

Coastal Guide ICZM Information System

1. Key data

Project title:	ICZM Lietuva
Country:	Lithuania
Project phase:	prep. / study / planning / implementation / no progress
Launch:	[year]
National funding:	[periods, in euros]
EC-funding:	[periods, in euros]
EC project references:	PHARE Programme and support of the World Bank
Lead partner:	Ministry of Environmental Protection
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Project website:	URL
Project area:	The region of Klaipeda, two cities (Klaipeda and Palanga) and four coastal districts. This land is primarily rural, forested and natural.
Area size (land):	The study area covers 220 km of coast, including the coastal lagoon. [in hectare]
(water):	[in hectare, or yes/no]
Population size:	250 000 inhabitants
Policy background:	The management of the polders and drainage network was relaxed for a period after the Soviet withdrawal. It is taking time to establish and put into operation new administrative structures to deal with integrated coastal zone management. Specific problems are the expansion of the port and town of Klaipeda and the construction of a new oil terminal at Butinge.
Important sectors in the project set-up:	Tourism & Recreation, Ports & Marine Industry, Coastal Fishing, Pollution and Habitats & Biodiversity
Main aim:	
Expected results:	Contribution to the implementation of the Baltic Sea environment programme in order to ensure the ecological restoration of the Baltic Sea and the preservation of its ecological balance; Establishment of a policy, regulatory, institutional and management framework for the management of the study area; Establishment of a programme of priority action and demonstration to protect the environment and reduce pollution.

2. Collaboration & integration

Objectives re collaboration & integration:

Local and national ICZM plans will be co-ordinated jointly by national and local agencies through a system of working groups and steering committees. ICZM plans will not supplant or override the Territorial plans, the National plans or any formal

sectoral are private plans, rather the intention is that the ICZM plans should be a guide to what the community as a whole wants for their coastal environment.

Ministries formally involved*: The Ministry for the protection of the Environment and the Ministry for Construction and Urban Development.

Regions (county, province) formally involved*:

Klaipeda

Municipalities (towns) formally involved*:

Klaipeda and Palanga

Main achievements:

Problems encountered: In Lithuania, temporary administrative structures were established to manage the coastal management initiatives through a period of rapidly changing national policy.

3. Participation

Objectives re participation:

Environment stakeholders formally involved*: yes

Economic development stakeholders formally involved*: yes / no

Public hearings: [number]

Public access to project data: yes / no

Main achievements: The project in Lithuania initially faced problems of disinterest or suspicion from certain government departments. But everyone is on board now!

Problems encountered:

4. Information

Objectives re environment:

Main achievements:

Problems encountered:

5. Policy aspects, relevance and success:

Legal Jurisdictional issues:

Project objectives:

Main achievements:

Problems encountered:

Environment:

Project objectives:

Main achievements:

Problems encountered: Historical pollution remaining from old industries or military establishments. The restructuring of heavy industry in general and the changing socio-economic dynamics in the coastal area have left large areas of vacant but contaminated land. Examples of historical pollution can be seen in the Lithuania (military and fuel storage) project.

Biodiversity conservation:

Project objectives:

Main achievements:

Problems encountered:

Economic development:

Project objectives:

Main achievements:

Problems encountered:

Spatial planning & zoning:

Project objectives:

Main achievements:
Problems encountered:
Coastal defence:
Project objectives:
Main achievements:
Problems encountered:

6. Progress & Continuity

Follow-up:
No progress since: [month, year]
Main reason for lack of progress:

7. Sources

Project Report online: [attached in MS word or PDF]

*) formally involved means: as a project partner or represented in a project committee.

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