

**FINAL NEWSLETTER**

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**The key outputs  
of COREPOINT**

**Using research and education to influence policy  
and build capacity and support for Integrated  
Coastal Zone Management**



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Building capacity has been one of the main foci of COREPOINT. This is reflected in the numerous outputs produced during the lifespan of the project as highlighted in this final edition of the COREPOINT newsletter.

A large volume of reference material was produced by the project. This, and all the project outputs and outcomes including those listed below, are freely available on the project website:

- ▶ **The Point of COREPOINT** – a strategic output which considers the status of ICZM in North West Europe. It presents the key outcomes from the COREPOINT ICZM capacity building initiatives and showcases the benefits of transnational working.
- ▶ **CoastWeb** – a portal that provides wide ranging information vital for coastal and marine professionals.
- ▶ **Expert Couplet Nodes** – a novel approach which fosters collaboration between research centres and local authorities to develop strategies to improve coastal management.
- ▶ **LIS Guidelines** – Local Information Systems (LIS) Guidelines developed to support better communications and joint understanding amongst stakeholder organisations.
- ▶ **Schools of Excellence in ICZM** – building capacity through the development and successful delivery of training programmes across North West Europe.



## Key outputs of COREPOINT

The COREPOINT project ran from 2004-2008 and delivered a diverse range of outputs as outlined in this newsletter.

These key outputs illustrate how the unique partnership between universities, research centres, NGOs, SMEs and local authorities co-operated to generate an array of tools and methods to facilitate ICZM in the North West European region.

## COREPOINT KEY OUTPUTS

### The Point of COREPOINT

This document summarises the key outcomes of the project and describes the main characteristics of the coast of North West Europe and the status of ICZM, including the governance context for its development within the region.

It contains outcomes from the COREPOINT ICZM capacity building initiatives and highlights key ways in which capacity can be strengthened and research-policy integration achieved.

Recommendations derived from the experiences within the project are presented that support existing approaches to ICZM and promote new and innovative ways to use ICZM in the North West Europe region. As a result it should provide a key reference for both coastal managers and policy makers.

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*The Point of COREPOINT*

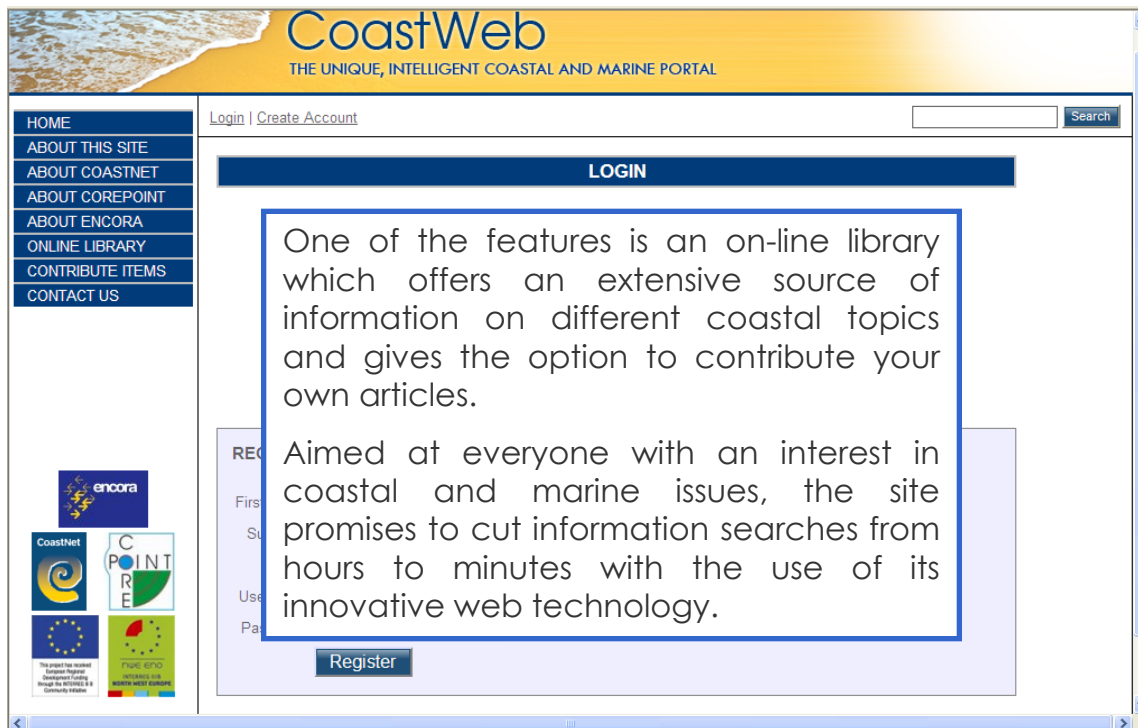
Improving Capacity for Integrated Coastal Zone Management in North West Europe

 The cover of the report features three images: a group of people on a beach, a group of people in a meeting, and a wind turbine. To the right is a map of North West Europe with different regions highlighted in yellow, green, orange, and blue.
 

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## CoastWeb - A unique, intelligent marine & coastal portal

Launched as part of COREPOINT this on-line resource offers a one-stop data repository for coastal and marine professionals. Much more than a simple website, it not only contains a wealth of information it also intelligently links this to other internal sources and to external sites using a complex coastal ontology.



TRY IT OUT - <http://www.coastweb.info/>

## Expert Couplet Nodes – bridging the gap between coastal researchers and policy makers in North West Europe

Expert Couplet Nodes (ECN) were established under COREPOINT in an attempt to address the issue of sustaining ICZM, by facilitating knowledge transfer between research centres and local authorities. The Expert Couplet is a mutually beneficial approach designed to improve coastal management through a closer relationship between the scientific and local authority communities.

***“All of those involved in the ECNs agreed that the approach added value to existing research and management operations”***

Read more on the outcomes and approach of the Expert Couplet Nodes on the **Outputs page** under ‘Capacity Building’.

## Schools of Excellence in ICZM

**As professional training is recognised as an essential part of ICZM, COREPOINT developed, tested and delivered a transferable and highly interactive training programme. Based around relevant case studies, training was successfully delivered at six separate sites across North West Europe.**

As a result of the trans-national approach adopted, and using feedback from delegates, the school evolved throughout the lifetime of the project. Subsequently, the course structure and content were fine tuned between the first school in Cork (Ireland) and the final school in Newcastle (UK).

*'The course was eye-opening with regards to the work ahead, the participative and integrative approach required and the urgency with which we need to be making informed policy'.*

The success of the schools demonstrates that there is a strong desire to learn more about ICZM and that the ICZM approach has been recognised as worthwhile by practitioners.

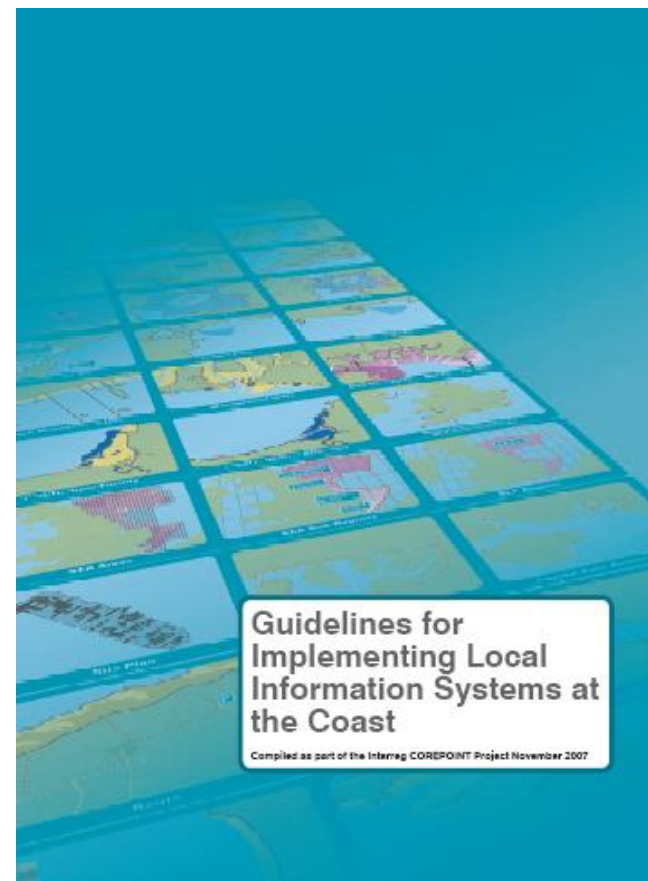
**Note that the final version of the ICZM training material is freely available on the project website.**

## Local Information Systems Guidelines

These were developed by COREPOINT partners in collaboration with over 100 local stakeholders through a series of special LIS workshops. The Guidelines were enhanced by COREPOINT partners documenting their pan-European experiences in establishing Local Information Systems.

The Guidelines stress the importance of identifying the most appropriate technologies to support decision-makers and making improved links between the existing technologies, so that there is a more integrated framework for managing coastal information.

The COREPOINT project developed a methodology which attempted to deal with the many technological, human and organisational challenges in ICZM by mobilising information and knowledge with respect to coastal zones.



**For a copy of the Guidelines please [click here](#) or visit the project website.**

## COREPOINT KEY OUTPUTS

The success of the COREPOINT project resulted from the project organisation, partner participation and inputs from the involved coastal communities. Thanks to all for making a contribution to building capacity for Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the North West Europe region!



The COREPOINT project was funded through the Interreg IIIB programme and had 12 partners from 5 countries (Ireland, UK, France, Belgium & the Netherlands).

The project utilised a trans-national approach to build capacity for Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) at a number of levels.

The project brought together geographers, economists, planners, engineers, natural scientists, lawyers and resource managers to undertake a unique analysis of contemporary European coastal policy.

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**Note that all previous newsletters are also available on the project website.**

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**The COREPOINT project was a partnership of 12 research groups and local authorities across North West Europe**



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