Supporting Iczm In The Mediterranean And Black Sea Basins

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Mediterranean and Black Sea coastal areas are exposed to high demographic and development pressures leading to severe environmental degradation exacerbated by the impacts of climate change. An important impetus to the efforts to overcome these pressures and ensure more sustainable development trends was provided with the adoption of the Mediterranean ICZM Protocol, which is also seen as a source of inspiration for strengthening ICZM in the Black Sea region. The paper will show how the EU FP7-funded project Pegaso has been supporting the implementation of the ICZM Protocol in the Mediterranean and the development of a similar policy framework in the Black Sea. Most innovative results of the project as well as different tools will be presented that allow putting the knowledge in service of an integrated and well-informed coastal management: (i) the shared ICZM governance platform to support debate and bridge science and decision-making; (ii) the legal and institutional stock-take to understand how the countries are equipped to implement the ICZM (Protocol); (iii) a toolbox to help implementing an ecosystem-based management with special focus on land and sea interaction and incorporating multiple impacts from anthropogenic and natural stressors. Keywords: ICZM Protocol, Mediterranean, Black Sea, governance, innovation practices, management tools, shared knowledge support to decisions