



EMODnet Coastal Mapping Project Tender no MARE/2014/10

Bi-monthly Report

Reporting Period: 26/08/2015 – 25/10/2015

Date: 04/11/2015

1. Highlights in this reporting period

Provide a summary of the key achievements and noteworthy progress within this reporting period.

These two months were mainly devoted to the data portal and project website specifications. Moreover, the partners started to concretely undertake actions decided during the kick-off meeting. The EMODnet Jamboree, organised by the EMODnet Secretariat in Ostend on 21st and 22nd October 2015, was the place chosen for a two-day progress meeting.

The specifications of the portal and of the project website have been finalized during this period and validated at the Ostend meeting, in order to be implemented and publicly opened before the 26th December 2015. Data initialization is a permanent task during the project; however several datasets have already been prepared for publication on the portal. A survey has been defined in order to list and summarize past experiences in terms of coastal mapping. It will be sent to all the partners before end of October for validation and filling in, and later to other major actors of the sea. The results of the survey will be used to develop an algorithm to help the coast survey planning at regional and transnational level. Moreover, another survey concerning economical models and governance of data has been drafted. It will be finalized and sent during the next period.

The coordinator participated in the 23rd (and last) MODEG meeting on 19th October and on this occasion presented the project to the expert group. He also participated, with partners involved in the “Digital Mapping” task (WP1), in the Bathymetry Lot progress meeting (22nd October) in order to identify and create synergies between the two projects. Some partners involved in the “Digital Mapping” task also attended the Technical Working Group meeting (23rd October).

The coordinator has finalised the consortium agreement that includes arrangements for the project partnership and the budget division. The signature of this consortium agreement by the partners is still in progress.

2. Specific challenges or difficulties encountered during the reporting period

Please list specific problems you have encountered during this period, including related to technical and data provision issues

The project officially started just before the summer period, during the very busy month of June for all the partners (Service Contract signature on 26th June 2015). This caused difficulties to get feedback from the partners on the draft consortium agreement and to finalize it before early October (final

version dated 9th October). Moreover, one partner finally decided not to be a part of the consortium, but just an observer of the project. Due to this delay in the consortium agreement finalization, some partners had serious difficulties in really undertaking actions without any official guarantee of subvention.

The first critical issue is the opening of the portal (WP1) for next Christmas. After the first technical meeting organised back-to-back with the kick-off meeting, the portal specifications have been submitted on the project portal which allowed technical discussions between the partners from early August to the Ostend meeting. The most critical topic was the choice of the projection for the portal, as there is currently no one recommended by the INSPIRE directive limiting the distortions on all the European area. ETRS-LAEA (EPSG:3035) was finally preferred to the other projections even if the other EMODnet portals do not use it. As the specifications have been validated during the Ostende meeting, the portal will be normally opened in time.

The second critical issue is the production of the algorithm (WP2) which must be defined before end of March 2016. The preparation of the surveys takes more time than initially planned, in particular because of the difficulties of the online publication of the survey dedicated to the listing in past experiences in coastal mapping. As a result, the project team will have less time to collect information from this survey, so it will result in more efforts from the partners to get the material to produce the algorithm.

3. Meetings held since last report [if any]

List here the meetings held/participated since the last bi-monthly report, if relevant add short description

Date	Location	Topic	Short Description
19/10/2015	Ostend (BE)	MODEG	[external] 23 rd MODEG meeting.
21-22/10/2015	Ostend (BE)	Portal Specification Review	[project] Progress meeting including WP2 and WP3 state actions.
22/10/2015	Ostend (BE)	Bathymetry progress meeting	[external] Identification of synergies between the two projects.
23/10/2015	Ostend (BE)	Technical working group	[external] Harmonization of portals and web services.

4. User Feedback [if any]

List any useful feedback you received on your activities and/or your portal or those of other EMODnet projects/activities. Also provide any suggestions you have received for EMODnet case studies and/or future products/activities/events.

Nothing to report.

5. Outreach and communication activities [if any]

Please list all the relevant communications activities or products you have developed/executed during this period (including presentations, lectures, trainings, demonstrations and development of communication materials such as brochures, videos, etc.). Relevant scientific and/or popular articles you know have been published using/referring to EMODnet should be reported under indicator 11 in Section 7.

Date	Media	Title	Short description and/or link to the activity
20/10/2015	Presentation	The European Marine Observation and Data Network	Presentation of the project (1 slide) by the EMODnet Secretariat.

6. User statistics

Please provide as much information about the usage of your portal as possible once it is operational (page visits, downloads, etc.).

Nothing to report.



Annex X

List in annex if you wish to provide any additional information

No annexes.