

PRESS RELEASE

Sustainable European Coasts a Step Closer

Cork, 19th December: Using our coasts in a manner that is considered sustainable is a challenge facing many coastal managers across Europe. As part of the SUSTAIN project – the CMRC and 11 other European organisations tackled this issue and worked in partnership to develop a policy tool that can assist coastal Authorities and communities throughout Europe to deliver sustainability on Europe’s coast.



Dr. Colin Sage (left) with Cathal O’Mahony (CMRC) at the launching of the results of the SUSTAIN project at the recent meeting of the Environmental Citizenship Research Group.

SUSTAIN has reached its conclusion, and the SUSTAIN tool developed by partners from the North Atlantic seaboard, the South Atlantic seaboard, the Mediterranean and the Baltic is now ready to be used and is applicable to all 22 coastal states of the European Union. The policy tool is based on a set of easily measurable sustainability indicators that were developed

and assessed during the lifetime of the project to enable Authorities to measure effectively the sustainability of our coasts.

In Ireland, the results of the SUSTAIN project were officially launched by Prof. Colin Sage at a recent meeting of the Environmental Citizenship Group in UCC, Cork – the group is active in research, and promoting dialogue, around issues of sustainability and related ‘science and society’ concerns; thus, providing an ideal platform for launching the results of SUSTAIN.

Cathal O’Mahony of the CMRC believes the value of SUSTAIN is twofold – “firstly the policy tool is another means for supporting sustainability planning undertaken by coastal Authorities, but secondly, and equally important is the inventory of good practices that the partnership has documented and in some cases transferred over the course of the SUSTAIN project – this shows sustainability in action and can give inspiration to those looking to take similar steps in their coastal regions.”

Visit www.sustain-eu.net where you can find more information, as well as the SUSTAIN Publications in 9 European languages! Or contact Cathal O’Mahony (c.omahony@ucc.ie) for further information. SUSTAIN was a 3-year project part-funded through the INTERREG IVC programme.

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