



Dear Madam/Sir,

The European Maritime Day (see http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/maritimeday/index_en.htm) is celebrated annually across Europe on 20 May with the aim to facilitate stakeholder cooperation in the development of integrated maritime policy. This year's Maritime Day Conference in Valletta, Malta, will discuss the opportunities seas and oceans offer. Fresh-Thoughts Consulting and Ricardo-AEA will hold a workshop on **“Supporting adaptation efforts in coastal and maritime areas through guidance and good practice examples”** during the Stakeholder's Day on Wednesday 22 May.

The workshop will first introduce the European Climate Adaptation Platform (Climate-ADAPT) to show, using interactive sessions and examples, how this web portal can help people working in maritime sectors access a wide range of resources to develop practical adaptation measures and policies. Available resources include:

- Tools to help you develop adaptation approaches.
- Case studies to facilitate learning from experiences across Europe.
- A searchable database containing reports, maps, graphs, datasets and indicators.
- Up-to-date information on the EU, national, transnational, regional and local adaptation policies and activities.
- A permanent call for researchers and practitioners to share their information and experiences.
- And more...

The session will enable us to obtain feedback from participants on how to enhance and further develop the Climate-ADAPT platform to meet the needs of maritime stakeholders; reinforcing its role as the reference for adaptation in Europe.

Integrated coastal zone management (ICZM) and maritime spatial planning (MSP) are essential tools for climate change adaptation. In the second part of the workshop, stakeholders will be invited to discuss their approaches for putting in place climate change adaptation principles in the MSP and ICZM policy implementation cycles. The discussion will focus on the success factors and difficulties they have encountered in implementing ICZM and MSP in the context of climate change adaptation, to identify where additional guidance or examples in the Platform could be useful to support marine and coastal management. Input from the workshop participants will feed into work underway to support the European Commission in the preparation of a guidance document to give practical advice to both stakeholders at the national level as well as local and regional officials.

Please **register your attendance** for the free to attend European Maritime Stakeholder Day on 22 May in Valetta, Malta here: <https://emd2013.sharpdev.be/default.aspx>

And **join us** at the **Supporting adaptation efforts in coastal and maritime areas through guidance and good practice examples session** by signing up to the workshop by contacting: maria.berglund@fresh-thoughts.eu

Best regards,

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