

# EUCC - Germany

## Annual Report 2015

### Projects and Strategies

In 2015 EUCC-D was involved in three national projects and three European projects. Within the framework of **HERRING** (EU South Baltic Program, 2012-2015), which was coordinated by EUCC-D, a book with the corresponding name „HERRING“ was released. In addition to the ecological and spatial planning aspects it also summarizes the governance structures of the three chosen herring spawning areas in Poland, Sweden and Germany. A short movie was created, informing about the project and about the challenges of herring management in the southern part of the Baltic Sea. In January EUCC-D organised a project-development-workshop in Malmö which was made possible through the acquirement of further project funding. Experts from the field of coastal management deliberated about the needs and new ideas which arose from concluded projects about sustainable management of natural resources in coastal areas and could be pushed in the future. All results and documentations of the HERRING project are available on [www.baltic-herring.eu](http://www.baltic-herring.eu).

In the e-learning course “know, feel, act! to stop marine litter” which is part of the project **MARLISCO** (EU FP7, 2012-2015) those interested were trained about the topic “marine litter” and collaboratively field- tested the teaching material which was developed in the project with contribution of EUCC-D. In March, EUCC-D, in collaboration with the University of Applied Science Neubrandenburg organised the German Marine Litter forum. Stakeholders from both North Sea and Baltic Sea coasts presented local and regional steps in order to reduce and avoid litter. The outcomes of that forum were documented and spread in forms of protocols and a short film, amongst others via the Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference to HELCOM. The traveling exhibition “Mensch • Müll • Meer“, which was designed in MARLISCO travelled from the University of Applied Science to the fair WASSERLEBEN in Berlin. After that it was displayed in Burg on the

island of Fehmarn (inaugurated by Schleswig-Holstein’s secretary of environment Dr. Robert Habeck), in the Uwe Johnson Library in Güstrow and at the Baltic Sea Information Centre in Eckernförde. Moreover two information boards that were installed in spring 2015 on the ferries between Warnemünde and Hohe Düne are raising awareness about the topic of marine litter. Through the project MARLISCO the topic marine litter grew to be a permanent part of the association’s work. Thus EUCC-D got involved as a partner in the state-wide driftline monitoring of Mecklenburg-West Pomerania, which is coordinated by the Agency for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Geology. [www.marlisco.eu](http://www.marlisco.eu)

In the project **MeerSehen** (BINGO/ SPK SH/ GGG SH 2014-2015), a Schleswig-Holstein wide youth media contest for grades 5-13, where students examine their marine environment and actively look into the subject of sea and coast, EUCC-D organized a workshop to support the creation of the contests’ contributions. To complete the project a solemn award ceremony with 160 guests was held in the Landeshaus Schleswig-Holstein in Kiel. About 300 students from SH participated with 65 contributions in the contest MeerSehen. This active involvement was honoured with 14 awards. Among others an audience prize, which was elected during the Kieler Woche 2015. [www.kuestenschule.de](http://www.kuestenschule.de)

From 24.-27.03.2016 the EUCC-D presented the project **Ostseekiste-Pädagogische Werkstätten zum nachhaltigen Umgang mit dem Lebensraum Ostsee** (“Baltic Sea Box - Educational workshops on sustainable use of the habitat Baltic Sea”, NUE/KSS 2014-2016) during the state wide skill enhancement from the institute of quality development Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania (IQMV), which was implemented in cooperation with the German Youth Hostel Association - State Association of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania (DJH MV). Beginning the school year of 2015/16 relevant workshops will be offered in selected hostels along the

Baltic Coast, where kids and adolescent have the opportunity to deal with marine environment during school or project trips [www.kuestenschule.de](http://www.kuestenschule.de).

In April 2015 the project BONUS **BaltCoast** (EU BONUS, 2015-2018) started. The main goal of the project is the creation of user friendly and practice relevant methods and tools, which allow to incorporate scientific findings and political processes into the complex Management of coastal areas. EUCC-D is responsible for communication and public relations and supports the case study Szczecin Lagoon. In October, EUCC-D and the Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research Warnemünde, organised a workshop about current aspects of sustainability at the Szczecin Lagoon. <http://www.baltcoast.net/>

In August 2015 the project **KliWaKom (KLImaWAnDel in KOMmunen und KOMmunikation)** (Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, 2015-2018) started. In the project EUCC-D in cooperation with the Association of Baltic Sea baths Mecklenburg (VMO) will concretise the topic of climate change adaptation in the coastal communities between Boltenhagen and Graal Müritz and set it in the tourism management. At the kick-off event in December together with stakeholders it was collectively discussed how climate change can affect the tourism in the region and which strategies and provisions are necessary to prepare the region for that and promote a sustainable development. <http://www.eucc-d.de/aktuelle-projekte/articles/kliwakom.html>

As a partner in the 16th round of the students project competition "Schüler STAUNen" EUCC-D together with the coastal department of the StALU MM is in charge of the topic "Our Baltic Sea Coast – yesterday, today and tomorrow" since autumn 2014. [www.kuestenschule.de](http://www.kuestenschule.de)

### Membership and collaboration

By the end of 2014 EUCC-D had 100 members. Three member information letters, including protocols, information on projects, developments and internal activities of the organization were sent via email to the mem-

bers and can be also found in the member's area on the website. In addition to that the association is reporting in higher rates and more frequently via social networks, especially Facebook and Twitter since the beginning of 2015.

All activities of the EUCC-D were coordinated in Warnemünde. 13 employees were involved in accomplishment of the associations' activities and project work in 2015.

Moreover, one participant of the voluntary ecological year and six interns, including three from Brazil, China and the US, were supporting the association. Furthermore, a five-member advisory board provided expertise and experience. During the annual members meeting which was held in May in Hamburg an amendment to the association's statute was decided whereby sponsoring memberships were made possible prospectively.

### Cooperation

EUCC-D continued to maintain a close cooperation with the Leibniz-Institute for Baltic Sea Research and the German Youth Hostel Association - State Association of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania.

In addition, EUCC-D is cooperating with the Deutsches Meeresmuseum (German Maritime Museum), the State Agency for Agriculture and Environment ("Staatliches Amt für Landwirtschaft und Umwelt Mittleres Mecklenburg"), the Verband Mecklenburgischer Ostseebäder (Association of Baltic Sea baths Mecklenburg), the Wattenmeerforum (Wadden Sea Forum), the ship owning company "Weiße Flotte", the zoo of Rostock and the head office of tourism Rostock-Warnemünde

### Activities

At the beginning of the year 2015 the EUCC-D Homepage design was updated to be more modern and arranged better. The relaunch took place in March 2015.

Beginning with the issue 1/2015 the "Küsten Newsletter", which until then was only available as PDF sent to the subscribers, is now constructed electronically in a CMS of the homepage and sent. In 2015 as well, 6 issues of the newsletter were sent to 1200 subscribers. In March, EUCC-D was represented at the interactive public show WASSERLEBEN 2015 in Berlin. Through this traveling exhibition, EUCC-D informed about the

topic marine litter and outlined how the Baltic Sea and School are coming together.

In July, EUCC-D again organised the „Big Jump“ in the Warnow river baths Rostock together with the associations BUND Rostock, Lederhexen and NAJU.

EUCC-D participated at the Future Workshop „Mensch & Meer im Jahre 2050“ („Mankind & Sea in the year of 2050“) with a workshop discussing the topic „Maritime Education and public relations“. The EUCC-D data base of Coastal images was extended by 400 photographs resulting from the project „Geisternetze in der Ostsee“ („Ghost nets in the Baltic Sea, DMM, WWF, Archaemare e.V., drosos Stiftung). The Photo exhibition „Fishery and Aquaculture“ that originated from the project AQUAFIMA was displayed 2015 in the Sturmflutenwelt (Storm Surge World) „Blanker Haus“ in Büsum and in the National Park Centre Multimar Wattforum in Tönning. Also in 2015 EUCC-D organised continuous beach clean ups in Warnemünde together with the IOW, the NABU and participants of the voluntary ecological year in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. For the OSPAR-Monitoring EUCC-D staff members carried out the marine litter monitoring at beach sections in Kägisdorf periodically.

### Publication and Articles

- **Coastline Reports 25:** T. Tillmann (ed.): Aktuelle Küstenforschung an der Nordsee, Coastline Reports 25 (2015)
- Fey et al. (2014): Herring: An analysis of spawning ground management, ecological conditions and human impacts in Greifswald Bay, Vistula Lagoon and Hanö Bight
- Krause et al. (2015): A revolution without people? Closing the people–policy gap in aquaculture development. *Aquaculture* 447, 44–55

### Outlook

In collaboration with the IOW, EUCC-D will organize the 34th Annual Conference 'Geography of Seas and Coasts' (AMK) which will take place in April 2016 in Warnemünde. In the frame of BONUS BaltCoast two issues of the magazine Coastal & Marine will be published in 2016.

In 2016 the Marine Litter Exhibition „Mensch • Müll • Meer“ will be shown e.g. at the zoo in Rostock and on the island of Föhr.

In 2016 the traveling exhibition „Fischerei & Aquakultur“ will be shown e.g. in the town hall of Kiel.

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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

You can also support the EUCC-D activities by making a donation.

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