



BALANCE

The Maritime Safety Umbrella Operation

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MARITIME SAFETY UMBRELLA OPERATION



Set up by the INTERREG Programme in order to:

- Co-ordinate effort between INTERREG regions
- Establish contact and promote co-operation among projects within a region and between regions (through extra funding)
- Establish coherence among projects
- Disseminate common outputs
- Help project development in the future
- Advise future funding programmes(link with DG Regio)



INTERREG Project Topics

Risk Assessment & Reduction

Small Craft Safety

Best Practice

Marine Protected Areas

Civil Protection

Data Collection

PSSA

Sustainability

Fishing Vessel Safety

MS Systems

Motorways of the Sea

Habitat Mapping

Training and Education

Climate Change

Oil Spill Response

Preparedness

Conflict Resolution

Marine Litter

Passenger Vessel Safety

Dissemination

Marine Spatial Planning

Environmental Awareness

Traffic Monitoring

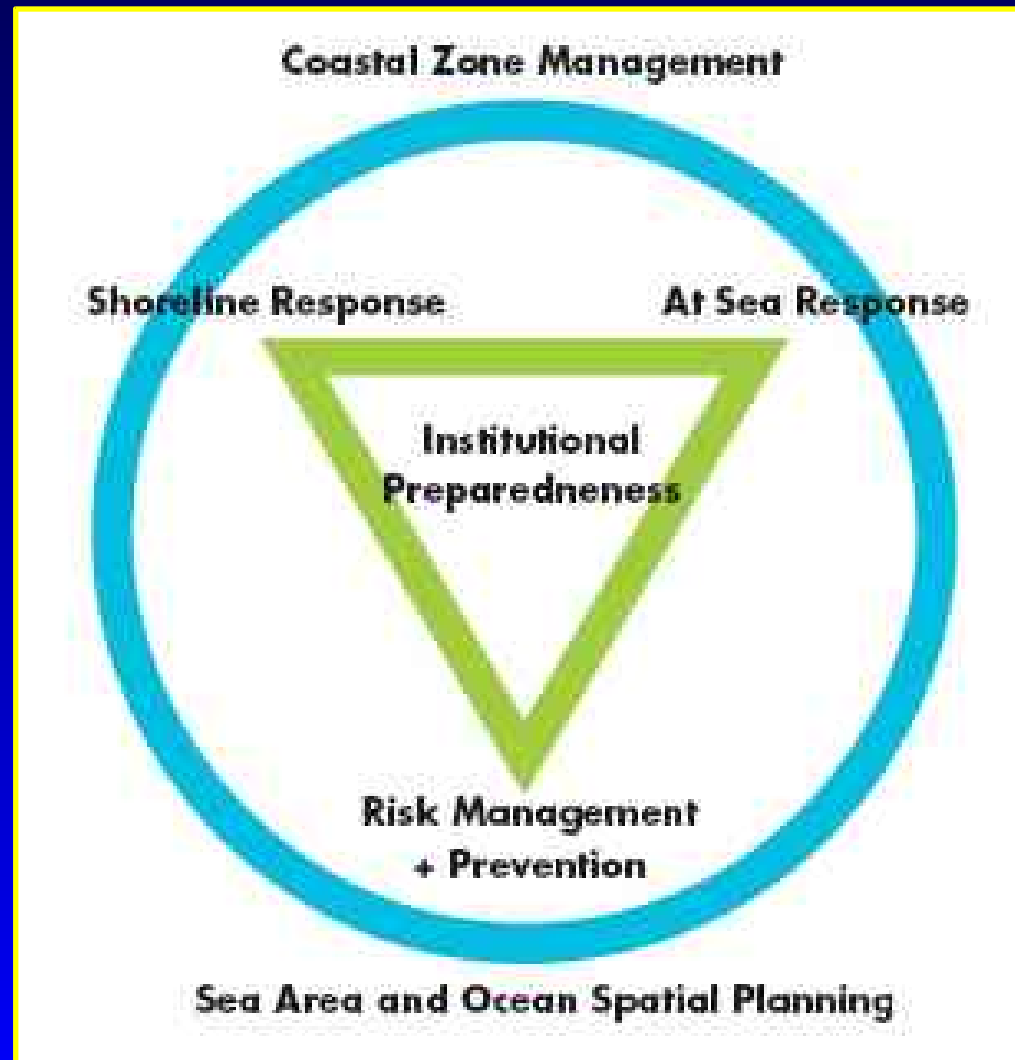
Short Sea Shipping

Transport Corridors

SAR Preparedness



UMBRELLA TOPICS





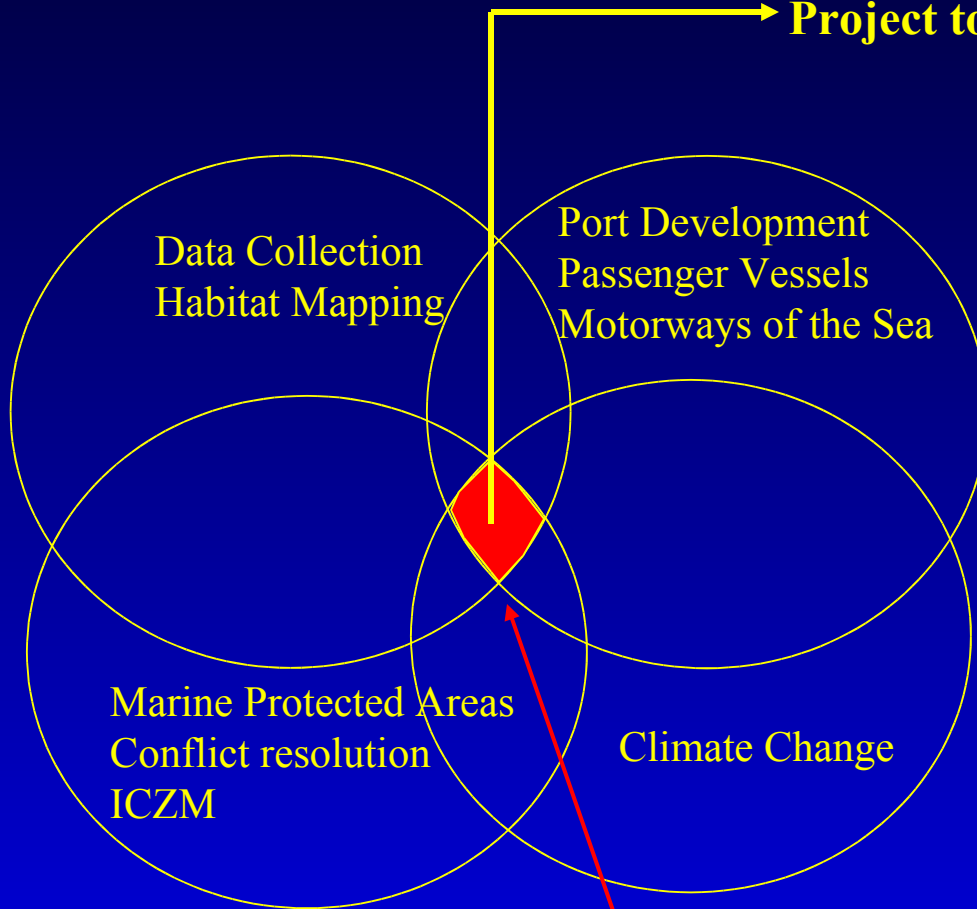
MSUO PRODUCTS

- Reports: 5
- Manuals/ Guidance: 2
- Conferences/ Seminars (05-06) : 4-6
- New Projects (2007-2013):
 - Monitoring and habitat sensitivity mapping?
 - Blue corridors?
 - Motorways of the Sea?
 - Refuge Areas?
 - Marine spatial planning?
 - Impact of Small Spills?

Baltic Project to Project Co-operation

MSUO

Project to Project Cooperation



Data Collection
Habitat Mapping

Port Development
Passenger Vessels
Motorways of the Sea

Marine Protected Areas
Conflict resolution
ICZM

Climate Change

Maritime Safety

Passenger vessel safety

Data & sensitivity mapping

**Oil Spill Contingency Plans
(shore, at sea & port)**

**Protection Measures for
Motorways of the Sea
-Advise PSSA development**

**Climate change &
shipping/ port safety**

Others?



GENERAL BENEFITS OF MSUO

- Identification of similar maritime issues
- Development of joint working and problem solving
- Close information gaps in individual projects
- Provision of Maritime Safety professional contacts
- Integration of maritime safety with spatial planning of coastal and marine areas
- A co-ordinated voice to speak at the European and International level
- Development of future funding opportunities
- Guide future funding programmes



SUMMARY

- Share experience and outcomes to ensure a safer marine environment with no duplication of effort
- Use MSUO to ensure Eligibility, Compatibility and Responsibility
- Develop new projects for the future (2007-2013)
- Link Proposed Projects to Risk Assessment/Prevention (Maritime Safety, habitat sensitivity) and Management of Water & Coastal Areas (marine policy) under new Programme



PLACE IN MSUO

The BALANCE contribution to the MSUO are:

- To provide common standards for Baltic marine data.
- To provide a metadatabase for maritime institutions in the Baltic Sea Region with public access.
- To provide broad scale marine landscape maps based on physical parameters (bathymetry, currents, geology etc.) for the Baltic Sea.
- To provide detailed habitat maps for 4 pilot areas based on physical and biological data.
- To provide examples of inshore and off shore zone planning based on natural, cultural and socio-economic information.



PLACE IN MSUO

The BALANCE interests in the MSUO are:

- To gain knowledge of relevant projects and institutions in the Baltic Sea and North Sea Region.
- To use the joint publicity and dissemination facilities (if necessary and cost effective).
- To gain support for use of co-funding for cross regional co-operation with other INTERREG projects e.g. the NWE MESH project.
- To win the planned tender for habitat sensitivity (joint effort with MESH?)
- To provide input to and help to prepare new initiatives for the future programme period (2007-2013) for the Baltic Sea & North Sea Regions.



SPECIFIC INITIATIVES?

Specific Project to Project Co-ordination could be:

- Development of a provisional European System for habitat sensitivity mapping using the European Environment Agency' EUNIS classification (cross regional).
- Prioritise natural and cultural values together in a common agreed system for use when planning e.g. emergency harbours and emergency response etc.
- To test the above systems in connection with Maritime Assistance Service (oil & shipping accidents) in a future project....



BENEFITS

Benefits to BALANCE and the partnership:

- Easier to approach MSUO project partners for socio-economic data.
- Cross-regional expenses will be made eligible.
- Development of a provisional European system for habitat sensitivity mapping opened for tender for INTERREG IIB project partners.
- Seminars on habitat mapping, modelling, blue corridors.
- Dissemination facilities (Gateway web site, Newsletters etc.)
- BALANCE will have influence on the future Programme Period 2007-2013
- The BALANCE partnership will be in a key position for shaping a future partnership.



COSTS

Costs for participating:

- App. €50 000 for the BALANCE participation.
- Has to be paid up front to the MSUO & new extra funding.
- Is eligible funding which will be reimbursed.
- Staff time, OH etc. is eligible, but the MSUO still have to be hired as a consultant.
- National authorities & research institutions should have an interest in shaping the future programme.
- Should BALANCE decided the application needs updating before the 23rd of September 2005.
- BSR INTERREG IIB needs answer within a week.



**DO BALANCE JOIN
THE MSUO?**

OR RATHER

**WHICH BALANCE
PARTNERS WILL
JOIN?**



BALANCE DINNER



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