

Minutes

**Project Partner Meeting Biarritz
24th October 2016**

WP 1 - Management

Funding and reporting

The first period report has been submitted on May 30, 2016 and is currently under review. 81 % (695,254 €) of the total PR1 budget has been reported and underspending moved to other periods. The next report will cover the incurred expenditures of April 2016 to March 2017. **Partners have to submit expenditures to the EPSS by April 30, 2017.** The financial and scientific report will be submitted to BONUS on May 30, 2017 by the project coordinator.

Until September 30, 2016 around 46 % of the PR2 budget has been consumed. If necessary, significant or minor **budget changes should be informed once the change has become apparent** – not afterwards or when submitting a periodic report and need to be approved of respective National funding institution before.

Reminding information on significant and minor budget changes:

Significant changes are (for example):

- change in the amount of total budget
- change between beneficiaries
- if a task initially meant to be carried out by a beneficiary is subcontracted

In these cases the DoW should be updated as well

Minor changes are (for example):

- changes between reporting periods within same major budget line
- changes between activities within same major budget line
- minor changes between budget lines

Upcoming deliverables

D6.2 – Publication on indicator results - **Nov 2016 - IOW**

D3.2 – Measure implementation: policy choice and cost-effectiveness - **March 2017 - SLU**

D6.3 – Final preference spreadsheet tool - **March 2017 - IOW**

D1.3 – 2nd periodic report - **May 2017 – IOW**

Next BaltCoast events and project meetings

During the 2nd Baltic Maritime Spatial Planning Forum 2016 in Riga (November 23-24, 2016) the BONUS BaltCoast posters (BaltCoast overview poster and 6 CSS posters) will be exhibited. **If needed, please send the updated version of your poster to Viki (viktorija.sabaliauskaite@io-warnemuende.de) by November 14, 2016.**

Our **next project partner meeting** will be connected to the Baltic Sea Science Congress 2017 (June 12 – 16, <http://www.io-warnemuende.de/bssc2017-home.html>) and take place **at the Leibniz-Institute for Baltic Sea Research Warnemünde, June 12, 2017. End-users will be invited to the meeting.** Deadline for abstract submission for the BSSC is January 16, 2017 and registration is already open. **ALL:** Please make up your mind on possible contributions.

Another project partner meeting is planned prior to the Littoral 2017 conference (September 5 -7, 2017, <http://www.hope.ac.uk/news/conferences/littoral2017/>) and will take place in **Liverpool on September 4, 2017.** The Scientific Advisory Board will be invited to the meeting.

The **final meeting including SAF training workshop & end-user forum** shall take place in **Gdansk in earlier March 2018 and last for two days.** The exact days have not been settled yet. **Małgorzata and Grzegorz** will make possible suggestions which can then be assessed by Doodle.

Any other business

The **partnership mailing list** has been updated and can be found in the BaltCoast dropbox: https://www.dropbox.com/s/cvngxhp3ygjodk4/BaltCoast_partnership%202016%20Updated.xlsx?dl=0

Please keep the list updated and always **inform Viktorija about necessary changes.**

WP 2 & 5 – SAF Development & Case Study Sites

An overview of WP 2 (SAF Development) was given by Josianne and CSS presented their reports up to the formulation step.

The format for the systems appraisal and system output report is being made ready and will be provided for all CSS. Next SAF report deadlines and presentations by the case study sites will be:

Appraisal step due by June 2017 and to be presented during next project meeting (June 12, 2017 in Warnemünde). **Full SAF report from Issue ID to Systems Output due by September 2017** and to be presented during 7th project meeting (September 4, 2017 in Liverpool)

Other deadlines for WP 2 & 5:

Stakeholder workshop end of SAF	September 2017 (D5.2)
Implementation concept for solutions for each CSS	December 2017
User-friendly SAF including new tools: itemised manual (book)	February 2018 (D2.4)
Scientific paper on the evolved methods including new tools	March 2018 (D2.5)
Scientific publication of CSS	March 2018 (D5.3)

Aspects to be considered in the strengthened SAF Handbook include:

- More information about community participation (inclusion of social scientists)
- From the experience derived from the applications during BaltCoast, revisit the content and format of the different steps
- Provide alternative solutions to a SAF without a complete ESE due to limitations of data, etc.
- Highlight its potential as Quality Assurance for sustainable ICM processes
- Develop to be applicable for MSP application
- Inclusion of Implementation and Success Monitoring

The journal, structure, editorial board, etc. for the scientific publication of CSS needs to be discussed already. **Please send your ideas to Josianne and Gerald by the end of November.**

WP 3 – Socio-economics

Frederic (new Post-doc working with Ing-Marie for BaltCoast) presented himself, recent publications and ongoing work, which includes:

- International workshop with GO4BALTIC (EU Bonus project) on 'Lowhanging fruits for cost-effective management of eutrophication in the Baltic Sea' February 16, 2017, at Royal Swedish Academy of Forestry and Agriculture, Stockholm
- Preparation of deliverable D13 'Policy choice, fairness, cost-effectiveness and local implementation of measures' (March 2017)
- CBA of the Estonian case study

Frederic (Frederic.ang@slu.se) and Ing-Marie are open to assist in the economic analysis in the various case studies.

WP 4 ICM Re-analysis studies

Raimonds and Josianne gave a short overview on the ICM re-analysis studies. WP 4 is mostly completed. A manuscript on the re-analyses (“Re-visiting ICM theory and practice: Lessons learned from the Baltic Sea Region”) with an evaluation of results was submitted to the journal Ocean and Coastal Management.

The identified gaps and recommendations need to be considered in the further development of the SAF and the SAF handbook. Also the policy integration needs to be further discussed in order to lift the SAF concept into a formal framework, such as ICM and MSP.

WP 6 – Tools

Three tools that have been further developed and applied within BONUS BaltCoast and will serve as supporting tools for SAF, were presented:

Indicator-based ICZM “Best-practice” evaluation tool: Tool based on indicators to define success-criteria and to measure the current state of sustainability (Donalda) – available on BaltCoast website (<http://www.baltcoast.net/indicators.html>)

Preference tool: Tool for stakeholder participation and preference analysis as well as to support stakeholder involvement in planning processes (Johanna) – final version to be submitted in March 2017, but available for test applications upon request

Ecosystem Services Assessment Tool (ESAT): Tool to assess the present state of ecosystem services provided in a region (Miguel)

WP 7.1 – Dissemination

Coastal & Marine Magazine

The first out of three special issues of the Coastal & Marine magazine is published and available online (<http://www.baltcoast.net/dissemination/publications-via-coastal-marine-magazine.html>). Printed copies were sent to the authors, project partners and international end-users.

The second issue is focused on “Coastal management – training & supporting tools” and covers WP 6 and 7 and is **planned to be published in December 2016**. The deadline for article submission is closed. All articles are currently under review and authors will be contacted again before publishing. **Valerie** agreed to write the editorial for this issue.

The third issue will focus on **case study sites with longer intro into SAF** and will be edited by **Josianne and Grete**.

BaltCoast Photo Competition

Submission deadline for the photo competition was on September 25, 2016. In total, 349 pictures from all Baltic State except for Sweden were submitted. The jury will select best pictures for touring exhibition and awards in October/November 2016. Best pictures will be shown in touring photo exhibition, e.g. in Denmark, Germany, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia & online. **Please provide your ideas for the location/event for the award ceremony in 2017 and possible exhibition sites until 18th November** (contact: Franziska Stoll, stoll@eucc-d.de). The exhibition will comprise around 20-30 pictures and should stay in one location for at least one month. Locations mentioned during the meeting: Nida, Klaipeda University, Maritime office or city library Szczecin.

BaltCoast videos

A first series of “Blue Sofa videos” were filmed during the AMK conference in Warnemünde in April 2016. They consist of Expert interviews to improve public outreach and young scientist interviews to give insights into their research topics and to broaden their own networks. All videos are available on our website (<http://www.baltcoast.net/dissemination/video-material.html>) and the EUCC-D Youtube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/user/EUCCD/playlists>).

So far the videos cover experts and young scientists from the German and Lithuanian CCS. A second series of interviews will be conducted during the BSSC 2017/next project meeting. This is the next opportunity for other case study sites to be represented.

WP 7.2 - Training

Summer school 2016

The first BONUS BaltCoast summer school “System approach framework (SAF) for coastal research and management: from theory to practice” took place in Klaipėda in August 22-28, 2016 and attracted students also from outside the consortium and Baltic Sea region.

Summer school 2017

The next summer school will take place August 20-26, 2017 at the Academic centre for natural sciences, LU, Riga. It will consist of 5 full working days including 2 days in Riga and 2-3 days in Salacgriva with possible visit to Pärnu case study visit, **supported by Ülo and Hannes**.

The program for the summer school 2016 can be used as a general guidance for the program outline for 2017. Especially young staff shall be included in the teaching activities, but will be supported by others. **Kazimierz** is also willing to be involved in the teaching activities, focusing on Natrua 2000 sites.

Raimonds and Marija will generate a preliminary program and send it around for comments **until end of November 2016**

Training site and material

The original idea for the e-learning/teaching material was to have an OPEN platform for structured lessons about SAF, which includes:

- Downloadable/Editable presentations;
- Downloadable/Editable documents;
- Exercises and instructions for them;
- Tools for usage;
- Media information.

(Deliverable: E-learning material and short online course (deliverable month 35))

The material should be available on a website under BaltCoast in BaltCoast layout but usable as stand-alone. Originally, the idea was to launch this platform before/in concurrence with the first Summer School (August 2016). It should further include an online test (structure and feedback presentation) and also a layout with structure for SAF case study application examples

What we have now (current state)

- The Summer School program was formulated, and training material was gathered on the basis of this program;
- A moderated (edited) document compilation of presented material in the Summer School;
- Mostly theoretical material;
- Limited amount of exercises;
- Lacking background information;
- Media information is in processing and will be uploaded (but not very soon);
- Limited admin access for making changes;
- Some material and topics should be improved (case study re-analysis).

Points that were under discussion

- Leave the training material as it is (SS teaching material with references and contact form for inquiries) OR restructure it to be more like the initial idea? Maybe wait for material from the second SS?
- Structure: learning material or teaching material?
- Delegate responsibilities to prepare an adequate exercise block with accompanying material?
- Process the video material and publish it (IOW responsibility).
- Will Latvian colleagues need help on publishing the SS teaching material?
- How the material from the second SS will supplement the current one? Will the topic be the same or totally different?

Marija will repeat the request to provide the material. The layout for training material/presentations can be found on the BaltCoast website in the Dissemination section (<http://www.baltcoast.net/dissemination/logos-and-layouts.html>)

Original planning and responsibilities for material were as follows:

WP7

Technical tasks (Natalija)

1. Website under BaltCoast in BaltCoast layout but usable as stand-alone, CONTAO
2. Layout for presentations in simplified Baltcoast layout
3. Layout with structure for SAF-Case study application examples
4. Online-test (structure and feedback presentation)

Major Modules/Presentations

1. ICZM-Introduction (Format PPT, 90 minutes with background-info for presenters) (**Marija**)
2. SAF online Handbook (link, <http://www.coastal-saf.eu/>)
3. SAF-Introduction (Format PPT, 90 minutes with background-info for presenters) (**Josianne & Grete**)

4. 6 SAF-Case study application examples (format PPT, 30 minutes with background-info for presenters, based on WP 5 results and documentations) (**partners coordinated by Marija**)
5. Online test (questions)

Complementary presentations/exercises

1. Learning SAF: Exercise with student presentations based on WP4 case study evaluations with examples and exercise guideline (Format PPT, 30 minutes with background-info for presenters + 60-180 min. practical exercise) (**Gerald**)
2. Understanding the system - ecosystem service assessment (Format PPT, 30 minutes with background-info for presenters + 60-300 min. practical exercise) (**Miguel**)
3. Issue Identification Step: Stakeholder mapping, CATWOE, DPSIR with examples and exercise guideline (Format PPT, 30 minutes with background-info for presenters + 60-180 min. practical exercise) (**Johanna**) (*Josianne was highly involved in preparing and in the teaching the lecture during the summer school 2016*)
4. Stakeholder involvement and participation (Format PPT, 30 minutes with background-info for presenters + 60-180 min. practical exercise) (**Johanna**)
5. Design Step: System Definition, Conceptual model, Data and methods, Problem scaling (Format PPT, 30 minutes with background-info for presenters + 60-180 min. practical exercise) (**Natalija**) (*Josianne was highly involved in preparing and in the teaching the lecture during the summer school 2016*)
6. Formulation & Appraisal Step: modeling exercise & examples (Format PPT, 45 minutes with background-info for presenters + 60-180 min. practical exercise) (**Marija with Georg & Rene**)
7. Output Step: Role play on scenarios based on mussel farming example with alternatives for Oder lagoon (Format PPT, 45 minutes with background-info for presenters + 120-300 min. practical exercise) (**Gerald**)
8. Evaluating success: Indicator set application exercise before/after. (Format PPT, 30 minutes with background-info for presenters + 60-300 min. practical exercise) (**Donalda**)



9. Critical evaluation: Exercise with student presentations based on WP4 case study evaluations with examples and exercise guideline (Format PPT, 30 minutes with background-info for presenters + 60-180 min. practical exercise) (Gerald)
10.??

Complementary field exercises

1. Ecosystem services: field application (0.5 - 1 day) (Miguel)
2. Evaluating success: Indicator set field application (0.5 - 1 day) (Donalda)
3.??