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COEXIST partners meet in Hamburg (Germany) for the 2nd project meeting

COEXIST is an EU Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) broad-based, multidisciplinary project which will evaluate competing activities and interactions in European coastal areas. The goal is to provide a roadmap to better integration, sustainability and synergies across the diverse activities now taking place in the European coastal zone.

In COEXIST, geographically diverse case studies will be considered, representing the conditions and combinations of activities in European coastal areas. Case study results will be compiled in order to identify benefits and bottlenecks for concomitant development of aquaculture, coastal fisheries and other activities such as wind farms, tourism and natural conservation areas. Specific scenario-based models will be tested in the case studies, as well as a concept framework for multi-objective quantitative and qualitative evaluation of marine spatial management in coastal zones.

The second project meeting of the COEXIST project was held in Hamburg (Germany) on the 10th and 11th November 2010. Prior to the project meeting, a workshop dedicated to the North Sea Case Study was held. The workshop served to clarify the interests of each institution and to focus the results that will be provided by this case study to the project.

The main focus of the project meeting itself was given to the different methodologies developed by the partners to analyse the complex interactions between the different coastal water activities. These methodologies will lead to a description of the synergies and conflicts of the different activities.

Beginning 2011, stakeholder consultations will be carried out in the case study areas. Stakeholders will include individuals and organisations playing an important role in the aquaculture industry in the specific case studies areas. During the meeting the template to identify key stakeholders was presented, which also included questions which will clarify societal motivations, incentives and

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values which govern stakeholder responses. Levels of societal acceptance of activities and combinations of activities in the coastal zone will be assessed as well.

The dedicated project website – www.coexistproject.eu – was launched at the meeting, informing the partners and public on a continuous basis about the main results and deliverables of the project.

If you would like to arrange an interview with the **COEXIST** project team, please contact Emma Bello Gomez, to arrange a suitable time, on +353 (0) 1 475 8713 or email emma@aquatt.ie.

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Detailed partner profiles are available on request.