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## Co-creating evidence-based business roadmaps and policy solutions for coastal-rural synergy

### This is the 2nd newsletter of the COASTAL project WHERE YOU CAN:

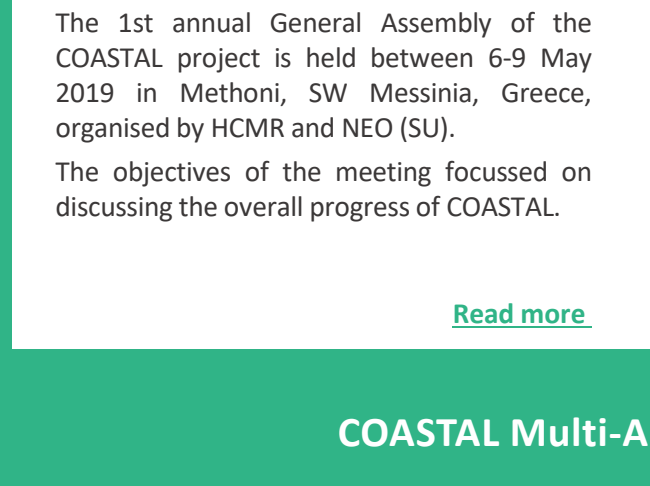
- Find out what COASTAL is all about
- Read about the latest developments of the project
- Know more about networking with other EU projects
- Get information on upcoming events
- Find information about how to join us

### What is COASTAL ?

COASTAL is an EU funded 4-year multi-actor Horizon 2020 research and innovation action. The goal of the COASTAL project is to formulate and evaluate business solutions and policy recommendations aimed at improving the coastal-rural synergy to foster rural and coastal development while preserving the environment.

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### Latest news from COASTAL

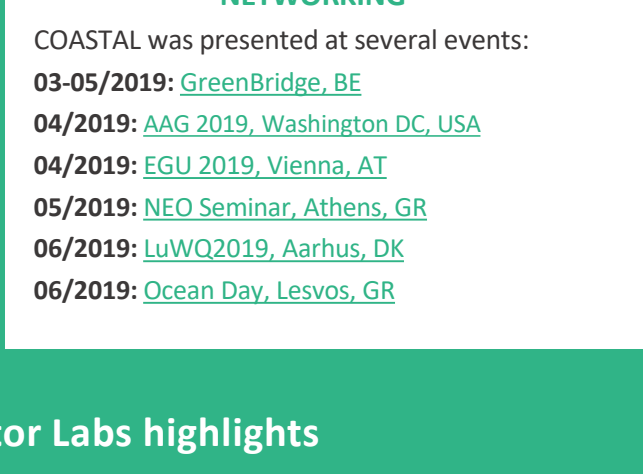


#### COASTAL 1ST ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN METHONI, GREECE

The 1st annual General Assembly of the COASTAL project is held between 6-9 May 2019 in Methoni, SW Messinia, Greece, organised by HCMR and NEO (SU).

The objectives of the meeting focussed on discussing the overall progress of COASTAL.

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#### COASTAL TEAM MEETINGS

SINTEF consulted merging stakeholder mindmaps in [MAL4 in March](#) & [MAL5 in June](#) 2019.

#### NETWORKING

COASTAL was presented at several events:

- 03-05/2019:** [GreenBridge, BE](#)
- 04/2019:** [AAG 2019, Washington DC, USA](#)
- 04/2019:** [EGU 2019, Vienna, AT](#)
- 05/2019:** [NEO Seminar, Athens, GR](#)
- 06/2019:** [LuWQ2019, Aarhus, DK](#)
- 06/2019:** [Ocean Day, Lesvos, GR](#)

### COASTAL Multi-Actor Labs highlights

The project is organised around interacting Multi-Actor Labs (MALs), combining tools and expertise for six case studies representing the major coastal regions in the EU territory.

In each MAL local actors and experts participate in collaborative exercises to analyse problems, analyse the causes, propose and discuss solutions, and validate and interpret the impacts of simulated business and policy decisions.

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#### BELGIUM COASTAL ZONE MAL

On May 23, 2019 the local partners and selected stakeholders for Belgian Multi-Actor Lab met again at the premises of the Flemish Land Agency in Bruges. The purpose was to discuss the key issues, variables and interactions, resulting in a conceptual model of the combined land-sea system.

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#### GREECE SOUTH-WEST MESSINIA MAL

How can local experience and knowledge be combined with scientific expertise so that primary production and tourism lead to sustainable economic, environmental and social development in Western Messenia? This is the key question investigated by the Multi-Actor Lab in the Greek case study.

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#### SWEDEN NORRSTRÖM / BALTIC MAL

How should rural, urban and coastal sectors, actors and activities interact to ensure sustainable development with no eutrophication or pollution of coastal and marine waters? This is the key question investigated by the Multi-Actor Lab in the Swedish case study.

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#### FRANCE CHARENTE RIVER BASIN MAL

The first cross sectorial workshop (Multi-Actor Lab) took place on 21 May 2019 in Rochefort located at the mouth of the Charente river.

The general objective of the workshop was to discuss key issues, interactions and variables that have emerged during the first round of sectorial workshops.

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#### ROMANIA DANUBE MOUTHS / BLACK SEA MAL

The National Institute for Marine Research and Development "Grigore Antipa" of Constanta organized three workshops in October 2018 with the themes "Blue Growth", "Fisheries and aquaculture" and "Tourism".

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The Research Institute for the Economy of Agriculture and Rural Development (ICEADR) organized three workshops in January 2019 with the themes "Rural Development", "Agriculture and ecosystems services", "Tourism, recreation and others rural activities".

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#### SPAIN MAR MENOR COASTAL LAGOON MAL

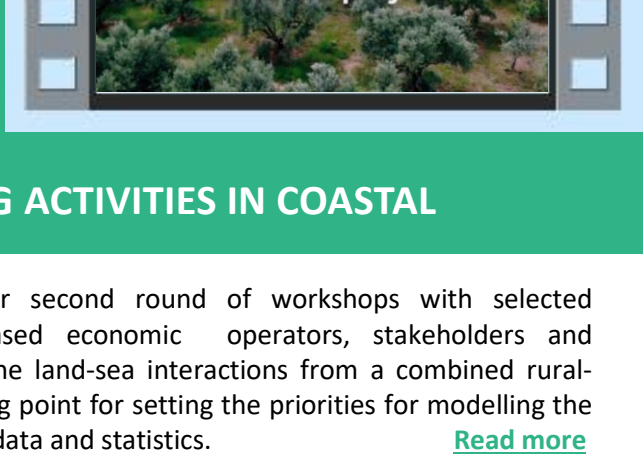
On 11 April 2019 the first Spanish Multi Actor lab was organized at CEBAS-CSIC in Murcia with a total of 14 participants from all different sectors. We started the workshop with a summary overview of the main outcomes from the previous six sectorial workshops. Then, we illustrated the participants how we merged the six sectorial system maps into one overall system map and asked for feedback on the merging process.

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### Latest deliverables in COASTAL

- [D1.1 Deliverable 3 Sectoral Analysis of Coastal and Rural Development](#)
- [D2.1 Deliverable 6 Data and Model Inventory](#)
- [D3.1 Deliverable 9 Inventory of Business Opportunities & Policy Alternatives](#)
- [D4.1 Deliverable 12 Model scope and feedback structures](#)
- [D5.1 Deliverable 17 Inventory of Scenarios & Transition Pathways](#)

### Watch our latest videos



### CURRENT AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN COASTAL

COASTAL partners are currently completing their second round of workshops with selected stakeholders representing the land- and sea-based economic operators, stakeholders and administrations. The main purpose is to analyse the land-sea interactions from a combined rural-coastal perspective. The outcomes will be the starting point for setting the priorities for modelling the land-sea interactions, and collecting supporting field data and statistics.

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### COASTAL cooperation with fellow project ROBUST



#### ROBUST - COASTAL: LOOKING FOR SYNERGIES

COASTAL project coordinator Jean-Luc de Kok on 21 May 2019 attended the project meeting of the H2020 fellow project ROBUST in Helsinki, presented COASTAL progress and discussed the strategy for cooperation between the two projects.

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#### ROBUST FELLOW PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

ROBUST researchers and practitioners scrutinize rural-urban interactions to support European governance and policy. In this newsletter, we feature key project updates and Live Cases from three of its Living Labs:

[The ROBUST Discussion of a Better European Food System: Summary](#)

[Can Spatial Analysis Help Improve Regional Policymaking?](#)

- [Lisbon Tests Creative Approaches to Co-Visioning](#)
- [Styria Is on Mission to Build a Regional Stakeholder Network](#)
- [Frankfurt Examines the Ins and Outs of Regional Spatial Planning](#)

[ROBUST project website](#)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- [Baltic Sea Science Congress \(BSSC\) 19-23 August, Stockholm, Sweden](#)
- [Interdisciplinary Research Workshop: Spatial Strategies at the Land-Sea Interface: Rethinking Maritime Spatial Planning, 11-13 September 2019, Hamburg, Germany](#)
- [European International Studies Association \(EISA\) Sofia, Bulgaria, 11-14 September 2019, Sofia, Bulgaria](#)
- [ICYMARE 2019, 24-27 September 2019, Bremen, Germany](#)
- [GLF digital summits on Participatory Modelling & Monitoring, 3 & 8 October 2019 – co-organised by CSIC](#)
- [3rd Sustainability Summit for SE Europe & the Mediterranean, 16-17 October 2019, Kifissia, Greece](#)
- [Blue Drone Conference: Airborne drones for application in marine environments and ports, 24 October 2019, Port House, Antwerp, Belgium](#)
- [CHEERS conference "Global changes in estuarine and coastal systems: innovative approaches and assessment tools", 4-8 November 2019, Bordeaux, France - organised by IRSTEA](#)
- [Conference on Earth System Governance, 6-8 November 2019, Oaxaca, Mexico](#)

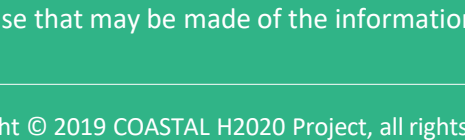
### JOIN US!

Your active engagement is important to ensure that the innovative tools, approaches and policy recommendations we develop reflect the views of those who are directly concerned with improving the coastal-rural synergy to foster rural and coastal development while preserving the environment.

#### THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED IN COASTAL:

- Participate in national workshops
- Take part in the Multi Actor Labs
- Visit the COASTAL Knowledge Exchange Platform

#### SUBSCRIBE TO NEWSLETTER



More information will be sent in our next COASTAL newsletter, scheduled for autumn 2019. Thank you for signing up to the COASTAL newsletter. Further information can be found on the [COASTAL project website](#) & [COASTAL Knowledge Exchange Platform](#) & [COASTAL EIP AGRI practice abstracts](#).



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