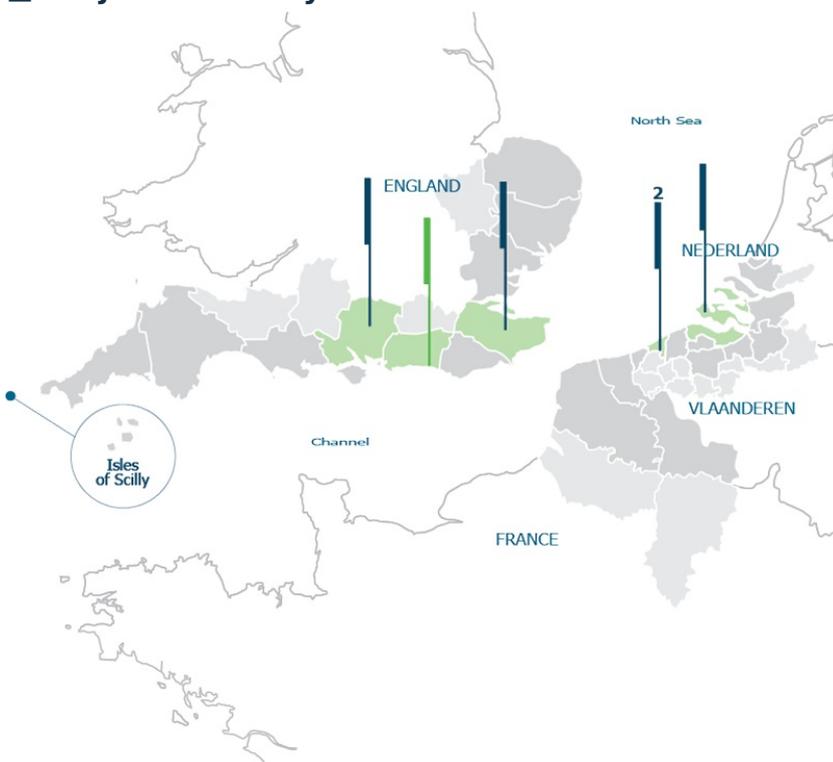


CC2150

Coastal Communities 2150 and Beyond



■ Project summary



Coastal Communities 2150 gathers partners from England, Belgium-Flanders and the Netherlands. The aim is to help create the right conditions to reduce the impact of coastal changes in vulnerable communities in the 2 Seas area. This will be done through the exchange of knowledge within the context of Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM). By overcoming national borders, CC2150 will use the collective knowledge and experience of coastal regions and pool financial resources. Working on a long-term time frame (2150) allows partners and coastal communities to see the wider implications of coastal changes.

Through informing communities of

the best available prediction of future coastal climate change impacts on them, the project empowers them to plan and prepare for coastal changes. In exchange, understanding community views enables partners to plan and prepare, based on an integrated vision including all parties. In addition, CC2150 contributes to the European framework for action to improve Europe's resilience to climate change, by facilitating the coordination and the exchange of best practices between Member States on climate related issues.

■ Activities

What was the project trying to achieve?

- CC2150 increased awareness of long-term coastal change by exchanging information and learning between Partners through a series of activities, including 9 cross border workshops &

additional information exchange outside of these workshops. We developed our common approaches, tools & techniques i.e. stakeholder analysis in Activity 1, led by PP4 & PP6. • We developed new community engagement strategies & techniques in Activity 2 which was led by PP2 and PP5 • LP & PP3 led Activity 3 where we used our tools to engage with pilot at risk communities who integrated their different perspectives into local visions & action plans for future work, by others, to successfully adapt to future change. • Site visits to each other's areas also helped us learn about our problems, & solutions. This was very useful • We held a very successful final conference to disseminate our results, tools and best practice reports so that other communities can learn from our work on planning and adapting to coastal change • The Project Partnership was very strong allowing us to work closely together throughout. We established 'Twinning pairs' which resulted in partners working and sharing best practice on ICZM outside the project. 4 of the 6 Partners joined the PRiME-C cluster and an exchange visit between LP and PP4 schools has been set up. • By working in Partnership we shared information and learning. This helped us to communicate with at risk communities who now understand the risks and through their local visions, have tools to adapt to the future risks and opportunities that climate change will bring.

What were the activities implemented?

In Activity 1 Partners worked to develop a risk profiling method & stakeholder analysis (since used by the JTS in planning for INTERREG V) which informed decisions made in selecting their pilot community & local overview group. 2 Barriers to engagement reports were commissioned & shared with all partners to assist with engagement activities In Activity 2 Partners worked to & develop stakeholder engagement strategies with selected local stakeholders helping to refine this local work. In addition, communication and engagement tools were produced to support these strategies In Activity 3 Partners applied engagement strategies & products to create integrated long-term visions for adapting to coastal change Best practice was collated through cross-border workshops & production of a Lessons Learnt report produced & a Practical Guide which was translated into Dutch. The work of CC2150 & project results were shared more widely at closing conference in February 2014 & later through the PRiME-C Cluster In Activity 4, Partners agreed a project communication plan & designed communication tools to promote the project. LP attended various conferences and INTERREG events & networked with other Projects such as LiCCO, Floodcom, IMCORE etc sharing knowledge and learning. At closing conference, awards were given to stakeholders who made exceptional contributions to CC2150 & LP had sponsored a local educational initiative to train young people to pass knowledge on adapting to climate change through 'peer to peer' initiative with a local catchment 'baton'.

■ Results

What were the key results of the project?

Partners produced risk profiling & common stakeholder analysis methodology which was used to identify priority communities to work with. Each partner set up a local overview group and overall we developed 13 engagement strategies across the partnership. 2 'Barriers to Engagement' reports were also commissioned to support this work. We produced an activity evaluation report for each of the 3 activities together with a final/communications report and a mid-term project review. We also produced 9 cross-border workshop reports as well as a

Practical Guide to engaging on climate change in two volumes which is a compilation of best practice displayed in a number of case studies. Partners also worked together to produce a Lessons Learnt report. This all contributed to a strengthened cross-border knowledge base. Partners have produced 9 detailed community vision and action plans by working with their local engagement groups A legacy has been established by way of the PRiME-C Cluster. The vision & action plans allow communities to work beyond the life of CC2150 and help them adapt to future threats and opportunities thus making the areas more resilient and prosperous 3 project films have been produced and were shown at a successful closing conference attended by over 100 delegates from UK, Belgium, France, Netherlands and Denmark. CC2150 has produced a large amount of communication tools and best practice which is outlined in the Practical Guides. We had not expected to achieve such a strong twinning relationship between Partners nor the setting up of a school student exchange between LP and PP4.

Did all partners and territories benefit from the results?

LP East Sussex, communities Newhaven, Seaford, Lewes & Villages - Community led climate change Adaptation Plan now used to inform future flood defences & town planning - Climate trail information boards promote increased local awareness of climate change & need to plan/ adapt - Network of local councils now working together on adapting to climate change at wider coastal catchment level PP2 County Kent Margate, Isle of Sheppey, Romney Marsh - Community led vision for how tourism & economy can benefit from long term climate change if adaptation measures included in local plans - Learnt how to achieve strong community buy in through targeted community engagement & working with local representatives - Strong appreciation of challenges from coastal climate change which informs future local planning PP3 Yarmouth, Solent Breezes, Southampton, Calshot, Langstone - Community led local adaptation plan now informs future coastal defence work - Natural processes used for future shoreline management planning - Community group formed to solve common problem of coastal flooding - Long term planning decisions aided by computer visualisations of sea level rise PP4 Island of Schouwen Duiveland - Long term environmental & social change built into local 50 year economic visitor & regeneration plan. - Established a link between school on Island & LP territory. Teacher exchange visit & information exchange PP5 & PP6 Ostend, National Belgium coast - Community engagement on adaptation opportunities in ICZM - Local Mayors become involved for first time in planning national level coastal defences & safety master plan Observer Nord pas Calais - better awareness of ICZM climate change adaptation in 2 Seas

What were the effects / outcomes for the territories involved?

Territories are much better placed to plan & adapt to climate & coastal change. We successfully exchanged knowledge on how each partner works on risk management and opportunities of ICZM. All partners now use this in their work, including opportunities of economic benefits from future adaptation & cost savings from adaptive planning. 2 seas region has better tools with CC2150 publishing many communications & engagement tools & comprehensive practical guide useful for all. Outcomes each partner now has a • risk profile of their vulnerable coastal communities • detailed analysis of local stakeholders impacted by coastal change • knows how to form & work with a Local Community Engagement Group (LEG) • knows how to use LEGs for community representation in decision making in ICZM and risk management planning In addition LP, PP2, PP3, PP4 have community led long term visions & action plans to inform future adaptation measures in pilot areas. PP5 and PP6 have the knowledge of other partners work to

help them achieve similar outcomes in the future.

■ Distinctiveness

What was the real added-value of doing this cross-border project?

Cross Border working has been invaluable to CC2150. Partners have all had quite different problems (example Belgium has 67 km of coastline where as the Environment Agency has 14,500 km !!) and different Partners have different government models and ways of doing things. But we all share the same '2seas' and will be impacted by similar future issues of climate change. By Sharing experiences, knowledge and solutions we realised countries have different methods of consulting with community members on climate change and sustainability issues. By understanding what others are doing, you can use the best methods in your own local situation. People are really interested in what happens in different parts of Europe. It helps to say "but aah, they do this in Belgium - and it works"

Have any synergies been developed with other projects or networks?

CC2150 has worked and networked widely with a large number of Projects. LP has worked with IMCORE, LiCCO, Future Cities, Floodcom, C-SCOPE, Arche-Manche. The PRiME-C cluster inspired by CC2150 is capitalising on INTERREG projects (CC2150, C-SCOPE, RINSE, ARCH-MANCHE, FUSION, TRANSCOAST) LiCCO, GIF-T, NOSTRA PP3 has worked with Pegaseas, Imcore, Valmer and LiCCO PP5 has worked with the co-ordination centre in the EU ICZM expert group and best practices from CC2150 have been shared with SUSCOD, FLOODCOM and FLOODaware and BLAST by PP6 as well.

What are the key messages , key lessons learned you would like to share?

- Set clear expectations about what the project can & cannot achieve & be sure to review these regularly with stakeholders
- Face to face communication works best at project & local level - get out & talk to people in the communities. Add tools that help visualise the future impact of coastal change & you have a powerful approach to engagement. Always plan for a face to face PMC meeting when partners meet i.e. workshops
- Complex topics like adapting to long term Climate change need to be broken up into easily understandable chunks. Use a series of dedicated meetings to explore each theme, ensuring everyone is happy before moving onto the next topic.
- Communicating takes time, but it is worth investing that time in face to face meetings. Once people understand they become your allies, and will spread your message.
- When Communicating be bold, brave, honest
- Remember Legacy, plan for how your work will be disseminated & continued after the project funding has ended

■ Project Information

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