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The European Commission has prepared a Green Paper outlining a European Maritime Policy aimed at developing a thriving maritime economy in an environmentally sustainable manner (see www.ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/pdf/com_2006_0275_en_part2.pdf). A consultation process has started in June 2006, lasting until the end of June 2007, to identify the best approach for dealing with our common responsibilities towards the seas surrounding us. A major question put forward by the Green Paper is: How can the EU add value to the many national, local and private initiatives which already exist in the maritime field?

EU citizens whether individually or under the umbrella of a group, NGO, local or regional authority or entity, national or European Parliament or government are invited to present their views on the Green Paper.



ENCORA has drafted a reaction to the Green Paper, underlining the great European resource of knowledge and experience to deal with coastal and marine issues. This resource is not fully used, however, due to its fragmentation over many countries, over many disciplines and over research, policy and management institutions. As overall recommendation we propose the creation of an institutional framework for networking services to facilitate the sharing of knowledge

and experience among European professionals in coastal and marine science, policy and practice. The European Maritime Policy can take advantage of the experience of ENCORA in optimizing the effectiveness and sustainability of such networking services.

A discussion page on the Green Paper has been opened on the ENCORA website (see <http://www.encora.eu/forum/viewforum.php?f=27>), where you can find the draft ENCORA reaction. Your reactions and suggestions are most welcome.

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→ **Young Professionals Exchange Programme**

YPEP, the Young Professionals Exchange Programme provides coastal researchers, practitioners and policy advisors, who are the start of their career, the opportunity to broaden their expertise and to build an international network. Participation of young coastal professionals in networking activities is essential for mobilizing new talent, energy and enthusiasm and to create a European culture of transnational cooperation. Institutes participating in the ENCORA national networks have agreed to exchange young staff and to organise events where young professionals can meet, experience new approaches and familiarize with international networking and cooperation. A few hundred young professionals are expected to participate in YPEP events, funded by the national coordination offices. More information about the procedure to obtain a travel grant is available on the website www.ENCORA.eu/YPEP.php. If you are interested you may contact your national coordination office. Young professionals from EU countries where a national network is not yet established can submit their application to the central ENCORA office.

Types of programmes

Meet and Greet Days

The 'Meet and Greet Days' is an event of a few days organised by an ENCORA member institute. This event will provide young professionals an overview of what the most important studies and projects are in the country of the hosting institute. The participants learn about national issues, and can Meet and Greet the people involved. In this way they can learn about what is done in other European countries and broaden you're their personal network. The topics dealt with at a Meet and Greet days event can include science, practice and/or policy.

Summer School

The Summer School is an event of a few days organised by an ENCORA member institute. During this event a topic or case, which is typical for the organizing institute, will be studied. The event provides young professionals with in-depth information on a specific topic or case to broaden you're their field of expertise and to experience new approaches for addressing coastal issues. The topics dealt with at a Summer School can be on science, practice or policy.

Personal Exchange Program

The Personal Exchange Program provides young professionals with the opportunity to work in a foreign country and to experience international networking and cooperation. ENCORA member institutes provide hosting opportunities for young professionals to work for them for a period that can vary from 1 week to a few months. Hosting opportunities can be at scientific and policy institutions or organisations directly involved in coastal management activities.

Participation at ENCORA Theme Meetings

This program offers young professionals the opportunity to participate at ENCORA Theme Meetings. These meetings are events of a few days where the state of the art of the ENCORA Themes is discussed. At

these meetings participants can meet the Theme experts to broaden their personal network and field of expertise and contribute to the state of the art reports.

[YPEP Exchange Poland-Norwege](#)

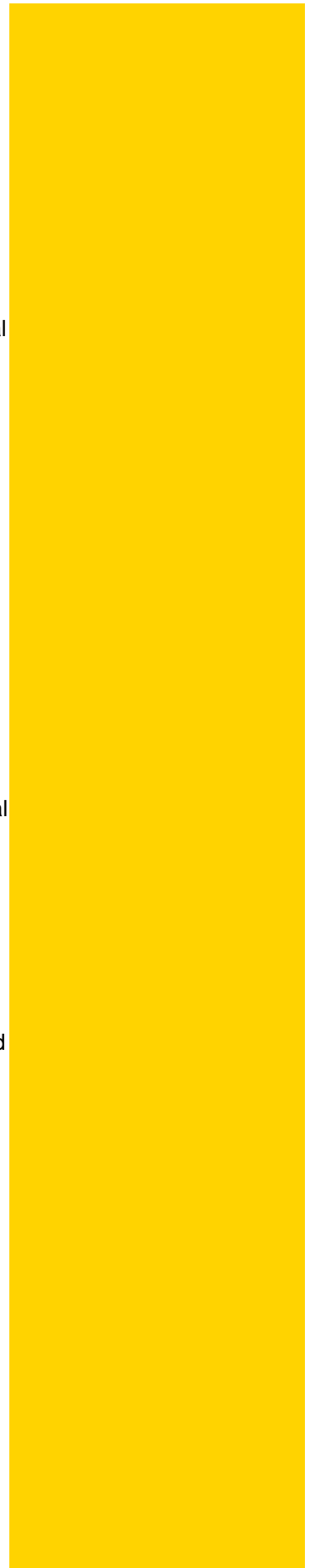
The Polish ENCORA network has deliberately favoured YPEP applications from women as a contribution to better gender balance in professional development and career. A PhD student from the Institute of Oceanology of the Polish Academy of Science, working on benthic ecosystems using acoustic methods will participate in a course on digital signal processing organised by the University of Valencia. A young researcher from the Faculty of Economics of the Gdansk University of Technology will be funded to visit the Norwegian Institute for Urban Development in Oslo, to study how Norwegian coastal municipalities develop, implement and update ICZM policies.



UPCOMING EVENTS

[Summer school Mathematical Methods for Coastal Engineering, June 19th to June 29th, 2007 at the University of Plymouth](#)

We are pleased to announce that the 2nd EPSRC-funded "Mathematical Methods for Coastal Engineering" Summer School will take place from June 19th to June 29th, 2007 at the University of Plymouth. As in 2005, the Summer School will consist of three main units: "Essential mathematics and numerical methods", "Hydrodynamics and transport processes in coastal zones", and "Coastal morphology". Confirmed speakers include Dr Gerd Masselink (University of Plymouth), Dr Howard Southgate (Independent researcher & consultant), Prof Howell Peregrine (University of Bristol), Dr Ping Dong (University of Dundee), and Dr Shunqi Pan (University of Liverpool). The lectures will be gauged for delegates at masters level from different research fields, who have a particular interest in coastal modelling and want to expand their analytical skills and their general background in mathematical techniques.



Registration fee is £100, which covers accommodation in halls of residence and meals (Sunday meals not included).
The last Summer School was highly popular so we recommend early registration; places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Online information and registration forms will be available from January 2007. For further details please contact Dr David Graham: dgraham@plymouth.ac.uk, or Dr Vanesa Magar: <mailto:vmagar@plymouth.ac.uk>

CoastGIS 07, 8-10 Octobre 2007, Santander

The organizing committee invites you to attend CoastGIS 07, the 8th International Symposium on GIS and Computer Mapping for Coastal Zone Management. The conference will take place in Santander, Spain, between the 8th and the 10th of October, 2007.

This is the eighth of a series of conferences with an important international scope (up to 30 countries from all continents). The CoastGIS conferences began in 1995, and the last host was the city of Wollongong, Australia, during which over 80 papers were presented. Other important venues have been Aberdeen in Scotland, Brest in France, Halifax in Canada and Genoa in Italy.

Over 200 professionals from the GIS and/or coastal management fields are expected to attend, covering a broad spectrum of those involved in planning and management of coastal and marine areas such as academics, researchers, administrators and private companies. The main objective of this conference is to create a meeting place in which the most relevant issues and the newest breakthroughs in GIS applications for littoral and marine environments will be tackled by internationally renowned experts.

For more information: www.coastgis07.com

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ICES Indicators Symposium, 20-23 November 2007, London

This symposium will anticipate the translation of a number of current initiatives on indicator development into pilot or operational use within a regulatory framework, for example, under OSPAR and EU ('Water Framework' Directive) auspices. It is therefore designed to offer a timely and strategic insight into the current status and likely future direction of the activity. See for more information <http://envind2007.benthos.be/> or www.encora.eu/documents/ices_london_flyer.pdf



Coastal Wiki statistics

The previous newsletter was a special issue about the development of the Coastal Wiki. At the moment there are 1,588 total pages in the database. This includes "talk" pages, pages about Coastal Wiki, minimal "stub" pages, redirects, and others that probably don't qualify as content pages. Excluding those, there are 50 pages that are content pages.

There have been a total of 3,784 page views, and 1,068 page edits since the wiki was setup.

If you are a member of ENCORA's national or thematic networks and have not yet voiced your interest in joining the Coastal Wiki production team, please contact your national ENCORA Coordinator (<http://www.encora.eu/networks.php>)



Colophon

The ENCORA objective is to facilitate and create new opportunities for sharing knowledge and experience on coastal issues in Europe. This electronic newsletter will inform you frequently about the activities and achievements of the network. Every issue will contain a section with news about your national network or ICZM related topics in your country.

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