

EUCC - Deutschland

Annual Report 2006

EUCC-Deutschland has evidently been accepted as an integral part of the German ICZM community. The tools offered by EUCC-D have been used increasingly by experts to distribute information (e.g. Newsletter contributions, event data base entries, *CoastLine* articles). At the same time, EUCC-D has started collaborations with a number of coastal institutions and projects (e.g. ENCORA, German coastal engineers information system NOKIS, Baltic Sea Research Institute IOW).

Members have been increasingly involved in decisions and activities, and human resources have been enlarged giving the association new impulses and more competency. A new council has been elected for 2006-2010, and an advisory board has been appointed.

The focus of the 2006 activities was coastal education and coastal data bases. A closer collaboration with EUCC-IS has been initiated.

Members & staff

At the end of 2006, EUCC-D had 89 **members** administered by the EUCC-D office. Every three months, member data are communicated to the EUCC-IS office. Through electronic member information letters (five issues in 2006), members were kept up-to-date about ongoing projects and involved in upcoming activities. A software tool for online voting was implemented and tested successfully during the 2006 election of the council.

The **new council** is made up of renowned representatives from administrative, scientific, and private consulting institutions from along the German coast. The council appointed an **advisory board** of currently seven members in the fields of North Sea, project acquisition, environmental education, coastal tourism, ENCORA, strategy & politics, regional ICZM & spatial planning, and public relations. These experts give support to both the council and the staff.

13 **staff members** were involved in project implementation and development (see current staff below). Three international guest scientists and six interns supported EUCC-D activities. A number of members supplied articles for an issue of *CoastLine* about ICZM in Germany, to be released in March 2007.

Cooperations

Based on a cooperation contract with the Baltic Sea Research Institute (IOW), an office was set up in Warnemuende. The contract allows for EUCC-D to use rooms and to access technical infrastructure for a small annual fee. In return, the EUCC-D will support the IOW with respect to public relations. Furthermore, EUCC-D became the supporting organisation for the German Coastal Network (GCN) within ENCORA, providing the internet presentation and technical support.

Activities

The **homepage** www.eucc-d.de has some 5.200 visitors each month (for comparison: 4.600 in 2005). It is divided into several sections (news section, coastal education, coastal information, EUCC-D information, internal member area, direct links to EUCC-IS and Encora). In 2006, several data bases have been added and search functions have been extended (events & education DB). At the same time, the data bases were linked to a number of projects and institutions (NOKIS, Baltic Lagoon Network, CoPraNet, IKZM-Oder and Coastal Guide). Each of the cooperation partners chooses the information from the common data base to be displayed in the individual data base. In this manner, the number of users can be extended substantially.

The German **Küsten Newsletter** was distributed every two months to 982 recipients (at the end of 2006). In a special edition, German coastal experts were invited to participate in the evaluation of the National ICZM strategy. About 100 readers evaluated the newsletter in an online poll, and confirmed a good quality and format.

Coastal education was a central field of activities in 2006. Four training modules were added to the internet platform www.ikzm-d.de. „ICZM in the Baltic Region“ (sponsored by Lighthouse Foundation), „Water Framework Directive“ & „Natura 2000“ (sponsored by IKZM-Oder) und „Klimawandel und Küsten“ (sponsored by regional environmental agency). Furthermore, a project concerning human activities and their effects on the Wadden Sea was approved by the regional environmental lottery Bingo-Die Umweltlotterie.

Public relation activities were increased in 2006. A set of media (posters, flyers, banner, stickers, pins and t-shirts) was compiled and printed and made available to members in order to reach a wider audience. EUCC-D presented itself at several conferences, workshops and public information events (oral and poster presentations, advertising):

- Conference of the Scientific Association of Rostock WVU (Climate change & natural catastrophies); October, Rostock
- Regional Institute for Schools and Education Mecklenburg-Western Pommerania; October, Dierhagen
- Meeting of Working Group *Baltic Sea* of BUND; October, Lübeck
- Conference Littoral; September, Gdansk, Polen
- Public Environmental Day of Mecklenburg-Western Pommerania (Environment and Health by the Sea); June, Stralsund
- Conference Marine Nature Conservation in Europe; May, Stralsund
- AMK conference (Working Group „Geography of Coasts and Seas“ of the German Geographer's Association); April, Wilhelmshaven
- Public Long Night of Sciences; April, Rostock
- Status conference of national ICZM-projects IKZM-Oder and Coastal Futures; April, Berlin
- First German conference for sustainability research; March, Hamburg

Furthermore, a member assembly was held in Wilhelmshaven and two board meetings in Kiel and Hamburg. Staff members were invited to participate in the second board meeting.

Projects

EUCC-D has continuously made efforts to participate in national projects and prepared acquisition of own projects. It does not compete with the EUCC-IS.

Projects completed in 2006:

- Study „IKZM Ostsee“ (report submitted, Lighthouse Foundation, April '03 until 'March 04), <http://www.eucc-d.de/plugins/ikzmdviewer/main.php?page=40,statement>
- Study module Climate Change (Environmental Agency of Mecklenburg-Western Pommerania, April '06 until December '06), <http://www.eucc-d.de/plugins/ikzmdviewer/main.php?page=45>

Ongoing projects:

- CoPraNet (Interreg IIIC Projekt, March '04 until February '07)
- IKZM-Oder (Federal Ministry of Education and Research, May '04 until April '07), www.ikzm-oder.de
- Wer, Wie, Watt? (Bingo - Die Umweltlotterie, September '06 until August '07; <http://www.ikzm-d.de/main.php?page=146>)

Outlook and future goals

EUCC-D's activities can be kept up due to ongoing and submitted projects. Two educational projects will be submitted to Bingo a second time in March 2007. The national project IKZM-Oder will enter into its second phase, and EUCC-D will contribute.

With respect to project acquisition and implementation, EUCC-D seeks a closer cooperation with EUCC-IS.

In order to improve the association's representation along the whole German coast, it has been considered to establish regional offices in the mid-term run. Following the example of the IOW cooperation, they could be linked to other coastal institutions to keep costs low. Moreover, EUCC-D aims to tie the association's annual member assembly to the annual AMK meeting, which has become a forum for ICZM discussions in the past few years.

It is our goal to overcome the stagnation of member numbers by involving more coastal experts and young professionals in our activities.

Previous education and data base activities will be continued and expanded. Future data bases include a photo collection based on google earth techniques and a coastal expert data base as a follow up to the Coastal Guide data base. Public relation activities should be carried out more forcefully, and representation of the association and its projects in the media should be intensified.

As of December 11th, 2006

responsible: The Board

EUCC-Germany (as of 12/2006)

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Study platform IKZM-D-Lernen		www.ikzm-d.de
EUCC-Baltic		http://baltic.eucc-d.de/baltic
GCN of ENCORA		http://www.eucc-d.de/plugins/encora/index.php
Project homepage IKZM-Oder		www.ikzm-oder.de