

## WORKPACKAGE ENVIRONMENT Activity report Milestone II Sept – Dec 2010

One cross border seminar was held in Hankoo, Finland 14-15 October. Here the expert network was established with partners from Sweden (Östsam, CAB Östergötland and the Municipalities of Söderhamn, Norrköping, Söderköping and Valdemarsvik, Finland (Novia) and Estonia (Municipality of Pyhalepa).

At the seminar each partner presented their aim, work and tasks, followed by fruitful discussions. The partners working with developing exhibitions (life under the surface, the cultural landscape, the “wild archipelago”) presented their ideas and views. Ideas of how to develop nature living areas around BACES were also presented. During the Cross-Border WP Seminar in Hanko Mikael Kilpi was guiding in Tulliniemi nature reserve. The first part of the Gunnarsörarna flora inventory by student of Novia has published. Mikael Kilpi is focusing to nature in Tulliniemi and Gunnarsörarna and Tuula Fagerström is focusing generally to WP4 in Hanko.

Ongoing activities are to write the exhibition studies reports. CAB of Östergötland has planned and defined content for a Nature Guide book to the Archipelago of Östergötland. The content of the book also includes information about the BACES project as well as inputs from Söderhamn, Finland, and Estonia. This work has been done following three meetings with the partners of Östergötland. Contact has been made with the producer of the book. In this book about 50 nature- and culture pearls in the Östergötland archipelago will be presented with text, photos and maps.

The Municipality of Norrköping has done several parts in this milestone. The exhibition ”Life under the surface” was opened during summer. The new this year was the section of invasive species. Under 2010 the exhibition had 6150 visitors. The planning of two new stations on the snorkelling trail was started. During summer and autumn a new type of guidings for school-children was conducted. The eco-bus was invited to the exhibition. 729 persons of which 634 were children attended. A report on this was produced. The planning how to produce and present underwater-films started. The aim is to show ca 100 films of different types of marina Baltic habitats and wrecks. The films are planned to be published on the internet and as an “app” in mobile phones. Norrköping municipality are in the middle of a pre-study to explore the possibility to make use of the new techniques that the smartphones (I-phones and Android) offers. The plan is to connect films taken under the surface to their GPS-coordinate and this way make the knowledge of the life under surface more available for everyone. We can already see a great potential to use the technique for several other areas but also to extend the project to a cross-border concern.

The writing of a management plan for the proposed Nature Reserve Kopparholmarna started and was later delivered to the CAB of Östergötland. The management plan was based on nature inventories both marine and on land. The management plan has been sent out for comments to appropriate authorities and NGOs. A walking trail has been established on Kopparholmarna as well as an outhouse, table and benches for picnics.

Foundation Tuuru has started collecting data concerning Hiiumaa nature and environment issues as part of regional tourism development plan. The key issues in our tourism strategy are: what does it mean - sustainable tourism, how to keep virgin nature, what kind of new services to offer to nature aware tourists. Discussions with local municipality representatives, key-actors, entrepreneurs concerning their interest in BACES area and project. Preparations for data collecting. Communicating with project partners, target groups.

The possibilities to develop interesting info-material to the public and raise public awareness of the Baltic marine environment are good, but so far the sharing and learning between all partners is a challenge to be developed better.

Connection with other wp's was improved during the cross-border seminar in Hankoo. The challenge is how to integrate the exhibitions and nature living areas at the BACES with the general plan of improvement of visitor facilities there.

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