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Subject: Progress in implementation EU ICZM Recommendation

To draw up a succinct overview of the Recommendation's state of implementation in each coastal Member State, DG Environment, in agreement with the EU ICZM Expert Group, sent a questionnaire to all 20 coastal member states of the EU25 in November 2004. Responses from 17 Member States were received in a period from December 2004 to June 2005, plus a few updates in September 2005.

On basis of the questionnaire responses an overview table is compiled that addresses the following aspects

- The nature of the response to the EU ICZM Recommendation (Strategy or other);
- The stocktake or other studies carried out to underpin the ICZM Strategy (Chapter III of the Recommendation);
- The scope and contents of the ICZM Strategy, including consultation and participation (Chapter IV of the Recommendation);
- The reporting by February 2006 (Chapter VI of the Recommendation).

All respondents note that for their countries there will be a response to the EU ICZM Recommendation. The type of response is not necessarily an ICZM Strategy along the stipulations of the Recommendation. Replies show that there can also be additional action in the frame of existing policies or legislation to promote ICZM. The overall progress in the implementation of the Recommendation can be summarised as follows:

	Number of coastal Member States	Representing x km of the EU coastline* (ref. EuroSION coastline definition)
Development of an ICZM Strategy	9	64.635 (64%)
Development of additional action, to promote ICZM	7	18.332 (18%)
Undecided	1	4.578 (5%)
No reply	3	13.260 (13%)
Total	20	100.805 (100 %)

It is hoped that this overview will provide visibility and transparency to the Recommendation's implementation process and assist exchanges of experiences between Member States and interested third parties. That being said, the purpose of the overview is merely to provide a state-of-play of the implementation process based on the questionnaire responses. The overview does *not* evaluate or judge the substance of Member States' activities deployed in response to the Recommendation. Moreover, from absence of response it cannot be inferred that there is no progress in ICZM in a particular country. It should also be noted that the overview provides a 'snapshot' at a particular moment in time of an on-going process. This implies that in particular the indications of the contents of the Strategies cannot be taken as final and definite.

Attachments: - Implementation overview by Member State
- Model questionnaire

Integrated Coastal Zone Management
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Country	Implementation prospects			Chapter III Stock-take	Chapter IV National strategy			Chapter VI Reporting
	ICZM National Strategy (following EU Recommendation):	No strategy but additional action in frame of existing policies/legislation:	Comments:		Geographical coverage of the Strategy	Scope of the strategy	Participation/ Consultation process	
Contact person e-mail / website				- stocktake or other preparatory studies - contents of the stocktake	- one /several strategies - coastal zone specific / or broader area	Foreseeable aims/objectives Potential measures	Draft strategy: date Type of consultation / whom	
Belgium Michael Kyramarios; Kathy Belpaeme michael.kyramarios@health.fgov.be kathy.belpaeme@west-vlaanderen.be http://www.west-vlaanderen.be		X	- Activities started through ICZM projects in 1997	- Final report TERRA ICZM project, 2001 - Recommendation for ICZM communication strategy, 2002 - Juridical inventory for the Belgian coast, 2001 (update 2002) - Sustainability barometer proposal 2003 and Coastal Atlas, 2004 - Kustcodex, 2004 - Inventory land-sea interactions (in progress)	Coastal zone specific (but ICZM is recognised in the Federal Sustainable Development Plan; North Sea Masterplan under development is key opportunity for ICZM)	The sustainability barometer sets 6 priorities for the Belgian coastal zone - improve quality of living and housing environment - preserve and strengthen socio-cultural capital - improve environment and nature - strengthen economic texture - support tourism and recreation - carry out governance renewal General implementation		Yes

/upload/kustzonebeheer/Web-site%20NLD/index.htm						<p>through</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Co-Ordination Centre for ICZM - and applying ICZM principles in concrete actions, e.g. stakeholder involvement, conflict analysis for designation marine protected areas <p>Specific measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - review of land-sea interaction and remedying legislative or consultation gaps 		
<p>Cyprus</p> <p>Joanna Constantinidou</p> <p>jconstantinidou@environment.moa.gov.cy</p>	<p>X</p>		<p>Start of process January 2003</p> <p>The strategy will be delivered through a CAMP project, 2005-2007 (Mediterranean Action Plan)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - launch of CAMP expected in October 2005 	<p>2001 Diagnostic and Feasibility study for the CAMP project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - country/coastal zone profile and trends - policy and regulatory framework - analysis of gaps / shortcomings that need to be addressed 	<p>One island-wide strategy, but incorporating a local spatial dimension through pilot application projects in (peri-) urban areas</p>	<p>Aim: promote sustainable management of the coast and to elaborate and demonstrate the application of ICZM principles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - methodologies and practices of sustainable development and integrated coastal area management (ICAM, sustainability analysis and indicators, biodiversity concerns in ICAM) - tools of integrated coastal area management (SEA, Carrying capacity assessment, resource valuation and economic instruments, local pilot application) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Part of the CAMP project task is public participation and awareness - A national steering group to guide the project includes several ministries and departments, the union of municipalities, the union of rural communities, various stakeholder organisations and ngo's, and the Cyprus Scientific and Technical Chamber 	<p>Yes</p>

Denmark: No reply – due to ongoing reform of regions/municipalities								
Estonia Urve Sinijärv Urve.sinijärv@ekm.envir.ee		X	Action will concern mostly improving legislation concerning the management of coastal areas	-	Coastal zone specific	Priorities - Balanced management of coasts - Nature conservation - Influencing human settlement - Ensuring public access May 2004: new nature conservation law came into force Special attention to planning processes in coastal areas		No
Finland Tiina Tihlman Tiina.tihlman@ymparisto.fi www.ymparisto.fi	X		Start of the process in April 2004	Stocktake following the EU Recommendation finalised in 2005 Seminars are organised in various parts of Finland to analyse role interests, role and concerns of citizens, ngo's and business sector.	One, coastal zone specific	Objectives, priorities and measures are still open depending on outcome of the stocktake		Yes

<p>France</p> <p>Christophe Le Visage; Gilbert Le Lann</p> <p>Christophe.levisage@bretagne.ecologie.gouv.fr</p> <p>gilbert.lelann@sgmer.pm.gouv.fr</p>	<p>X</p>		<p>Start of process by creation of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interministerial Sea Committee, April 2004 - Interministerial Country planning committee, September 2004 	<p>Preparatory studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pour une approche intégrée de gestion des zones côtières ; Commission Environnement Littoral du CIADT 2001 (analysis previous experimentations) - National Country Planning Council report; 2004 CNADT. (main orientations) - Construire ensemble un développement équilibré du littoral; DATAR 2004 (main issues and priorities) - 25 Pilot projects selected in 2005 (www.territoires-littoraux.com) 	<p>One, coastal zone specific</p>	<p>The strategy will aim at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - better institutional cooperation, between all stakeholders at national, regional and local level - definition of objectives / vision at all three levels - co-ordination of sea and land management - consistence of sectoral policies and co-ordination of implementation through shared management - monitoring and assessment <p>Actions/measures: Based on existing or slightly modified regulatory instruments, adaptation of statutory management structures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creation of a national co-ordination and assessment body “Conseil national du littoral” (2005); consultation/participation - Contractual approach through regional plans, local integrated projects - Coastal Observatory (www.ifen.fr), network of integrated projects - Education mechanisms 	<p>Process for the Strategy to be decided by the Conseil national du Littoral</p> <p>Draft Strategy expected in 2006</p>	<p>Yes</p>
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<p>Germany</p> <p>Stefan Lütkes Heike Holzfuß; Michael Heugel</p> <p>Stefan.luetkes@bmu.bund.de</p> <p>Heike.holzfuess@bmu.bund.de</p> <p>Michael.heugel@bmu.bund.de</p> <p>http://www.ikzm-strategie.de</p>	<p>X</p>		<p>Start of the process in 2003</p>	<p>- overall national stocktake (by Ministry of Environment); drafts of the report discussed at workshops April & August 2005</p> <p>- Spatial planning at sea? Towards a national ICZM strategy: spatial planning perspectives (report by Housing, Transport and Planning Ministry)</p> <p>- several research activities</p>	<p>2 coastal zone specific strategies, including EEZ:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - North Sea Region - Baltic Sea Region 	<p>Priorities and measures yet to be decided</p>	<p>Draft strategy expected October 2005</p> <p>Planned consultation mechanisms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - cooperation with coastal Länder - information and discussion meetings - national internet platform 	<p>Yes</p>
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<p>Greece</p> <p>Athena Mourmouris</p> <p>a.mourmouri@dxor.minenv.gr</p>	<p>X</p>		<p>Preparation started in 2002 through demonstration projects (CAMPs and LIFE)</p> <p>An ICZM strategy is not expected before end 2006; delays in response to the Recommendation is due to ensure coordination with the national spatial plan and some sectoral plans (industry, tourism, clean energies) that are being prepared.</p> <p>In the meantime: some adaptation of existing policies and legislation</p>	<p>An update stocktake is envisaged, broader in scope than the preparatory studies for the 2002 framework legislation</p>	<p>A coastal zone specific plan will follow the country wide National Spatial Plan</p>	<p>Aim/Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A balanced, coherent and sustainable management of different activities in the coastal zone - Use of appropriate tools for ICZM - Coherence of sectoral policies - Better institutional cooperation, including stakeholder involvement <p>measures to be developed on basis of stocktake</p>	<p>A draft strategy is expected end 2006; consultations over the plan in accordance with the current legislation</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Ireland</p> <p>Dave O'Donoghue</p> <p>Dave.odonoghue@dcmmr.gov.ie</p>	<p>Form of response to the EU Recommendation yet to be decided</p>		<p>Formal stocktake not yet completed</p>		<p>To be decided, dependant on outcome stocktake</p>		<p>Yes</p>	
<p><i>Italy: No reply</i></p>								

<p>Latvia</p> <p>Dzintra Upmace</p> <p>Dzintra.upmace@raplm.gov.lv</p> <p>http://www.raplm.gov.lv/eng/</p>		X	<p>Start of process in 2002, preparation of the National Spatial Plan. The Plan is to set out the national interests and requirements for use and development of the whole state territory.</p>	<p>Project - Protection and management of coastal habitats (LIFE Nature project) 2002-2005</p>	<p>The National Spatial Plan covers the whole of Latvia, including the coastal area</p>	<p>Sustainable development of the Baltic Sea and the Gulf of Riga, taking into account management and protection of coastal habitats of EU and national importance Measures: adaptation of policies and structures; regional development policy and programmes; district/local programmes</p>	<p>Draft National Spatial plan: December 2005</p> <p>Consultations and participation in accordance with spatial planning regulations</p>	Yes
<p>Lithuania</p> <p>D. Gudaitiene-Holiman</p> <p>d.gudaitiene@am.lt</p>		X	<p>Continuation from activity started in 1996.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2001 Lithuanian Baltic Sea Coasts Management Strategy (protected areas) - Development of Programme for coastal strip management 	<p>An update stocktake should focus on species, habitats and landscape protection</p>	<p>Coastal zone specific</p>	<p>Sustainable development of the coastal strip, safeguarding natural coastal complexes and creating conditions for the prudent use of natural resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -2003 adoption of the programme for the coastal strip management - update in 2005 (focus on new economic trends and nature processes) 		To be decided

<p>Malta</p> <p>Michelle Borg</p> <p>Michelle.borg@mepa.org.mt</p> <p>www.mepa.org.mt</p>	<p>X</p>		<p>Start of the process in 2000 as part of the review process of the Structure Plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultation process with regulatory bodies to identify roles and responsibilities - Coastal Strategy Topic Paper (2002), including public consultation 	<p>One coastal zone specific strategy, as part of the national development plan that will identify the coastal zone as a specific geographical unit</p>	<p>The Strategy will direct development control in both land and marine environment.</p> <p>Overall goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - encourage further social and economic development by ensuring sufficient land is available through upgrading of land, buildings and infrastructure - facilitate stewardship of rural, urban, coastal and marine environment, promoting distinctiveness and channelling urban development in existing areas - facilitate an integrated and efficient approach to the development and use of land, buildings and infrastructure - facilitate partnership, participation and inclusion in the planning process 	<p>An SEA is being carried out of the new Structure plan, incorporating the coastal strategy</p> <p>Draft replacement structure plan to be published July 2006, and submitted to a public consultation process.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
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<p>Nether-lands</p> <p>Wino Aarnink</p> <p>Wino.aarnink@minvenw.nl</p>		<p>X</p>	<p>Following the strategy in the National Policy Document on spatial planning</p>	<p>Both new and updated material:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - stakeholder opinions and ICZM aspects in regional zoning plans - inventory of national and EU policies and legislation - indicators and monitoring projects 	<p>Coastal zone specific part of the national spatial planning strategy</p>	<p>Priorities: Sustainable safety and spatial quality</p> <p>Measures, especially implementing ICZM principles of involvement of all parties and support and involvement of all relevant administrative bodies at national, regional and local level</p>	<p>Joint implementation by 4 ministries</p> <p>May and October 2005 political consultation with coastal administrative bodies</p> <p>Draft document available for consultation: November 2005</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Poland</p> <p>Magdalena Bonin-Jarkiewicz</p> <p>mbonin@mi.gov.pl</p>	<p>X</p>		<p>A strategy is not expected before 2007. But gradually since 1995 laws and structures have been adapted to fit increasingly ICZM principles</p> <p>A National coastal zone policy is developed (2005) as a pre-requisite to a more detailed ICZM strategy</p>	<p>Stock-tacke has started (autumn 2005)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - inventory of actors in the coastal zone - review of present legal system 		<p>1) welfare improvement coastal population 2) maintenance or improvement of safety, including preparation of hinterland 3) maintenance or improvement of proper state of the environment</p> <p>Possibly adaptation to existing laws and structures; preparation of new, long-term national sea and land-use policies</p>		<p>Yes</p>
<p><i>Portugal: No reply</i></p>								

<p>Slovenia</p> <p>Mitja Bricelj; Slavko Mezek</p> <p>Mitja.bricelj@gov.si</p> <p>Slavko.mezek@rrc-kp.si</p>		<p>X</p>		<p>Stocktake in progress focussing on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - relevant actors and stakeholders - review of national and local strategies and programmes - review of relevant cooperation structures 	<p>In context of regional development strategies, Adriatic river basin including coastal waters</p>	<p>Overall objective achieving sustainable spatial development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developing regional spatial strategies - Promoting bottom-up approach with public participation in coastal planning - Identification of the appropriate mix of instruments <p>measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of policies - programme for coastal development/projects - upgrading of monitoring sytem at the regional level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public participation via workshops and webpage - formal consultations <p>draft March 2006</p>	<p>Yes</p>
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<p>Spain</p> <p>Javier Cachón de Mesa</p> <p>jcachon@mma.es</p>	<p>X</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Start of the process September 2003 - The strategy will take account of the specific Spanish characteristics (ex. Spanish Law of the Coasts) and the competencies framework between national, autonomous regions and local administrations. 	<p>Stocktake focusses on identification of the main actors of coastal management and identification of the main coastal units and activities</p>	<p>Several coastal zone specific strategies are envisaged, for each management area</p>	<p>Main objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Protect the physical integrity of coastal geomorphologies - Prevent coastal erosion - Protect landscape values <p>Other issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reduce impacts of overuse of coasts - protect public domain and heritage - maintain bathing water and biodiversity <p>Implementation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Coastal Steering Plan, to develop the objectives, create a coastal projects programme and establish information/monitoring systems. - agreements have been signed with coastal Autonomous regions to establish new organisational structures and financial mechanisms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The stocktake and strategic guidelines will be coordinated across sectors at national and regional levels. - The stocktake and the management procedures will be subject to involvement of end users and ngo's. <p>Draft strategy December 2005</p>	<p>Yes</p>
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<p>Sweden</p> <p>Sten Jerdenius</p> <p>Sten.jerdenius@sustainable.ministry.se</p>		<p>X</p>	<p>Start of process October 2004</p>	<p>National board of building and planning evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - extent of incorporation of ICZM principles and tasks in planning for sustainable development - coherence between municipal comprehensive plans and national regional growth and development programmes - adequacy of protection of coastal areas of national importance through comprehensive municipal plans 	<p>As part of existing planning framework, coastal counties are likely to have or will have coastal strategies</p>	<p>Depending on the recommendations following the stocktake/evaluation</p>		<p>Probably</p>
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<p>United Kingdom</p> <p>Karen Morgan Pamela Whaley</p> <p>karen.morgan@defra.gsi.gov.uk or pamela.whaley@defra.gsi.gov.uk</p> <p>http://www.defra.gov.uk/Environment/water/marine/uk/iczm/</p>	<p>X</p>		<p>Start of process : March 2003</p>	<p>Final report March 2004 “ICZM in the UK: a stocktake”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - examination of legislation, institutions and stakeholders involved in planning and management of the coastal zone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overall UK strategy, as part of a broader marine strategy - Individual ICZM strategies for England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Crown dependencies - Scotland produces a joint marine and coastal strategy 	<p>Aim: Embed the principles of sustainable development in planning and management of coastal resources and activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - considering the need for a more coherent, flexible and coordinated approach to manage the marine environment; new primary legislation to provide the overall framework - encourage effective stakeholder engagement, through supporting regional and local coastal partnerships - promoting ICZM principles through information/data and good practice sharing - developing systems for evaluation and sharing of best-practice 	<p>Draft strategy by end 2005</p> <p>Consultation activities following the draft publication (series of meetings, including with stakeholders)</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Candidate countries</p>								

<p>Romania</p> <p>Dimitru Dorogan</p> <p>dsrc@mappm.ro</p>	<p>X</p>		<p>Activities started through ICZM projects in 2003</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Project completion report entitled “Implementation of the WFD and ICZM in transitional and coastal waters in Romania”, with an outline ICZM Strategy issued in 2005, to be implemented by stakeholders. - List of identified pollution sources and hot spots - Database on coastal erosion, coastal dynamics and inventory of existing coastal defense works in the southern part of the coast - Agricultural land use database 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Entire Romanian coastal zone which include the Danube Delta Biosphre Reserve, as defined in the National Strategy and also according to the CE 60/2000 principles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Amendments of the existing law 280/2003 -Delimitation of the coastal areas -Territorial and urbanistic set-up plans for coastal zone -Measures against coastal erosion -Integrated beach management -Constructions interdictions/ restrictions in the coastal zone -Integrated management plan of the coastal zone -Enforcing the new legislation for coastal zone -Identifying the financial mechanisms -Developing the demonstartive coastal project to show the benefits of the ICZM -Seting up the ICZM monitoring system and reporting -Developing a local information system & coastal and marine database management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishing of the sectoral working groups with broad participation of experts and stakeholders 2005 - Establishing a web site for public debate documents 2005-2006 	<p>No</p>
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EU ICZM Recommendation (2002/413/EC) – Form

COUNTRY:

Contact person: name:

e-mail:

Organisation:

GENERAL

Will there be a National response to the EU ICZM Recommendation ? **YES/NO**
If yes, when did the implementation process start **[date]**

If **YES**: what is the nature of the implementation :

- Development of a National Strategy for ICZM following the following the EU Recommendation

- No strategy envisaged, but specific additional action in the context of existing policies/legislation
Details (what additional action, in which context):

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- Other
Details:
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if **NO**: what are the main reasons for not responding to the EU Recommendation ?
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REPORTING

Will your country submit a report to the Commission, by February 2006, as foreseen in Chapter VI.1 of the EU ICZM Recommendation ? **YES/NO**

STOCKTAKE (Chapter III)

Chapter III of the EU Recommendation invites Member States to conduct or update an overall stocktaking of the management of their coastal zone, upon which subsequently to base the National Strategy.

Has your country carried out or updated such stocktakes or preparatory studies? **New/update**

What did the studie(s) focus on (contents):

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Report(s): Reference/Title: **[reference]**

Available from:

[website , other]

STRATEGY (Chapter IV)

Based on the results of the stocktaking and implementing the principles for ICZM, Member States are invited to set up National Strategies. Chapter IV of the EU Recommendation provides suggestions for the strategy scope and contents.

Number of strategies per country (Chapter IV.1):

One/More

If you envisage more than one strategy for your country, how many and for which areas ? :

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Geographical coverage of the strategy/ies (Chapter IV.2):

- coastal zone specific
- or part of a geographically broader strategy or programme

If part of a broader strategy, what area is covered:

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Scope of the strategy (Chapter IV.3):

What are the foreseeable main objectives of the Strategy and/or priority themes?:

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What measures are being considered for implementation of the Strategy?:

(e.g. new/adaption to organisational structures, adaptation/new policies, regulatory instruments, financial mechanisms, programmes for coastal projects, information/monitoring systems, etc. ..)

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Consultation process – participation

- What consultation and/or participation processes are planned in view of the final strategy?:

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- When will a *draft* strategy be available for consultation ?

[date]

Information can be obtained from :

[Contact person / information point]
[website]