

Regional Stakeholder Group Meeting

Coastal cooperation and coordination group (the CCCG) meeting (meetings organized at least once per 4 months). The CCCG facilitated and initiated by the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development. Aim of the CCCG to communicate and coordinate coastal planning and development activities implemented by various stakeholders involved in coastal development function and projects. Riga Planning Region reports to and is a permanent member of the CCCG.

Partner/Region:	Date:	Round:	Participants:	Main outputs:
Riga Planning Region (Latvia)	16 October 2019	3rd	27 representatives attended the coastal cooperation and coordination group meeting. Meeting was attended by representatives of several ministries - Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Transport and Ministry of Economics. Coastal municipalities of Riga region: Lapmežciems, Engure and Jūrmala attended event. Representatives from National Heritage Association, University of Latvia, Kurzeme Planning Region and the Baltic Environment Forum were present.	<p>Main outputs and topics of the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring of implementation and report of coastal municipalities about the progress of implementation of Operational programme "Growth and Jobs" 5.5.1. Specific Support Measure "To preserve, protect and develop significant cultural and natural heritage, as well as to develop related services", RPR selected policy instrument for CHERISH. Coastal municipalities reported about the progress of investments into coastal communities cultural heritage objects. Majority of investments are completed in coastal municipalities or will be completed by the end of 2020.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development presented Interim Evaluation results of implementation of the coastal planning. • Environmental impact of coastal activities (tourism, visits) and the state of coastal public infrastructure. Main conclusions being that intensity of use of public infrastructure in the coastal municipalities is increasing due to increased tourism and visits to coastal communities, amounting up to 5 m.visits per year. • CHERISH project was presented to 27 participants of the meeting. The overview of the project aims, activities and expected results were presented. Main highlights from best practice exchange activities in CHERISH ILEEEs were introduced, participants were briefed on possible best practices from Riga region. The aim of the presentation was to disseminate CHERISH project results so far, generate wider awareness about the project, its aims to foster support and collaboration of stakeholders for influencing policy instruments for fishing communities. • MEPRD informed that Carnikava Municipality (coastal municipality) has prepared a proposal
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