations of WP4 re-analysis and WP 6 results; Project meeting with help desk and internal presentations on formulation)
06-11 March 2016, International Coastal Symposium 2016, Sydney, Australia
17-22 April 2016, European Geosciences Union (EGU) General Assembly, Vienna, Austria (Possibly scientific contributions to suitable/ own session).
17-22 July 2016, Istanbul, Turkey: Internat. Conference on Coastal Engineering (Possibly scientific contributions to session on Coastal Management).
22-28 August 2016, Klaipeda, Lithuania: **BaltCoast - 1st Summerschool** (presentation of case studies, testing of SAF teaching material; possibility for a project meeting)
23-26 October 2016, Biarritz, France: **BaltCoast - meeting** linked to **Littoral 2016 conference** "The changing littoral. Anticipation and adaptation to climate change". Bellevue congress center. (Public presentation of WP result; internal project meeting)

2017

January 2017, Copenhagen, Denmark: **BaltCoast - meeting** (incl. end-user forum)
23–28 April 2016, European Geosciences Union (EGU) General Assembly, Vienna, Austria (Possibly scientific contributions to suitable/own session).
June 2017: **BaltCoast - meeting** linked to the **Baltic Sea Science Congress 2017**
21-27 August 2017, Riga, Latvia: **BaltCoast - 2nd Summerschool** (date to be confirmed)
September 2017, Liverpool; GB: **BaltCoast - meeting** linked to **Littoral 2017 conference** "The anthropocene and the littoral – change, naturalness and people", Hope University campus

2018

March 2018 in Gdansk: **BaltCoast - meeting** (incl. SAF training workshop & end-user forum)
08–12 April 2018, European Geosciences Union (EGU) General Assembly, Vienna, Austria (Possibly scientific contributions to suitable/own session).

To-do

- Timetable for Riga Raimonds & Josianne
- Partnership-file and email distribution list - Jurga: Attachment and text for updating, file sub-divided into sub-WPs (comment field)
- Joint share-point for file exchange

Website

- Kick-off presentation on website
- Jurga: Add layouts and logos on website
- Request for provision of publication that shall be integrated into webpage

Jurga, please add all articles of <http://www.ecologyandsociety.org/issues/view.php/feature/67>

- Study site description for webpage by WP5, template by Josianne
- Contao manual and access/passwords for partners (added on website, as well)
- Request for up-dating WP websites:

Responsible WP leaders:

- WP 1: Jurgita
- WP 2: Josianne
- WP 3: Ing-Marie
- WP 4: Raimonds
- WP 5: Josianne
- WP 6: Gerald
- WP 7: Marija

Workpackage 4:

Responsible persons to conduct the reanalysis studies in following countries are:

Lithuania, Russia & Finland: Ramunas Povilanskas

Latvia: Raimonds Ernsteins

Estonia: Valdeko Palginõmm

Denmark: Thomas Kirk Sørensen

Sweden: Ing-Marie Gren

Poland: Grzegorz Różyński

Germany: Holger Janßen

Raimonds, Holger, Ramunsas, Josianne, and Grete form a team to prepare a draft questionnaire by mid-May.

Agreed case studies are:

- Coastal protection & realignment and the role of public participation in Markgrafenheide - DE
- Coastal natural restoration and flooding in the Geltinger Birk - DE
- Timmerndorfer Strand - DE
- Management of marine mineral extraction to minimise habitat degradation and fishing conflicts – DK
- Integrated management of mussel fishery and aquaculture under changing baselines due to regime shift - DK
- Changing policy to halt the effects of beach erosion and to sustainable manage tourism on the Hel Peninsula – PL
- Active nature conservation in a lagoon - PL
- Integrated shoreline management for a large harbour city and an adjacent seaside resort – LT
- Restoration of important habitats through sustainable agricultural practices, Rusne – LT
- Managing tourism in a coastal national park, Kemeris – LV -> **substitute to be provided by Raimonds**
- The use of diverse instruments to ensure multi-use sustainability in a port city, Ventspils – LV
- Low-lying coastal protected areas Saaremaa – EE
- Low-coast shoreline management for a large harbor city and adjacent eroded shorelines – EE

- Coastal management strategy for southwest Finland – FI (KU-RP)
- Kaliningrad -> **details to be provided by Ramunas**
- Initiating ICZM at Selkämeri, western Finland – FI (KU-RP)
- Balancing conservation and tourism needs in a World Heritage Site, Kvarken Archipelago - SE/FI
- An action plan for the conservation of harbour porpoises (*Phocoena phocoena*) – SE
- Developing ICZM in Baltic Sea woodlands – SE

With outstanding feedback on the Swedish case studies.

Timeline:

Mid-May 2015: draft questionnaire ready

13-15 June 2015, Riga: all case studies finally agreed, support in SAF methodology,

November 2015, Estonia: SAF helpdesk

February 2016: Cases study reports available

01-04 March 2016, Murcia: presentations of WP4 results, summarizing report by end of March available

September 2016, Scientific article submitted

Workpackage 6:

The discussion focused on workpackage 6.1 and 6.2. Responsible are Gerald, Donalda, Miguel & Johanna. Partners are Grete, Hannes, Ivars, Malgorzata & Marija. Workpackages 6.3 and 6.4. (Ing-Marie Gren) need to be discussed later.

Three tools were briefly presented,

- a) an indicator-based evaluation tool that allows to measure the success of local measures. The tool focusses on municipalities and local case studies. It shall be applied to selected re-analysis study sites and selected case study sites.
- b) A weighting and scoring tool that shall support participation processes and and stakeholder discussions. It shall be applied to selected case study sites.
- c) A Ecosystem Service Assessment tool for coastal waters and the sea. It shall be tested in the Lithuanian and German case study sites.

Prototypes will be ready until June and shall be presented and discussed in Riga in June

Following support would be appreciated:

- Contribution of information on similar or comparable activities and possible synergies
- Support with respect to data, sources & contacts
- and Review of first tools (WP6 partners)
- Application of tools in case study sites and/or re-analysis studies
- Master theses in partner institutes, which can be supported by IOW/KU
- Application of tools by partners , which can be supported by IOW/KU
- Applications by invited students from partner institutes at IOW/KU
- Tests with different case study site/stakeholder groups
- Joint publications (6 are planned)

Workpackage 7:

Two work package tasks were presented and discussed: 7.1. Dissemination (contact person Nardine Stybel) and 7.2. Capacity building and training (contact person Marija Katarzytė). The last workpackage 7.3. Baltic ICM Network (contact person Malgorzata Bielecka) will be implemented later.

Workpackage 7.1. Dissemination

Dissemination of project progress and results will be done via:

- BaltCoast website
- European EUCC network and in national and international newsletters
- Photo competition in at least 5 countries (which partner countries? When it will be agreed), with public exhibition
- Movies document problems, fieldwork and stakeholder involvement
- Comic strip demonstrates the SAF application steps and results
- Publications in popular science magazine (Coastal & Marine)
- Partner websites
- BONUS blog (Jurgita already informed the partners, will be this part left flexible or should some agreement be done between the partners who exactly will provide the information?)

- Other partner suggestions

All the press releases produced by partners should be provided to whom? And who will produce the information of overall project activities (even in the national language?). Jurgita is responsible for BaltCoast webpage.

Workpackage 7.2. Training and capacity building

People supporting training and capacity building (mainly responsible for WP4 and WP5) with material and participation in summer school in following countries are: Josiane Stottrup, Ing-Marie Gren, Grzegorz Różyński, Raimonds Ernsteins, Hannes Tonnisson,

The main focus in will be paid to the young scientists training (master students, PhD students).

- Each partner during project period are expected to include in project activities at least **3 students and 4 PhD students**

Master students could support BaltCoast by **master thesis** related with the WP5 (study cases) and WP 6 (supported by Miguel, Donalda, Johanna).

Training material will be based on existing Spicosa training material (<http://www.spicosa.eu/setnet/academic-material/index.htm>) (SAF application and re-analysis and case studies).

- Preliminary training material frame will be constrained till June in cooperation with WP4 and WP5.
- Till meeting in June **all partners** should take a look and give the feedback regards the construction and content of existing Spicosa training material.

Training material will be **tested** and **used** during the following courses:

1. International practical course **Integrated Coastal Zone Management II**; Klaipeda University (KU) in cooperation with Leibniz-Institute for Baltic Sea Research (IOW), Warnemünde, Germany; Responsible: Gerald Schernewski & Marija Katarzyte; Location: Leibniz-Institute for Baltic Sea Research Warnemünde, Germany; Duration: Annually for 2 weeks in April/May until 2018; altogether 6 credits.
2. International course **Integrated Coastal Zone Management** at Klaipeda University; Responsible: Gerald Schernewski, September.

3. Course **Integrated Coastal Zone Management** (within Coastal Engineering) at Rostock University; Responsible: Gerald Schernewski
4. Distance learning course **Integrated Coastal Zone Management** (within Master Environmental Protection) at Rostock University; Responsible: Gerald Schernewski
5. Raimonds Ernsteins, more detailed information is needed (when and how the course is called), Latvia
6. Polish colleagues
7. Danish colleagues
8. Other partners?