



SEAS-ERA

The role of local authorities: A necessary step to achieve efficient results



Rationale

- The importance of the Atlantic cities within European maritime policy: Lisbon, Vigo, Gijon-Saint Nazaire.
- The Atlantic Arc is characterized by an unbroken tight urban network, composed mainly by medium (port) cities participating in IMP .
- The connections with the hinterland are still deficient
- Atlantic Arc Cities have the necessary capacity to carry out local development plans and to fulfill their role as active (and proactive) actors
- The corresponding Sea Basin Vision Statement should explicitly mention the questions of shared governance and civil society participation
- Local and Port authorities should be included in the report as sources of information and steering participants.



Research Topics

Basic Research & New Knowledge

Ecosystem functioning and processes: Sea-Land relation and Human Interaction

Climate Change - mitigation & adaptation: Explosive Cyclogenesis (Xhyntia-type storms)

Applied Research: Science supporting Society and Economy

Shipping and Maritime Transport: Ports and hinterlands

Marine Leisure & Tourism, including maritime culture & heritage:

Short-Sea Shipping Routes? Interaction bt MoS and Tourism?

Marine Bio-Resources: Fisheries, Aquaculture and Seafood

Processing:

Local promotion and consumption of fish and seafood, specially for artisanal sector

INCLUDE: Social acceptance and local governance

Research Support & Cross-Cutting Issues

Management tools: Capacity Building