

# Adapting to Coastal Change: local perspectives

## International Conference, Field Trip & Workshop

**DEADLINE EXTENDED TO 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST**

**The Hague - September 13<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

### Introduction

This conference and field meeting is organised under the auspices of the INTERREG 4B NWE Project, IMCORE (Innovative Management for Europe's Changing Coastal Resource). The meeting aims to address the issues of adapting to coastal change with a focus on local level challenges and approaches and is aimed at both practitioners and researchers. **It will highlight how transnational working, as underpinned by the EU INTERREG 4B programme, can be employed to meet future challenges and therefore realise the full potential of the coastal resources across Europe.** The conference will be global in its geographical scope and will include a number of keynote speakers with an international profile in coastal change adaptation.

The conference will be organised under the following themes:

1. Shoreline management (adapting to shoreline change);
2. Institutional and governance issues;
3. Developing adaptation strategies at the local level (methods and scenarios);
4. Spatial planning as a tool for adaptation;
5. Sustainable Development; and
6. Local government experiences.

*Each theme will be addressed in a plenary session by a small number of speakers followed by a plenary discussion.*

### Programme

#### Day 1. September 13th 2011

- 09.00-9.30:** Registration
- 09.30-10.15:** Welcome - *Jeremy Gault*, Coastal and Marine Research Centre, University College Cork  
Keynote Presentation - *Andrew Cooper*, University of Ulster, Coleraine
- 10.15-10.45:** Coffee
- 10.45-11.45:** **Keynote Presentations**  
*Jan Olavi Ekeborn* - Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries  
*Andrus Meiner* - European Environment Agency
- 11.45-12.45:** **Session 1. Shoreline management - adapting to shoreline change**  
Presentations: *Jan Mulder*, Coastal and Sea Systems Unit, Deltares, The Netherlands  
*Niall Benson*, Durham County Council, England.
- 12.45-14.00:** Lunch
- 14.00-15.00:** **Session 2. Institutional and governance issues**  
Presentations: *Virginia Lee*, Coastal Resources Center, University of Rhode Island, USA  
*Rhoda Ballinger*, School of Earth and Ocean Science, University of Cardiff, Wales
- 15.00-15.30:** Coffee
- 15.30-16.30:** **Session 3. Developing adaptation strategies at the local level (methods and scenarios)**  
Presentations: *Gethin While*, School of Earth and Ocean Science, University of Cardiff, Wales  
*Jeremy Hills*, CTL Consult Ltd, England
- Evening:** **Free buffet reception as part of the launch of CoastalAdaptation.eu**

#### Day 2. September 14th 2011

- 09.00-10.00:** **Session 4. Spatial planning as a tool for adaptation**  
Presentations: *Greg Lloyd*, School of Built Environment, University of Ulster, Northern Ireland  
*Luigi Cipriani*, D.G. Environmental & Territorial Policies, Region of Tuscany
- 10.00-11.00:** **Session 5. Sustainable Development**  
Presentations: *Gonzalo Malvarez*, University Pablo de Olavide, Seville, Spain  
*Frank Biermann*, VU University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 11.00-11.30:** Coffee
- 11.30-12.30:** **Session 6. Local government experiences**  
*Graham Lymbery*, Sefton County Council, England  
*Jessica Hodgson*, Donegal County Council, Ireland
- 12.30-18.00:** Packed lunch and fieldtrip to **FUTURELAND Information Centre - MAASVLAKTE2 : A new part of the Netherlands and a port under construction**

#### Day 3. September 15th 2011

*(Optional- Max 50 participants)*

- 10.00-13.00:** Interactive Scenario Development Workshop- A key methodology for adaptation to climate change in coastal areas. (Organised by EUCC)

### Location

The conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in The Hague, which is easily accessible from Schipol airport or other European locations by rail.

### Accommodation

Conference delegates are responsible for their own accommodation arrangements. A special delegate room rate is available at the Crowne Plaza. Mention 'University of Ulster' to avail of this rate. The Hague has a large number of hotels offering accommodation at various rates. The conference venue is easily accessible from The Hague city centre.



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### Registration

No abstracts are being accepted as talks will be delivered by invited speakers only. Registration entitles delegates to a conference programme, fieldtrip, refreshments and lunch on day 1 and 2. It does not include accommodation or lunch on day 3.

### Deadlines

If you would like to register for this conference, please submit a registration form and full payment of £22 or €25 to:

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**Final Registration and Full Payment - August 31st, 2011**