

STRATEGIC PROJECT

Contributing to the integration of coastal zone related policies within territorial socio-economic development planning



MARE NOSTRUM

Bridging the legal-institutional gap in Mediterranean coastline management



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The project in brief

Most Mediterranean countries share the challenges of rapid shoreline development, extreme seasonal fluctuation in populations, vulnerability to coastal hazards and eroding environmental quality. Yet many of these countries are also characterized by inadequate planning, management and enforcement of the regulations, as well as the lack of solid database to assist decision makers. Adopted in January 2008 by the contracting parties to the Barcelona Convention, the Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) Protocol is the first supra-State legal instrument aimed specifically at coastal zone management to address the above-mentioned issues. Currently, the implementation of the ICZM in the Mediterranean is impeded by a complex and overlapping or conflicting jurisdiction roles and responsibilities of various management bodies in most countries, let alone across borders.

That's why an institutional coordination at national level is needed with comprehensive approaches and coordination between the various authorities at the national, regional and local levels in the field of coastal strategies, plans and programs. **MARE NOSTRUM** project is focused to facilitate this institutional coordination.

Beneficiary

Technion - Israel Institute of Technology (Israel)

Partnership

1. Municipality of Alexandroupolis (Greece, Anatoliki Makedonia-Thraki)
2. Port Institute of Studies and Cooperation of the Valencia Community (Spain, Comunidad Valenciana)
3. Municipality of Haifa (Israel)
4. Municipality of Kavala (Greece, Anatoliki Makedonia-Thraki)
5. Integrated Resources Management Company Ltd (Malta)
6. Society for Protection of Nature in Israel (Israel)
7. University of Thessaly (Greece, Thessalia)
8. Democritus University of Thrace (Greece, Anatoliki Makedonia-Thraki)
9. Amman Center for Peace and Development (Jordan, Irbid)
10. Interteam Ltd (Israel)

Specific objective

To design a toolkit of alternative instruments for improving the implementation of ICZM protocol through the development of Public Participation Geographical Information Systems (PPGIS) applications

Expected results

- Key legal, institutional and administrative impediments (including property rights regimes) to the implementation of ICZM policies, viewed from the local level upwards, identified in the target countries
- Impediments across national borders to implementation in both peaceful and conflict-ridden coastal zones identified
- Toolkit of recommendations on how to improve the implementation of the Protocol on ICZM and the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive defined
- Public involvement achieved through local public participatory approaches in selected pilot areas, including local community mapping practices

Target groups

- Government authorities formulating or implementing ICZM policies
- Government or non-government bodies acting as impediments to ICZM implementation
- Civil-society or market-based bodies harnessed as "watchdogs" to keep the implementation of ICZM policies on course

Final beneficiaries

Current and future generations of residents in the concerned coastal areas

Duration

36 months (January 2013 - December 2015)

Budget

- Total budget: € 4.319.529
- Programme contribution: € 3.887.576 (90%)
- Project co-financing: € 431.953 (10%)

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