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Roundtable 4: “Sea / basin interface: Integrated management of basins and coastal waters: strengthening consistency”



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Key messages and recommendations

Message N°1 : The coastal zone (interface between basin and sea areas) is a highly sensitive area, subject to strong competition for resources.

Message N°2 : Lack of consistency in different directives, plans and agreements is a problem in implementing needed measures.

Message N°3 : Need of desalination is growing and is a concern for closed and shallow sea basins.

Message N°4 : Legacy effects of past nutrient loading are spatially and temporally complex.

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Key messages and recommendations

Key recommendation N°1: International cooperation between countries that share same waters. Revising the directives to meet the new concerns.

Key recommendation N°2: Better governance to reduce impact of human activities on land to the sea. Sharing experience of best practices from projects.

Key recommendation N°3: The integrated management of the coastal zone is an important challenge to be addressed in River Basin Management Plans.

Key recommendation N°4: HELCOM / UNECE 1992 Helsinki Water Convention contain provisions on conservation and reducing pollution to coastal waters.