

Coastal Guide ICZM Information System

1. Key data

Project title:	Strategies for management and co-operation in the metropolitan and peri-urban coastal zones of the Saronic Gulf - Athens
Country:	Greece
Project phase:	prep. / study / planning / implementation / no progress
Launch:	[year]
National funding:	[periods, in euros]
EC-funding:	[periods, in euros]
EC project references:	TERRA Programme / Posidonia n°55/Athinai
Lead partner:	
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Project website:	[URL]
Project area:	The Athens body is undertaking three main projects on the coastal zones of the Attica region: 1) A comparative study of land use in the south-east coastal zone of the Saronic Gulf, which is the seafront of the adjacent urban areas and the whole metropolis. 2) A plan to rehabilitate the western part of the port of Piraeus, traditionally an industrial area (since early in the century), currently declining. 3) A project for the management of the peri-urban coastal zones of south-east Attica, characterised by a high quality natural and historic environment, a declining industrial city, high pressure for urbanisation and second residences and substantial development potential, especially in tourism, leisure and communications.
Area size (land):	[in hectare]
(water):	[in hectare, or yes/no]
Population size:	
Policy background:	
Important sectors in the project set-up:	Tourism, Public health, Ports & Marine industry, Landscapes & Cultural heritage, Public Access, Pollution, Water management
Main aim:	1) The project aims to establish a balance between the protection of the natural areas and archaeological sites and the introduction of moderate leisure activities (beaches, sports, etc.) or tourist facilities (yacht marinas). 2) The project aims to restructure the economic and social profile of the area, stressing the modern tertiary sector (relieving the current congestion in the centre of Piraeus) and bringing new uses to the adjacent urban fabric by opening up access to the seaside residential areas.

3) The objective of the project is to protect and enhance the natural environment and historical sites, control dispersed and anarchic urban growth and make better use of local development potential.

Expected results:

2. Collaboration & integration

Objectives re collaboration & integration:

The success of this integrated and sustainable management effort depends on an understanding being reached between the partners of each project. The comparative analysis of the management strategies of the five Mediterranean cities, will be an opportunity for exchange and extremely useful for improving and enriching policies on administrative procedures and tools used.

1) The narrow zone some 30 km long is mostly public property, but managed by several bodies (National Tourist Office, Secretariat-General for Sport, public property company), and, at the administrative level, involves 11 municipalities and 3 departments.

2) The project involves property companies (five multinationals including two semi-public), the Piraeus port authority and the municipalities.

3) The project involves eight municipalities and 1 department plus several public interest bodies.

Ministries formally involved*:

Regions (county, province) formally involved*:

[names]

Municipalities (towns) formally involved*:

[names]

Main achievements:

Problems encountered:

3. Participation

Objectives re participation:

Environment stakeholders formally involved*: yes / no

Economic development stakeholders formally involved*: yes / no

Public hearings: [number]

Public access to project data: yes / no

Main achievements:

Problems encountered:

4. Information

Objectives re environment:

Main achievements:

Problems encountered:

5. Policy aspects, relevance and success:

Legal Jurisdictional issues:

Project objectives: integrate private ownership and public rights with iczm development plans

Main achievements:

Problems encountered: The land use planning law of 1983 require that land owners have to contribute a percentage of their property for the creation of public use green areas when the zone is urbanized. (this law is not specific to coastal zones, but is implemented nonetheless successfully in coastal urban and suburban areas.)

Environment:

Project objectives:

Main achievements: EU environmental policy has a strong direct impact on planning policy in Athens; its effectiveness is due to the fact that environment policy is normally based on directives that require direct and verifiable transposition into national legislation.

Problems encountered:

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: The future of the relatively narrow coastal strip is likely to be greatly influenced by the removal of the existing airport, which reaches to within a kilometer of the shore. This will free up a vast amount of coastal property, attracting even more uses and activities to the already intensely used littoral.

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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