

# EUCC - Germany

## Annual report 2009

### Projects and strategies

Climate change and tourism marked new focal points in the work of EUCC-D in 2009. Two new projects ('**Radost** – Regional Adaptation Strategies for the German Baltic Coast' (funded by BMBF) and '**BaltCICA** – Climate Change: Impacts, Costs and Adaptation in the Baltic Sea Region' (EU Interreg), aim at developing specific adaptation measures to regional impacts of climate change on coastal tourism in the coming years. In the course of the projects it will be necessary to establish a network of science and touristic practice. In October 2009, a first workshop on 'Baltic Sea tourism in times of climate change' was held.



In the project **IKZM-Oder** (BMBF), EUCC-D carried out public relations work through hand-outs, short articles and newsletter articles. Moreover, the online-series 'IKZM-Oder Berichte' and the interim report in the series Coastline Reports were published. The Coastal Information System Oder Estuary was further developed.

In October 2009, EUCC-D in collaboration with the Leibniz-Institute for Baltic Sea Research organised the **conference „Coastal Management and Climate Change: Status Quo“**. Over 150 representatives of authorities, scientists and stakeholders caught up on the status quo of ICZM-Oder and other projects dealing with coastal issues.



In the project **Im Fokus**, several photo competitions were held, subjects being fishery, tourism and climate change. The



winning pictures are shown in the EUCC-D picture database.

### Membership and staff

In December 2009, EUCC-D had 100 members. Coordination of the associations' activities was fully provided by the office in Warnemünde.

The annual general meeting took place in Warnemünde on 5 October 2009. The extraordinary general meeting was held on 9 December 2009. Four member information letters including protocols, information about projects, developments and internal activities were sent to the members via e-mail.

Ten part-time and two full-time employees were involved in project work in 2009. Five national and international interns supported the activities. Furthermore, a seven-person advisory board assisted the staff with expertise and experience.

### Cooperations

EUCC-D continued cooperating with the Leibniz-Institute for Baltic Sea Research Warnemünde (IOW). The editorial team of The Coastal & Marine Magazine (EUCC-IS) was supported and a number of articles about the projects EUCC-D is involved in has been contributed.

Beside organisations like NOKIS, Baltic Lagoons Network and projects like SPICOSA, Coastal Futures and the German Ocean Museum Stralsund started using the EUCC-D databases in 2009. It is aspired to continue and further develop these cooperations.

### Activities

In 2009 the **Küsten Newsletter** was published every two months and reached about 1,280 subscribers.

The **Homepage** [www.eucc-d.de](http://www.eucc-d.de) was again used by about 100,000 visitors in 2009. An online poll showed that the majority of the users found what they were looking for on the homepage. Still, concerning their satisfaction with the entire scope of information, the users expressed some reservations. EUCC-D takes this as an impulse to thoroughly revise the homepage in 2010.

## Public relations activities

To further support public relations and the use of EUCC-D's media, a new summary flyer 'Coastal Media – Newsletter and Series Read & Use' was published. It can be downloaded in German and English from the EUCC-D homepage ([Infomaterial](#)).

## Publications and articles

- [Coastline Reports 12](#): G. Schernewski, H. Janßen & S. Schumacher: Coastal Change in the southern Baltic Sea Region, 202 pp.
- [Coastline Reports 13](#): EUCC – Die Küsten Union Deutschland e.V.: International approaches of coastal research in theory and practice, 174 pp.
- [Coastline Reports 14](#): J. Knieling, M. Schaerffer & S. Tressl: Klimawandel und Raumplanung – Flächen- und Risikomanagement überschwemmungsgefährdeter Gebiete am Beispiel der Hamburger Elbinsel, 98 pp.

## Outlook and perspectives

In 2010 the successful activities in environmental education under the umbrella of the **Küstenschule** (coastal school) are to be continued and further developed. A project proposal on this was submitted.

In September 2010, the IOW, the GKSS Research Centre and the Alfred Wegener Institute, supported by EUCC-D, will organise a **summer school** on 'Climate change in the Baltic: From global problems to local adaptation'. EUCC-D will offer organisational and technical support in the context of its projects.

Furthermore, EUCC-D will intensify its participation in the **academic teaching** of the distance education programmes 'Environment & education' and 'Environmental protection' of the University of Rostock, offering face-to-face teaching. This is an opportunity to test and further develop the EUCC-D learning modules in the education programmes and to gain young scientists for the association.

As part of the cooperation with the IOW, EUCC-D will contribute to an advanced training for biology and geography teachers from Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania in 2010.

For this summer, a second edition of the popular magazine Meer & Küste is planned,

offering contribution opportunities to a variety of network members.

EUCC-D aims at extending its network in the German North Sea region. Possibilities for projects and funding are to be discussed in 2010, leading to a strategy.

## The Board

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## How can you support us?

Make a donation or become a member. Your advantages:

- Member in one of the largest coastal networks in Europe
- Additional Information and various possibilities to get involved in the activities of EUCC-D.
- Subscription to the international EUCC magazine „Coastal & Marine“
- Access to the EUCC-D media to disseminate your own research and project results

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