

# **BLAST**

# Bringing Land and Sea Together



















Land and Sea Model

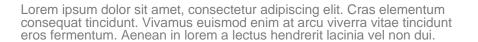


Maritime Traffic Monitoring

E-Navigation in the North Sea



Coastal Zone Climate Change







BLAST – facts and figures

- A regional project under EU's Interreg IVB North Sea Region Programme
- Project period 2009-2012
- Total budget approximately € 6,300,000
- 17 Partners from 7 North Sea countries
- Public, private and university sectors







## BLAST – partners

- Norwegian Hydrographic Service (lead partner)
- Norwegian Coastal Administration
- National Survey and Cadastre Denmark
- Danish Coastal Authority
- DTU Space (National Space Institute) Denmark
- Local Government Denmark
- Aalborg University Denmark
- Federal Maritime & Hydrographic Agency Germany
- Jeppesen GmbH Germany
- Delft University of Technology, Faculty of Aerospace Engineering - the Netherlands
- T-Kartor AB Sweden
- Malardalen University Sweden
- Natural Environment Research Council United Kingdom
- Seazone Solutions Ltd. United Kingdom
- UK Hydrographic Office
- Agency for Maritime and Coastal Services Belgium
- Hjoerring Municipality Denmark (sub-partner)
- Lolland Municipality Denmark (associated partner)
- Port of Oslo Norway (associated partner)
- Swedish Maritime Administration (associated partner)
- Icelandic Maritime Administration (associated partner)
- Kristiansand Municipality Norway (associated partner)
- National Environmental Research Institute,
  Aarhus University Denmark (associated partner)



The Interreg IVB North Sea Region

**Programme** 

Investing in the future by working together for a sustainable and competitive region



# Why Bringing Land and Sea Together?

- North Sea nations handle geospatial data independently
- Little integration of land and sea data
- Lack of collaboration between countries
- Increasing pressure on coastal areas
- Threat of climate change and accelerated sea level rise







# Project aims

- Provide new and innovative solutions for the harmonisation and integration of marine and terrestrial geospatial data.
- Improve maritime safety and integrated coastal zone management and planning in the context of climate change.

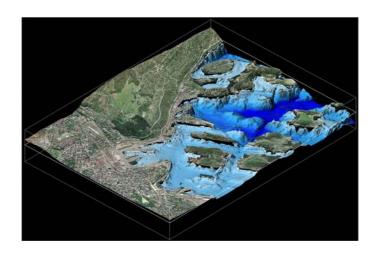






# Project characteristics

- Combining skills
- Network of organisations
- Application of modern project philosophy
  - Land and sea approach
  - Transnational approach
  - International standards
  - Service-based architectures
  - Cooperation
  - Public results







## Project organisation

**International Steering Group (ISG)** WP1 **Project Management** WP3 WP4 WP5 WP6 Harmonisation of **Developing the** Regional **Climate Change** Marine and **Maritime Data** Monitoring, and Integrated Coastal Information **Coastal Zone Reference Base Integration and** Management **Distribution Functionalities** WP2 The Interreg IVB **Publicity and Communication North Sea Region Programme** Investing in the future by working together

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# WP3: Developing the Marine and Coastal Reference Base

- Develop a product specification including maritime and terrestrial features.
- Develop a new vertical datum for the North Sea Region
- Extensive testing of new airborne laser techniques in the coastal zone.
- Deploy, update and test reference base against user requirements.







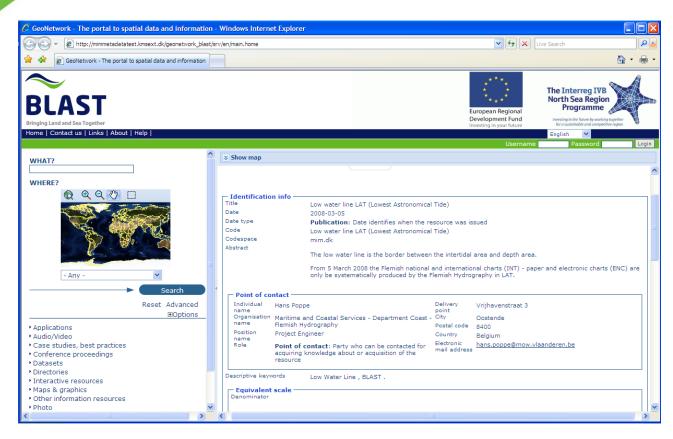
#### WP3: Rationale: Marine & Coastal GI

- New Technical Requirements
  - Bathymetry & hydrographic features replaced by:
    - Vertically Corrected & Integrated Elevation
    - Harmonised Land & Sea Topographic Mapping
- New user groups
  - Marine Spatial Planning (MSP)
    - e.g. Climate Change and Sea Level Rise
  - Situational Awareness
    - e.g. Marine Traffic Monitoring
- New requirements
  - Multidisciplinary Scientific Use in MSP
  - Cross border / Trans-national Applications
    - e.g. North Sea Energy Supply & Management





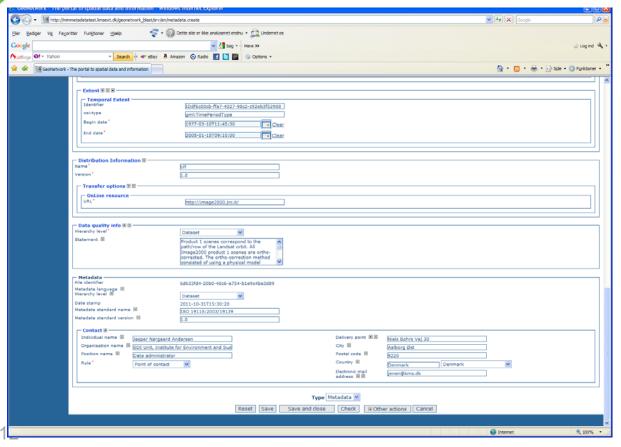
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- Contents of the metadatabase
- Methods for adding metadata
- Integration of metadata in local solutions





#### WP3: Metadatabase for BLAST - Benefits

- Single shared collection of all BLAST data available to all BLAST partners and WPs
- ISO & INSPIRE Compliant
  - Metadata input by data owners
  - Metadata maintenance by data owners
- Built on Open-Source Technologies
- Developed according to best practice and current standards
- Adaptable to future use requirement





# WP3: Vertical Reference Frames (VRF)

- VRF (or datums) are realized relative to a reference surface.
  - National realizations of a vertical datum can differ in the definition and in the choice of a reference surface, which can cause cross-border inconsistencies.
  - In WP3 a transformation tool is developed that links the global and European datums (both marine and land) to the regional and national realizations.
- Based on 12 years data from satellite altimetry (enhanced and modified near the coast), a regional mean sea level model (MSL) for the North Sea area, and a lowest astronomical tide model (LAT) is constructed
- Other vertical datums are the global and the regional geoids (EGM2008, EGG2007), the European height datum (EVRF2007), and linked to the main national land and marine datums in different countries.





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#### WP4: Harmonisation of Maritime Information

- Develop a regional basis for harmonisation of maritime information products, give input to IHO.
- Demonstrate and evaluate the use of satellite data and 3D visualization/models in navigational aid displays.
- Demonstrate a web-based port and coastal data collection system.
- Demonstrate digital mariner's routing guide for the North Sea.







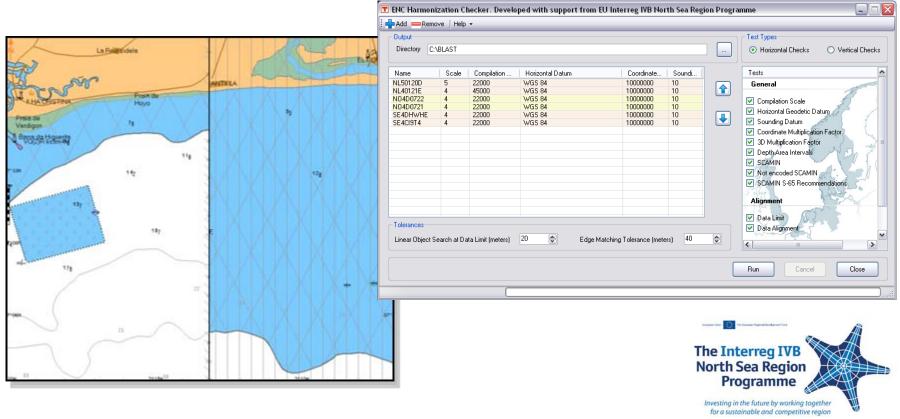
#### WP4: Rationale

- Maritime information is distributed and presented in a non –standardised way
  - In ports
  - Transnationally
- The latest GIS-technology and state-of-the-art GI are rarely used in navigational aids.





### WP4: ENC Harmonisation





# WP4: 3D Visualisation and Navigation



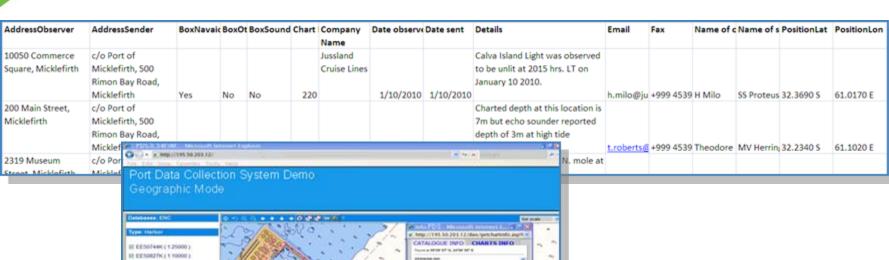


3D model of Zeebruge harbour – tested by navigators in April, 2011





## WP4: Maritime Data Collection System









## Project organisation



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# WP5: Regional Monitoring, Information Integration and Distribution Functionalities

- Design and develop a regional maritime traffic monitoring platform for the North Sea region.
- Harmonise maritime traffic information formats in the region, add new formats where needed.
- Harmonise regional maritime traffic information with SafeSeaNet, propose new functionalities.
- Develop a network and server platform for development and demonstration.







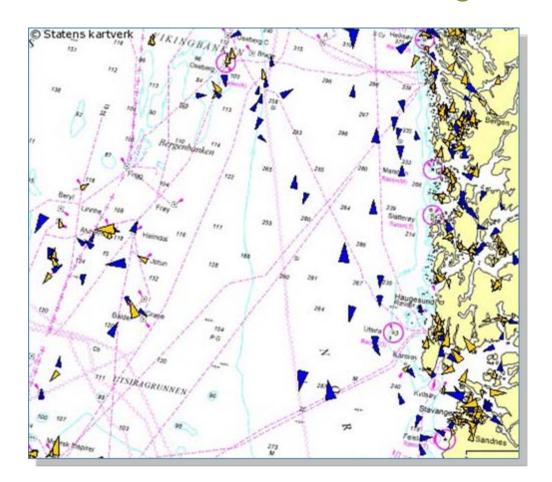
#### WP5: Rationale

- GI is rarely used in the operating traffic monitoring systems.
- Limited amount of information is provided by the existing services.
- There is a need for harmonisation of information between different operating traffic monitoring systems.
- Wider range of service interfaces for traffic info is required





# WP5: AIS Traffic Monitoring







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# WP6: Climate Change and Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM)

- Analyse and develop transnational concepts for ICZM design
- Develop a decision-support framework for ICZM in the context of climate change.
- Deploy, update and test the decision-support system in practical planning contexts in different municipalities.







#### WP6: Rationale

- Climate change challenges
  - Adaption and mitigation scenarios
- Continuous conflict between several stakeholders in the coastal zone
- Lack of transnational ICZM&P concepts
- Strong needs for harmonised GI for ICZM&P purposes





# WP6: Climate Change Adaptation Scenario









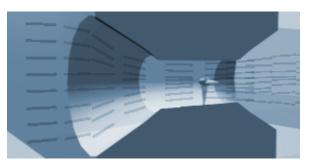




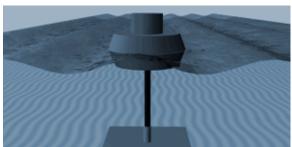


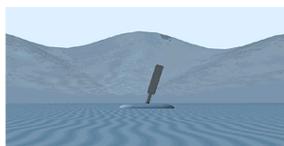
# WP6: Alternative Energy Mitigation Scenario





















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Thank you for your attention.

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