

## ACTORS



Authorities



Farmers



Maritime industry



Blue Growth sector



Offshore energy industry

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## MULTI ACTOR LAB

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## BELGIAN CASE STUDY

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**COASTAL**

Collaborative Land-Sea  
Integration Platform

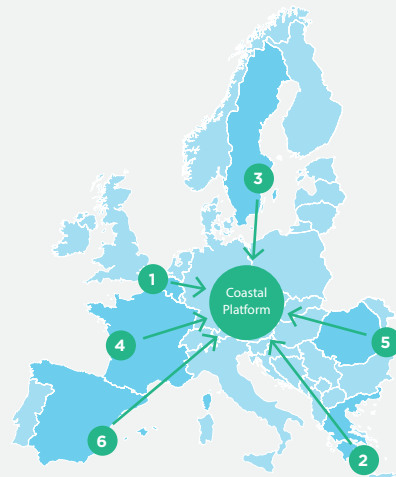
How to provide business and policy opportunities for a region suffering from intensive use of space and competition for resources, combined with a complex governmental context?

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

COASTAL is a multi-actor project engaging stakeholders to develop practical business opportunities and policy solutions by improved coastal-rural collaboration. This is done by combining local and expert knowledge in a co-creation process.

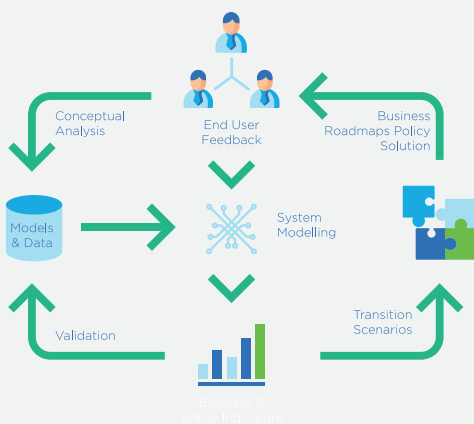
The project is organized around six interacting, complementary Multi-Actor Labs (MALs) spread over the EU, exchanging their tools and expertise:

- 1 Belgian Coastal Zone
- 2 South-West Messinia
- 3 Norrström/Baltic
- 4 Charente River Basin
- 5 Danube Mouths / Black Sea
- 6 Mar Menor Coastal Lagoon



## THE PROCESS

- Local actors and experts participate in collaborative exercises to analyze problems
- Qualitative and quantitative techniques are combined
- Multiple transition scenarios for key business and policy indicators are created
- Practical business roadmaps and policy solutions are derived



## BELGIAN MAL

### AMBITIONS

- To connect and reinforce the different policies for a sustainable use of marine space.
- To create an integrated approach for a vital coastal area with a thriving hinterland.

Blue Growth and offshore energy production offer new opportunities for employment and port development, while marine spatial planning faces the challenge of combining multiple competing functions. Limited water resources and decreasing surface water quality put pressure on the traditional activities in the rural hinterland. A combination of factors leads to increased salinization which poses problems for traditional agriculture but might offer an opportunity for alternative forms of agriculture or aquaculture. Based on the expertise and infrastructure of coastal tourism, developing sustainable rural and/or agro-tourism can provide additional income for the hinterland. Economic and environmental opportunities are found, for example, in sectoral restructuring and modernization, improved integration in the rural food chain with diversification, changes in farming practices and new business opportunities.

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