

NORTH EAST UK COUPLET

Location: Durham

Issues/priorities: Integration of decision making across sectors, marine spatial planning & regional working.

Durham Heritage Coast Partnership is a partnership of authorities, agencies and community bodies with an interest in the coast in Sunderland, Durham and Hartlepool. A small management team is in place to lead the work of partners and to protect and enhance the special qualities of this unique coastline.

Envision is an environmental management consultancy company specialised in providing tailored research and services for:

Integrated Coastal Zone Management
Marine Spatial Planning
Training and professional development
Communicating science

MORE INFORMATION

Detailed information on this couplet as well as all the other couplets and outputs of the **IMCORE** project can be found on the project web site:

www.imcore.eu

More information on **Envision Management Ltd** is available at:

www.envision.co.uk

Find out more about the **Durham Heritage Coast Partnership** at:

www.durhamheritagecoast.org

Information on **Durham County Council** at:

www.durham.gov.uk

“There is still time to avoid the worst impacts of climate change, if we take action now”.

Sir Nicholas Stern, Advisor to the Government on the Economics of Climate Change, UK



INNOVATIVE MANAGEMENT FOR EUROPE'S CHANGING COASTAL RESOURCE



An expert couplet between



Envision Management Ltd
and the
Durham Heritage Coast
Partnership

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IMCORE * ...

(Innovative Management for Europe's Changing Coastal Resource)

...IS A UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP: Expert couplets of researchers and policy –makers will test **innovative ways to adapt to coastal climate change** to see what works best for them

...LOOKS FORWARD IN A DIFFERENT WAY: Visualising scenarios that analyse the processes that lead to the Ecological, Social and Economic impacts of climate and **developing management strategies** to adapt to climate change

...DEVELOPS COMMON DECISION SUPPORT TOOLS and techniques for planning: to improve the **regional viability of our coastal communities and sectors**

...LEARNS TO ADAPT TO CLIMATE CHANGE: By training of trainers and all **coastal practitioner friendly outputs** of the project feeding into a **multimedia online learning tool**



THE AIM

To promote a transnational, innovative and sustainable approach to reducing the Ecological Social and Economic impacts of climate change on the coastal resources of North West Europe.

A UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP

Scientists and practitioners involved in coastal management from Ireland, the UK, France, Belgium and the Netherlands will work together through innovative **expert couplets**. Local government authorities and research groups will work together to **identify the key processes that lead to the socio-economic consequences of climate change** of their local area, supported by a network of transnational cooperation. Ways to address these consequences will be tested in existing coastal projects and initiatives in North West Europe.



TO ACHIEVE



One objective of the IMCORE project is to demonstrate how the expert couplet approach (the collaboration between coastal practitioners and scientists using the principles of sustainability science), can help with the effective implementation of **adaptive management strategies for coastal resources**.

There are nine **expert couplet** nodes within this North West European project. The **expert couplet** in the North East of England consists of the research consultancy group **Envision** working in tandem with the local authority partners of the **Durham Heritage Coast Partnership**.

