



EMODnet Coastal Mapping Project

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Bi-monthly Report

Reporting Period: 26/10/2015 – 25/12/2015

Date: 08/01/2016

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 opening which took place just before Christmas. Moreover, the past experiences surveys have been finalized and the one concerning economical models and governance of data has been filled in by all the partners.

The first version of the portal and of the project website has been finalized during the period running up to the portal meeting (1-2 December). Its implementation has been completed during December and the portal was publicly opened on 23 December. Data initialization will be constantly developed all throughout the project; however some datasets are already available on the portal.

The survey elaborated in order to list and summarize past experiences in terms of coastal mapping was validated on 22 December, and has to be filled in by the partners and other major maritime stakeholders by end of January 2016. The results of the survey will be used to develop an algorithm in order to improve the coast survey planning at regional and transnational level (Coastal Mapping Planner – CMP). Concerning the CMP, the basic concepts have been elaborated (decision tree using fuzzy logic).

Another survey concerning economical models and governance of data has been finalized on 9 November. The first results were presented at the portal meeting. Some other tasks have made significant progress during this period : Inventory of the used vertical references, study on sharing platforms, analysis of the current EU fundings and identification of tools for the validation of the future programme.

The coordinator participated in the 5th EMODnet Steering Committee meeting (9-10 December). The project team was represented in the EMODnet-INSPIRE Technical Workshop (7-8 December) and in the EMODnet MSFD coordination meeting (8-9 December).

The consortium agreement is now signed by all the partners. Regarding the withdrawal of one of the initial partners as was mentionned in the previous progress report, an official amendment request is in preparation by the coordinator.

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 June that was a very busy month for all the partners (Service Contract signature on 26 June 2015). This caused difficulties to get feedback from the partners on the Consortium Agreement draft and to finalize it before early October (final version dated 9 October). The Consortium Agreement was finally signed by the last partner on 26 November.

The first most critical issue was the opening of the portal (WP1) before Christmas. As the specifications were validated during the Ostende meeting (period 2) and the portal meeting raised no critical issue, the portal got opened in time. ETRS-LAEA (EPSG:3035) was finally preferred to the other projections even if the other EMODnet portals do not use it, but the portal allows the re-projection with WGS84 (EPSG:4326) and WGS84 Web Mercator (EPSG:3857).

The second most critical issue is the production of the algorithm (WP2) which must be defined before end of March 2016, but several other actions related to the WP2 and WP3 are also in progress and even if they are under specific supervision by different partners, they need inputs from almost all of the partnership in a very short time (several actions must be finished before the end of March 2016 (Interim report)).

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
1-2/12/2015	Bezons (FR)	Portal	[project] Progress meeting including WP2 and WP3 state actions.
7-8/12/2015	Brussels (BE)	EMODnet-INSPIRE workshop	[external] Exchange of information between the two initiatives.
8-9/12/2015	Brussels (BE)	EMODnet-MSFD coordination	[external] Coordination and synergies between the two initiatives.
9-10/12/2015	Brussels (BE)	Steering Committee	[external] 5 th EMODnet steering Committee.

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

6. User statistics

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

As the portal has been opened just before the end of the reporting period, there is nothing to report yet.

Annex X

List in annex if you wish to provide any additional information

No annexes.