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### What is COASTAL about?

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 AT THE 3RD SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT FOR SOUTH-EAST EUROPE AND THE MEDITERRANEAN

COASTAL was represented by ICRE8 at the 3rd Sustainability Summit for South-East Europe and the Mediterranean in Greece.

Check out the press release about the event [here](#)!

#### Download IRSTEA's award winning poster!

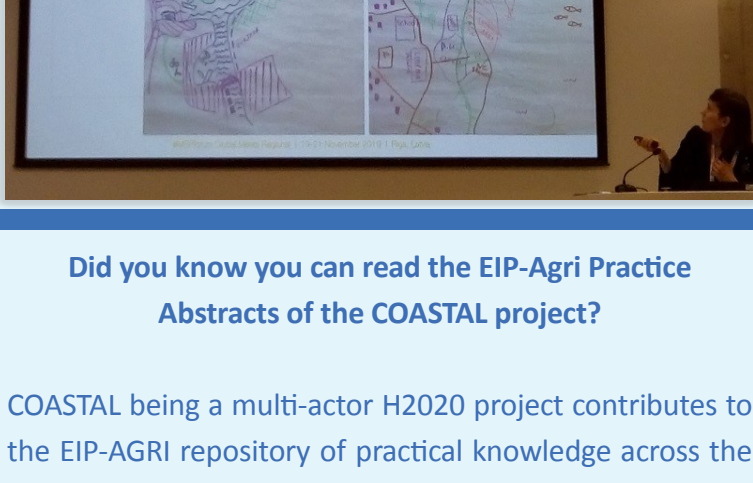
IRSTEA participated at the "Global Changes and Estuarine and coastal systems functioning: innovative approaches and assessment tools" (CHEERS) Conference in Bordeaux, France, where they presented the COASTAL project. Their poster on port and inland interdependencies was awarded the prize for the best poster of the conference.

Download the poster [here](#)



#### Marine spatial planning (MSP) forum in Riga

MSP can be a powerful tool to increase land-sea synergies and an opportunity for coastal-rural collaborations. However in the Baltic Sea, including land-sea interactions in Marine Spatial Planning is still relatively new, the Pan Baltic Scope project was one of the first projects to fully assess this challenge and provides lessons, stories and ideas on how to integrate Land-Sea Interactions (LSI) into MSP in the Baltic Sea region. The approach taken with the stakeholders in the Riga Bay case study ("thinking", "drawing", "talking" about LSI) was relatively similar to the one used in the COASTAL sectoral workshops (mental mapping of the land-sea system).



#### Did you know you can read the EIP-Agri Practice Abstracts of the COASTAL project?

COASTAL being a multi-actor H2020 project contributes to the EIP-AGRI repository of practical knowledge across the EU in the form of short and concise practical information, so called 'practice abstracts'. Practice abstracts are being developed throughout the course of the project.

[Follow up the COASTAL EIP AGRI practice abstracts](#)

#### Check out ICEADR presentations on the following topics:

Economic development in the coastal area of the Danube Delta region through agriculture [Read more](#)

Economic development in the coastal area of Romania through tourism [Read more](#)

Economic development in the coastal area of the Danube Delta region through fishing [Read more](#)

Specific tourism in the Danube Delta [Read more](#)

Promotion of non-agricultural activities in the Danube-Delta Area [Read more](#)

Danube-Delta-Development through biodiversity [Read more](#)

### Current and upcoming activities in COASTAL

The COASTAL partners are currently in the process of translating the outcomes of the stakeholder engagements into tutorial models for visualizing transition pathways and scenarios. These will help make policy and business recommendations evidence based. Stakeholder expertise can be used to gain understanding of the rural-coastal system feedback and interactions between the different sectors. These models will be used to evaluate different scenarios for rural development, including best practices.



Meanwhile, the COASTAL partners are looking forward to 2020, a year in which COASTAL will take some important steps – progressing from narrative analysis to quantified modelling. Joint workshops of the participating Multi-Actor Labs in January and February will train the researchers in modelling and scenario and transition pathway building. Through these workshops we want to strengthen the international collaboration and knowledge exchange. In addition, the project faces the important 18-month review by the Commission (January 2020), in terms of the progress made and planned work.

In the spring of 2020 COASTAL plans, a second General Assembly in the Bordeaux region France to discuss administrative matters, exchange of research results and develop ideas to address the challenges of the project. This annual meeting will also be used to shape the next round of multi-actor workshops with the stakeholders engaged in the project.

The COASTAL team will also participate in the Informed Cities Forum (2-3 April 2020, Lucca, Italy), where selected partners will host a workshop on participatory modelling and the use of Causal Loop Diagrams and other techniques to

### Latest deliverables in COASTAL

#### D1.2 (D4) Multi Actor Analysis of Land-Sea Dynamics

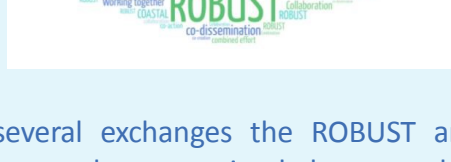
Detailed report describing the first round of multi-actor workshops

#### D6.5 (D30) EIP Practice Abstracts (Reporting Period I)

36 short summaries were produced which describe a main information/recommendation/practice that can serve the end-users in their daily practice. Focused on thematic issues.

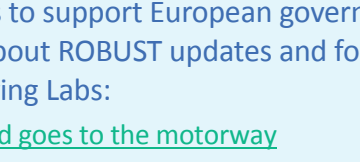
#### COASTAL cooperation with fellow project ROBUST

ROBUST- COASTAL: Looking for synergies



Through several exchanges the ROBUST and COASTAL consortium members examined the mutual potential of the approaches used and relevance of practices in the field. As an example, the COASTAL coordinator presented a system-dynamics model of the impact of ageing on the housing market in rural core towns to demonstrate the potential of quantified analysis during the General Assembly of the ROBUST project (Helsinki, May 2019).

#### ROBUST Fellow project highlights



What is new in **ROBUST**? This fellow project analyses rural-urban linkages to support European governance and policy. Read about ROBUST updates and follow the Live Cases of its Living Labs:

[Sustainable food goes to the motorway](#)

[Tukums: A Regional Conversation on Food and Culture](#)

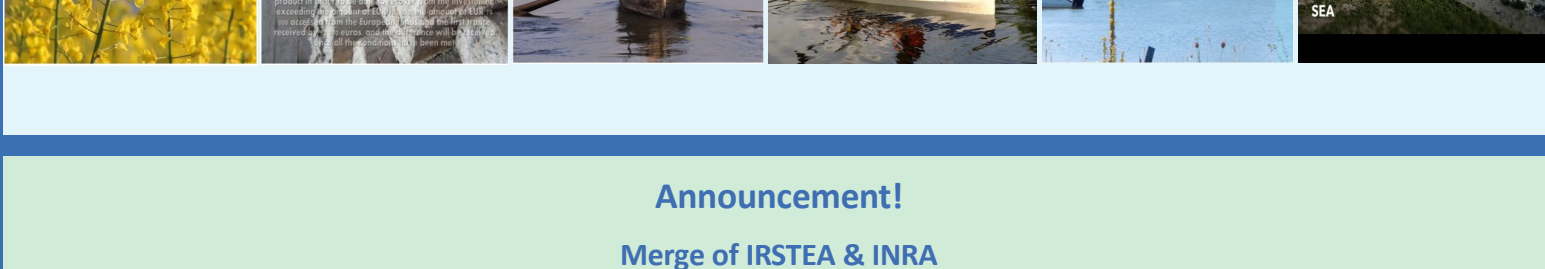
[Ede: A Pivot to Circular Farming](#)

[Valencia: Making Cross-Sectorial Connections](#)

[Lucca: Lessons Learned for Moving Forward](#)

For more information visit the [ROBUST project website](#)

### Watch the latest videos of COASTAL



### Announcement!

#### Merge of IRSTEA & INRA

**INRAE** On 1 January 2020 INRA and IRSTEA have merged and became INRAE. They form a new community of more than 10,000 people dedicated to carrying out research in Agriculture, Food & the Environment in France and abroad. From now on, COASTAL will use their new name and logo.

The website of the new institute will be available soon in English: <https://www.inrae.fr/teasing-en.html>

### 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;

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