



***SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT***

***WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN PARIS TO FORMULATE ENCORA'S INPUT TO FUTURE FP7 CALLS!***

***ENCORA CONFERENCE ON***

***RESEARCH TOPICS NEEDED FOR ADVANCING SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF OUR COASTAL ZONES***

***PARIS, 5-7 DECEMBER 2007***

***SHARE YOUR VIEWS AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF "EUROPEAN ACTION PLANS" THAT WILL GUIDE FUTURE COASTAL AND MARINE RESEARCH***

***You are invited to pre-register for this important event at [www.encora.eu](http://www.encora.eu).***

The European Commission has invited the ENCORA community to identify scientific and technical key issues for advancing sustainable management of our coastal zones. The Paris theme conference will be dedicated to the development of so-called European Action Plans, which are part of ENCORA's deliverables. The steering committee has brought the deadline for these deliverables forward in order to increase ENCORA's impact and influence on FP7 coastal research topics.

The process will start this autumn through Internet forum discussions and e-mail communications within each theme.

The conference will also address the further improvement of the Coastal Wiki. Renowned European experts have already contributed several hundred articles to the Coastal Wiki, reflecting well-established knowledge and experience related to a great variety of coastal and marine topics. The Actions Plans reflect major obstacles in our present understanding and therefore can be considered as the Coastal Wiki counterpart.

***Headlines Conference Programme***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Aim</b>
5 Dec Afternoon	Plenary	To define future coastal and marine challenges To specify the role of European Action Plans To present the outcome of the Internet Forum discussions (first draft Action Plans)
6 Dec Morning	Thematic workshops	To discuss the outcome of the first draft Action Plans To identify major knowledge gaps and their implications for policy, practice To formulate headlines of the Theme Action Plans
6 Dec Afternoon	Thematic workshops	To review the current status of the Coastal Wiki To identify contributions and contributors
7 Dec Morning	Plenary	To present and discuss the Theme reports on Coastal Wiki and Action Plans To set an agenda for further elaboration To define opportunities for presentation and implementation of the Action Plans

## *Plenary Programme 5<sup>th</sup> December 2pm start*

Chaired by Job Dronkers, ENCORA coordinator

<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Mr Roche Director of Maritime, Road and Fluvial Transport of the French Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Spatial Planning	Major coastal and marine issues from the French perspective; Ongoing and planned efforts to implement ICZM; How can Europe help the national implementation of ICZM; Ways in which the European Action Plans can contribute
Mrs. Manuela Soares, director of the Environment Research Programme of DG Research	Major challenges for coastal and marine policies at the European level; EC agenda for strengthening the implementation of coastal and marine management in Europe; Expectations regarding the use of European Action Plans
Representative European Marine Board	Background and headlines of the Aberdeen Declaration; Implementation / follow-up
Job Dronkers	ENCORA present status; Objectives and follow-up
Speakers + members ENCORA Advisory Board	Panel discussion: Reflection on the use of European Action Plans; Tuning with ongoing initiatives; Discussion with the audience
Andrew Chadwick	Introduction to the development European Action Plans; Expected achievements during the conference and finalisation afterwards
Theme coordinators	Presentations on the outcome of the Internet Forums on European Action Plans

CONFERENCE DINNER

## *Parallel theme sessions 6<sup>th</sup> December 9am - 6pm*

Chaired by theme coordinators

Theme participants to :

- Review the present content of the Coastal Wiki and list major missing topics
- Identify major deficiencies in existing policies and practices
- Analyse basic knowledge gaps underlying missing topics in Coastal Wiki and underlying deficiencies in present policies and practices
- Discuss the first draft Action Plans based on previously held forum e-conferences
- Identify and rank major topics to be included in European Action Plans
- Define topics needing further elaboration to concretize the Action Plans
- Agree on delivery of contributions to complete the Action Plans

Wrap-up by theme coordinator

## *Plenary session 7<sup>th</sup> December 9am -1pm*

Chaired by Andrew Chadwick, WP3 coordinator

- Theme coordinators present outcome theme workshops
- Presentation of tentative synthesis by Andrew Chadwick
- General discussion of outcome theme workshops and tentative synthesis
- Work plan for the finalization of the European Action Plans
- Discussion on increasing the impact of the Action Plans and on presentation at final event

Participation to the conference is limited to a maximum of 180 people. Selection will be based on a combination of balanced participation across themes, balanced geographical representation and timely registration.

For registration you will be asked to indicate the theme that best fits your expertise. We will invite you during the months preceding the conference to participate in one of the thematic internet forums that will be organized to prepare for the conference.

If you are selected for participation you may apply for reimbursement of travel and lodging costs. The maximum reimbursement will be decided by the theme coordination offices taking into account your travel scheme. For young professionals the YPEP travel grant procedure is applicable, see [www.encora.eu/ypep.php](http://www.encora.eu/ypep.php) for application and conditions. Participants from Algeria, Morocco, Russia, Tunisia, Ukraine may apply for funding at their national coordination offices. No conference fee will be required. Lunches and conference dinner are offered by the organisation.

***The Action Plans will constitute an authoritative document reflecting the expertise of 1500+ ENCORA members from across Europe. They will generate new incentives to national and European research and they will influence the direction of future EC framework programs.***