

Assessing sustainability and strengthening operational policy SUSTAIN Session – 26th October, RIGA

09.00-13.00h - University of Latvia, Riga

***Working towards the development of a universal tool
to help deliver sustainability on Europe's coasts.***

Aim of Public Session:

To present and illustrate the SUSTAIN project approach, development of activities and the expected results by end of 2012. Focus will be on the exchanges of best practices for the improvement of sustainability in regional and local policy relevant tools that will produced and disseminated towards the end.

Description of activities:

SUSTAIN presentation and introduction of the need for sustainability development in the light of integrated management of coastal issues.

Authority partner experiences from around Europe: presentation from partners and/or their councillors and their experiences –addressing challenges and issues /actions taking place in their coasts to improve / address sustainability.

Best practices successfully identified and transferred so far as a result of the inter-regional cooperation exchange of experiences will be presented

SUSTAIN will produce policy relevant results – the SUSTAIN Policy Tool – including documentation such as the: Guide for authorities to implement the SUSTAIN Policy tool, Guide for sustainability improvement.

Working together with the potential users of the results and guides will be an opportunity to collect feedback and gain insight of what can be expected at the end of the project. This will also ensure their involvement in the process towards a more fit-for-purpose end results.

Programme:

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| 09.00 – 09.15 | Registration |
| 09.15 – 09.30 | Welcome & Presentation of SUSTAIN
by Alan Pickaver, EUCC (Lead Partner) |
| 09.30 – 11.00 | Best practices successfully identified, experiences presented by:

Patrick McCluskey, Down District Council (Northern Ireland)

Kyriakos Vitsas, Municipality of Samothraki (Greece) |
| 11.00 – 11.15 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 11.15 – 12.30 | Best practices successfully transferred, experiences presented by:

Caroline Salthouse, Sefton Borough Council (UK)

Christakis Miltiadous, Kouklia Community Council (Cyprus)

Margarida Nunes, ARH (Portugal)

Discussion & Conclusions |
| 12.30 – 13.00 | Regional/local policies & instruments improved:

Cathal O’Mahony & Jeremy Gault, CMRC (Ireland)

Margarida Nunes, ARH (Portugal) |
| 12.45 – 13.00 | Conclusions |