

The Baltic Sea coast is attractive in many aspects. Various sectors all have claims on the coastal areas, resulting in major pressure on valuable marine habitats, natural resources and ecosystem services. More coherent planning is required within the Baltic Sea Region as human activities and environmental pressures go beyond administrative borders.

WHAT IS COAST4US?

The aim of the project Coast4us is to create sustainable plans for marine and coastal areas and their surrounding communities. The participating partners in Estonia, Latvia, Sweden and Åland will together create methods and tools to better visualize and evaluate different values and interests. Working together will provide the opportunity to develop more useful plans; using knowledge and experiences from the respective countries.

The project will involve the local level in the planning process as well as mobilize and activate stakeholders of sectors with different interests, e.g. tourism, agriculture, nature conservation and fisheries.

The project will contribute to the coexistence between exploitative activities and the preservation of biodiversity and essential ecosystem services. In this project, the participating partners will analyze missing information and collect new data to make the planning tools more holistic. Furthermore, methods will be developed to make the planning processes more transparent, accessible and inclusive for the local level and stakeholders.

WHAT DO WE WANT TO ACHIEVE?

- Effective planning and management of coastal and marine areas.
- Knowledge concerning coastal zone management between countries.
- Integrated and coordinated actions regardless of administrative and geographical borders.
- Increase communication and cooperation between stakeholders regarding coastal zone management and marine spatial planning.
- Facilitate knowledge and support for decision-makers, researchers and authorities.
- Enable better possibilities to secure natural resources and ecosystem services.



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COAST4US



Creating sustainable
marine and coastal
zone plans



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