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## Action for the Reinforcement of the Transitional Waters' Environmental Integrity



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# ARTWEI - Action for the Reinforcement of the Transitional Waters' Environmental Integrity

## Project background and aims

Transitional waters (TW) linking adjacent river basins and marine areas are critically important for the ecological health of the Baltic Sea.

The European Water Policy and the EU Water Framework Directive set the guidelines for managing river basins, while marine areas are managed within the EU Maritime Spatial Planning framework. To implement these policies and to ensure proper environmental integrity of the transitional waters, the cross-border cooperation of local and regional interest groups, citizens and politicians is crucial.

ARTWEI will be based on existing experiences of the EU and international Baltic Sea cooperation networks and develop local and regional methods for effective management of transitional waters from **two perspectives**:

1. **cross-border cooperation,**
2. **environmental integrity of river basins – transitional waters – open sea.**

ARTWEI has four cross-border TW regions of the South Baltic Area as **target areas**:

- **Curonian Lagoon (LT/RU),**
- **Vistula Lagoon (RU/PL),**
- **Odra Lagoon (PL/DE),**
- **Oresund Sound (DK/SE).**

**Project duration: March 2010 - February 2013**  
**Total budget: 1,4 million Euro**

The ARTWEI Project is part of the South Baltic Programme 2007 – 2013. The ARTWEI lead partner is Klaipeda University and the partnership involves six partners from Lithuania, Germany, Poland and Sweden.

## Project Partners

- **Lead Beneficiary – CORPI KU (Lithuania)**
- **Partner 2 – EUCC – Coastal Union Germany (Germany)**
- **Partner 3 – EUCC Baltic Office (Lithuania)**
- **Partner 4 – World Maritime University (Sweden)**
- **Partner 5 – University of Szczecin (Poland)**
- **Partner 6 – Sea Fisheries Institute (Poland)**
- **Associated organization – Abioras (Kaliningrad)**



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Specific conclusions and recommendations for the durable reinforcement of the environmental integrity of the transitional waters will be developed and politically endorsed in the form of a Good Practice Code of Conduct. A web-based multilingual platform, including webGIS and other ICT tools, will be created facilitating an interactive knowledge exchange within and among Transitional Waters Stakeholder Bodies. Environmental education will be an additional tool implemented in the form of a transboundary coastal dialogue, a thematic photo competition and a public information system.



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