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## **INTEGRATED COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT IN SLOVENIA**

Slovenia has a very short coast line, about 50 km long. It is situated between borders with Italy and Croatia. It is a part of South Primorska region. If compared with other statistical regions, the area is placed among the small ones, but according to different socio-economic indicators, it is second to the most developed region, the Osrednja slovenska region (Central Slovenia). The indicators of the South Primorska region are a little less satisfactory than those of its part - the Obalno-kraska statistical region; however, they are still above the Slovenian average. The region is not homogeneous, as there are differences in the level of development between its coastal and other areas.

The region covers an area of 1,524 km<sup>2</sup>, which is 7.5% of the Slovenian territory, and almost 6% of the population. The area of statistical region covers the Adriatic Rivers basin, including also the whole coastal area in Slovenia.

The most important pressures and problems of the coastal zone are the following:

- Socio economic problems,
- urban development (littoralisation, urban sprawl, transport),
- pressures on water body (communal waste water, solid waste),
- tourist development,
- ecosystem and habitat degradation,
- degradation of coastal landscape and cultural heritage,
- nautical sports (marinas),
- marine transport.

**Taking into consideration the short coastal length Slovenia has incorporated the ICZM into Regional Development Strategy and Programme for South Primorska region (hereinafter called RDP).**

The first strategy and programme for the region, covering the period 2002-2006 has been prepared in 2002. CAMP Slovenia (Coastal Area Management Programme) began in 2004 and it is focused on spatial planning/development issues (preparation of regional conception of spatial development for the region, including coastal strip), sustainable tourism development strategy, regional programme for waters protection and management of nature protected areas. The project is in progress and will be finished by the end of the year. Earlier this year the preparation of a new RDP South Primorska has started, for the period 2007-2013. The strategic part of the document has been already prepared; the programme will be adopted in September. The document will incorporate also the results of CAMP Slovenia, in the fields of Spatial development and management, Tourism development, Control of land based water pollution and Management of nature protected areas.

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The principal strategic orientations of the new RDP South Primorska, related to coastal issues, are the following:

**Balanced regional development:**

- economic development and employment opportunities, by supporting the enterprise development, by development of new products and services, by promoting networking of business actors,

**Spatial/ Urban development:**

- reducing negative environmental, economic and spatial effects from transport, by establishing an efficient system of sustainable urban/interurban mobility,
- enhancing the quality of urban life, by implementing the environment quality schemes and urban management (EMAS, Agendas 21) and revitalization of urban and other settlements;
- protection of cultural heritage by renewal of objects and sites and by its development (specially as an element of tourist products);
- upgrading the efficiency of land use planning, by implementing new information – communication technologies (municipal/regional level) and training of staff,
- coastal landscape protection, by rehabilitation and redevelopment of derelict areas (East Izola, coastal road Koper-Izola);
- protection and better use of coastal strip, by establishing a coastal promenade along the whole coastal length;
- coordination of sea use, by implementation of sea use planning with neighbouring regions/states in Italy and Croatia;

**Environmental protection:**

- reducing land based sources of water pollution, by implementing Operational programmes for communal waste water collection and treatment and by stimulating pollution reduction and control pollution at source,
- reducing pollution from waste, by establishing a regional system of communal waste collection, treatment and disposal,
- securing sustainable drinking water supply, by construction of water supply infrastructure and protection of drinking water resources,

**Nature and biodiversity conservation:**

- more efficient conservation of nature and biodiversity, by enhancing management of protected areas, networking and development of sustainable tourism products related to protected areas and biodiversity,

**Marine pollution:**

- reducing marine pollution, by implementation of environmental management schemes (EMAS) in Port of Koper, by enhancing the marine protection service and research of ballast water issues;

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#### Tourist development

- enhancing the role of sustainable tourism, by development of new sustainable tourist products, including products related to nature protected areas and cultural heritage, by balanced spatial distribution of tourist development, by development of infrastructure, by implementation of eco-label in tourist business, by establishment of tourist destination management organization; by enhancing quality management of tourist destinations,

The implementation of new RDP will be supported by following EU and other financial instruments:

- EU cohesion fund (drinking water supply, waste water collection and treatment, communal waste collection, treatment and disposal);
- EU structural funds (yet to be defined in the next phase of programme preparation),
- National budget,
- Municipal budgets,
- Involvement of private capital (private-public partnership) – mostly tourism development.

The RDP preparation is based on participative approach, with active involvement of the following structures:

- regional development council (composed by mayors of participating municipalities),
- regional development council (composed by representatives of municipalities, business (regional chamber of commerce and business actors), NGOs, protected areas, Union trades, Italian minority).

RDP will be adopted also by Governmental service for self management and regional policy and thus harmonized with all national sectoral policies and programmes.

The CAMP Slovenia project is also being prepared in a participative approach, including:

- steering committee (mayors, representatives of all relevant ministries);
- project committee (representatives of municipalities, ministries, business, NGO's),
- secretariat (Regional Development Agency for South Primorska).

The processes of preparation of CAMP project and Regional development Strategy and Programme is controlled by mentioned structures and supported by adequate public information and participation mechanisms (articles in media, web sites - <http://www.rrc-kp.si/intro>, <http://camp.rrc-kp.si/>);

In the CAMP framework a Systemic and Prospective sustainability Analysis project has been finished. In this project a set of sustainability indicators have been agreed, past development trends and future development scenarios have been formulated and

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assessed, a desirable scenario was identified and most important strategic actions were proposed. The whole process was based on a participative approach; on five workshops

more than 50 stakeholders from various ministries, municipalities, business and NGOs participated.