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Director and Science
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Benjamin Boteler



MA (European Integration and Globalization)
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Senior Fellow

Benjamin Boteler was a Senior Fellow at Ecologic Institute and researched marine and coastal socioeconomics, marine policies, and climate change adaptation in coastal zones. He focused on the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) and ecosystem based management as well as Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) and Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM). He is a native English speaker, is fluent in German, and has a working knowledge of Spanish.

As part of his work at Ecologic Institute, Benjamin Boteler was a member of the [European Topic Centre on Inland Coastal and Marine waters](#) [1] (ETC-ICM), which supports the [European Environment Agency](#) [2] (EEA) in its research and assessment of European waters. He had been a major contributor to several EEA reports including [Marine Messages](#) [3] published in 2014, [the State of Europe's Sea](#) [4] published in 2015 and most recently in 2016, [Seafood in Europe: a food system approach to sustainability](#) [5]. Within the ETC-ICM, Benjamin was leading a research task on the sustainable use of marine resources, analyzing key socio-economic drivers and trends in European seas and coasts and is expecting to publish this work in 2018.

In addition to his activities with the EEA, he was working on several research projects within the Horizon 2020 framework programme of the European Union. Most notably, he was part of the coordination team of [AQUACROSS](#) [6], a three and a half year research project which seeks to advance knowledge and application of ecosystem-based management for aquatic ecosystems to support the timely achievement of the EU 2020 Biodiversity Strategy targets. Within the project he led a case study researching the use of Marine Protected Areas in the Azores. Finally, he was leading research on policies to improve the environmental performance of shipping in the Baltic Sea in the three year project [BONUS-SHEBA](#) [7].

Previously, he was working on several research projects within the 7th Framework Programme (FP7) of the European Union (EU), including [Policy-Oriented Marine Environmental Research in the Southern European Seas](#)

[8] (PERSEUS) analyzing socioeconomic activities in the Mediterranean and Black seas. He also concluded research on socioeconomic drivers of and barriers to marine litter, and to that end coordinated research on market-based instruments to address the marine litter problem in the FP7 project [Towards a Clean-Litter Free European Marine Environment through Scientific Evidence Innovative Tools and Good Governance](#) [9] (CleanSea). In the project [Bottom-Up Climate Adaptation Strategies for a Sustainable Europe](#) [10] (BASE) he is researching adaptation to climate change in coastal regions. Finally, for the [OSPAR Commission](#) [11] he is assessing maritime and coastal activities in the North Atlantic region in the project [Strategic Support for the OSPAR Regional Social and Economic Analysis](#) [12].

Prior to coming to Ecologic Institute, Benjamin Boteler studied [European Integration and Globalization](#) [13] at Philipps-Universität Marburg (Germany). He holds a Bachelor's in Marketing and International Studies from the [Kelley School of Business](#) [14] at Indiana University Bloomington (USA). During his studies he interned for the Australian [Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency](#) [15] (DCCEE) in Canberra (Australia).



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