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COMMUNITY-LOCAL LED DEVELOPMENT OF COASTAL AND FISHERIES AREAS

Keywords: Community Local Led Development; Maritime heritage; Ecosystem services; Integrated Coastal Zone Management; Fisheries Local Action Groups.

Many activities are increasingly concentrated in coastal areas and in their immediate hinterland: tourism, fishing, transport, agriculture, aquaculture, industries, discharges of various kinds, urbanization. These activities are often competing with each other for the physical space or appropriation of some resources or interfering with each other because of externalities that impact on some other segment of activity (e.g. processing waste). They end up with the generation of social and environmental pressures that are difficult to reconcile for the complexity of the decision-making processes and the high number of actors involved.

The results of this high concentration of activities in coastal areas are particularly negative and several prosperous fishing activities as different ecosystems are already heavily compromised. The importance of fisheries and their central role in creating strong relationships with the territories of some coastal communities calls for the development of sustainable fishing activities as well as the valorization and diversification of the activities around the fisheries. In this context, the European Union is promoting Community Local Led Development and bottom-up activities in coastal areas, in order to support coastal communities and Fishery Local Action Groups and build proper networks between the actors involved in fisheries, tourism and other economic, cultural and environmental sectors.

The thematic session calls for papers that investigate:

- socioeconomic analysis of fisheries;
- bottom up experiences in integrated coastal zone management;
- destination tourism;
- local seafood and cultural heritage;
- activities for the preservation of local coastal and maritime cultural seascapes and their communities;
- Fishery Local Action Groups.

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