Functions of Regional Assembly

1st January 2015:

• Establishment of 3 new Regional Assemblies in accordance with the provisions of Establishment Order SI 573 of 2014.

Aims

• To manage Regional Operational Programmes
• To co-ordinate, promote or support strategic planning
• To prepare and oversee the implementation of new Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies, and providing statutory observations on local authority development plans and variations.
• To promote effectiveness in local government and public services in the region
About the Celtic Seas Partnership

- €4 million EU LIFE+ funded 4 year project (January 2013 to December 2016) After LIFE.
- Building on successful PISCES project http://www.projectpisces.eu
- WWF-UK lead with University of Liverpool and Natural Environment Research Council (NERC)-BODC in the UK; Seaweb in France; Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly and Coastal and Marine Research Centre (University College Cork) in Ireland.
- Cross-sectoral representation
- Scientists carrying out relevant research.
- Government & statutory agency representatives.
Main challenges

- Growing number of activities and uses, compounded by no one organisation with responsibility.
- Ever more crowded policy environment.
- Difficulty engaging stakeholders.
- Lack of clarity regarding indicators.
- Difficulty engaging stakeholders in MSFD
- Facilitating economic growth and protecting the environment.
- Different visions and objectives
Pilot Actions in Dublin Bay

- Provide a framework for engaging stakeholders.
- Workshops on ecosystem services, data and information and integration with planning.
- Provide tools and enable stakeholders to acquire a better understanding of Dublin Bay using an ecosystem based approach.
- Developed Dublin Bay Dashboard
- Researched case studies
- Steering group meetings to guide development of the project
- Implementation toolkit, collate baseline data, and set up a template for information share monitoring and evaluation.
- Identify new opportunities or actions for enhancing Dublin Bay.
Data Dashboard
http://www.dublindashboard.ie/pages/DublinBay
Stakeholder Engagement Workshops

- Building blocks towards establishing a shared vision and framework.
- Open neutral platform, a forum for coordination.
- Stakeholders invited to identify ecosystem services that Dublin Bay affords.
- Indicate, where possible, where these services are located and to consider what might happen to these services in the future.
- Data and information sharing a key component of effective management of Dublin Bay.
- Workshop on Marine Spatial Planning in Dublin Bay
Forum for Dublin Bay

• Proposed Forum for Dublin Bay in order to:
  • Coordinate local and community actions
  • Monitoring and report on progress
  • Provide a platform for discussion of legislation and policy
  • Develop a single vision, targets and a programme of measures
  • Provide guidance in relation to the roles and responsibilities of organisations
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