



Clean Ports...Open Doors

INTEGRATED COASTAL MONITORING OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS IN PORT SEA REGION AND THE WAYS OF THEIR SOLUTION ICME

The aim of the project

The main scientific goals of the project are to define the main problems faced by the Ports of Thessaloniki, Trabzon and Tbilisi, to develop management tools able to downscale regional information for solving local problems and to upscale local field data, in order to create the basis of a regional information service.

Main Activities:

Formation of a multidisciplinary thematic network on “the monitoring of the environment in the wider areas of ports”.

Three Workshops to raise awareness on Environmental, Policy and Other Issues of monitoring of the wider area of ports:

- Workshop with end-users to present model results and to describe and discuss subsequent developments on water quality and sediment transport modelling
- Workshop for discussing the sampling strategy and methods and to finalise a report with the sampling protocol
- Workshop with end-users to present the data and data management

Study Visits during the meetings of the programme, in order to see how each country monitor the wider areas of ports.

PARTNERS



Kick off meeting



The Mayor of Thessaloniki Mr. Yannis Boutaris (center), the Deputy Mayor Mr. Konstaninos Zervas (left) and Mr. Chrisostomos Kalogirou (right), Advisor on E.U. development projects



The Mayor is addressing a greeting to the participants



Prof. Dr. Kadir Seyhan offering to the Mayor a gift



Prof. Dr. Merab Lordkipanidze and translator, Georgian partners (left), Prof. Dr. Kadir Seyhan and Prof. Dr. Ercan Kose Turkish partners (center) and Mr. Polykarpos Karkavitsas (right).

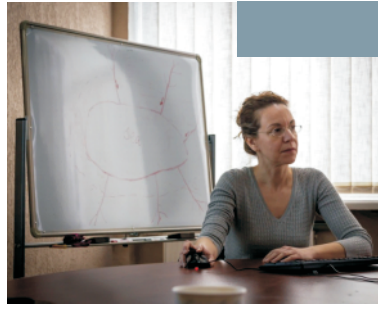


The attendants of the kick off meeting



From the Municipality of Thessaloniki: Dr. Voula Tzoumaka (left) and to the right Dr. Apostolos Kelessis, Dr. Maximos Petrakakis, Head of the Environmental Department, Mr. Chrisostomos Kalogirou and Mr. Konstantinos Zervas

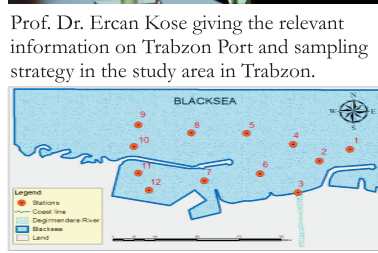
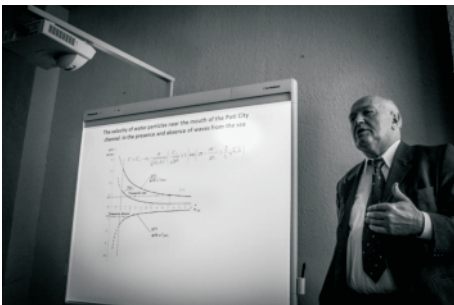
On behalf of the Municipality of Thessaloniki, Dr. Paraskevi Tzoumaka and Dr. Apostolos Kelessis presented the case of Thessaloniki and an overview of the ICME project. Prof. Dr. Kadir Seyhan of KTU Trabzon, Turkey presented the Trabzon case and Prof. Dr. Merab Lordkipanidze presented the Georgian approach to the project. The Armenian partners were not present but they had sent a presentation concerning their part. Finally, Mr Polykarpos Karkavitsas, external advisor, presented issues concerning the administration and dissemination of the project.



Dr. Voula Tzoumaka providing the audience information on Thessaloniki Port and sampling strategy



Trabzon Port and sampling points



Prof. Dr. Ercan Kose giving the relevant information on Trabzon Port and sampling strategy in the study area in Trabzon.

Prof. Dr. Shalva Gagoshidze giving theoretic scientific information on hydrolic modelling



The 1st Steering Committee Meeting was held in parallel with the Workshop A, on 19 - 20 March 2014 at University of Georgia, Department of Engineering Physics in Tbilisi, Georgia.

The steering Committee meeting was started with the welcoming speech by Prof. Dr Merab Lordkipanidze of Science and Energitics and followed by the partners' 15 min. presentation.

Each partner assigned one regular and one deputy member for the Steering Committee group and three members for the Scientific Team

The SC members voted for and accepted the:

- a. Communication Plan
- b. Steering Committee Rules
- c. Budget Modification and time extension

“Clean Ports...Open Doors” was accepted as slogan of the project. The templates created by the Municipality of Thessaloniki and Karadeniz Technical University were accepted by all the partners as well.

During the workshop, description of sampling strategy and methodology were discussed among the partners and together with the information provided from the unofficial meeting held by Georgian and Turkish partners in Borjomi and Batumi, Georgia the conclusion was reached and accepted by the partners.

Municipality of Thessaloniki presented its pre-feasibility sampling strategy after a work made by the project coordinator. The sampling strategy will be defined after the finalization of the second tender during July 2014.



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