

The Coastal Management Centre

PRIORITY ACTIONS PROGRAMME

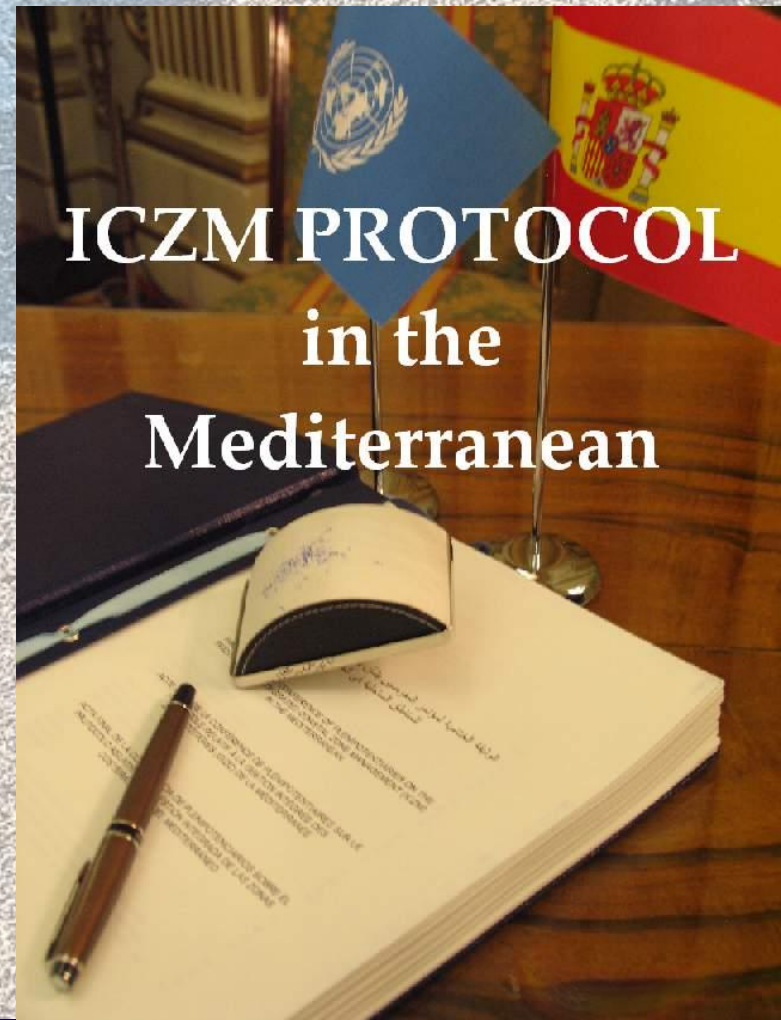
ICZM PROTOCOL

Implementation in the Mediterranean

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ICZM PROTOCOL?

- Conference of the Plenipotentiaries (Madrid, 21 January 2008)
- 24 March 2011 ICZM Protocol entered into force



WHAT IS PROTOCOL?

- (International) legal document regulating specific questions
- International legal documents superordinating national ones
- Why do we need ICZM Protocol?
 - Desire to be as close to the shoreline
 - Incompatibility of coastal land uses
 - Prevention of free access to the sea and along the shore
 - Longterm goals of protecting coastal resources conflicts with fast profit interests



- **One of the key events** in the MAP history
- **Innovative**: unique legal document in the entire international community
- **Forward-looking and proactive**: it aims at preventing and not only reacting to coastal problems (achieving effects)
- **Comprehensive**: it covers all issues crucial for coastal environment and its protection in the 21st century (new challenges like climate change)
- **Integrated**: it ensures institutional co-ordination , co-ordination of national, regional and local authorities, involvement of NGOs and other competent organisations, as well as integrity of sea and land areas

STRUCTURE OF THE ICZM PROTOCOL

- Part I General Provisions
- Part II Elements of Integrated Coastal Zone Management
- Part III Instruments for Integrated Coastal Zone Management
- Part IV Risks Affecting the Coastal Zone
- Part V International Cooperation
- Part VI Institutional Provisions
- Part VII Final Provisions

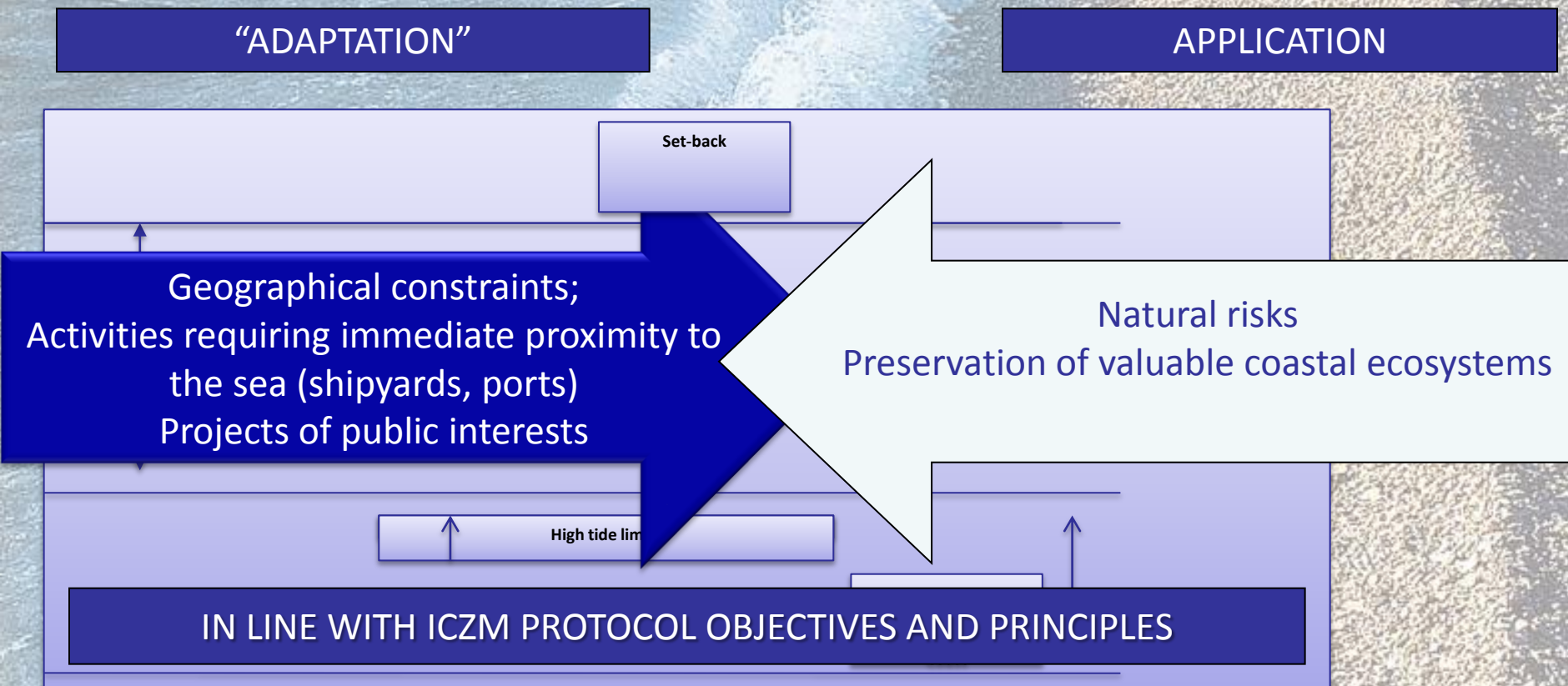
KEY ARTICLES: ART. 5, 6

Broad but emphasise objectives and principles on which Protocol application **must be based**

...sustainable development of coastal areas...
...preservation of natural resources...
...sustainable use of natural resources...
...integrity of coastal ecosystems...
...reduction of effects of natural hazards...
...ecosystem approach...

Priority is given to ensuring preservation of the integrity of **coastal ecosystems**

KEY ARTICLES: ART. 8



KEY ARTICLES: ART. 7

Urges Parties to ensure:

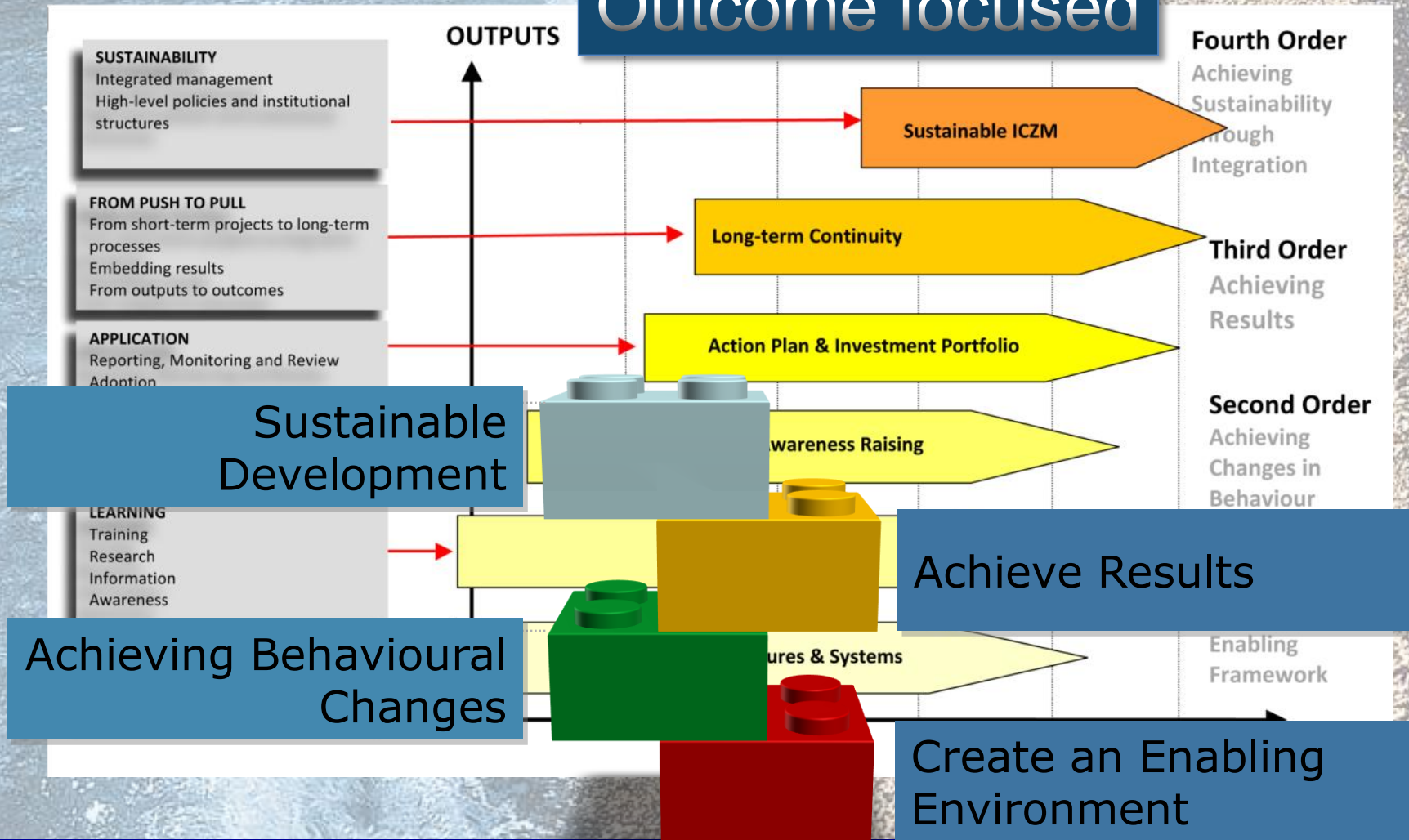
- Institutional coordination
- Coordination between various authorities (national, regional, local level)
- Coordination in policy (strategies, plans, programmes) development

KEY ARTICLES: ART. 17, 18

- Parties shall strengthen or formulate a National ICZM Strategies
- Strategy shall set objectives, determine priorities, identify coastal ecosystems needing management, as well as all relevant actors and processes, measures and instruments, legal and financial means available, set an implementation schedule
- Coastal plans and programmes – in line with the Strategy – specify the orientations of the Strategy and implement it

ICZM Protocol in the Mediterranean

Outcome focused



National ICZM Strategy and the Plan in Montenegro



- UNEP/MAP – CAMP Montenegro
- GEF MedPartnership
- Spatial planning – central platform
- Strengthening the spatial planning system
- Contributing to the preparation of the Coastal Area Spatial Plan

Integrated Management Plan – Buna/Bojana

(Albania/Montenegro)

CHALLENGES

- Integrating WFD and ICZM Protocol; additionally MSFD
- Transboundary integration
- Integrating objectives and approaches of partner organisations UNESCO-IHP, GWP-Med, PAP/RAC
- Learning by doing approach

ISSUES

- Different legal document with different level of details (requirements)
- Different national systems (including type and level of information)
- Challenge to find flexible and adaptive national teams ready to improvise

OPPORTUNITIES

- Answering to requirements of different legal obligations with single approach
- Rationalisation of approach (resources, time)
- Holistic planning
- Learning from each other – basis for joint management of resources
- Building national capacities
- Replication to other areas



ICZM governance platform – platform for cooperation

- SHAPE EU IPA Adriatic Cross-border Co-operation Programme
- PEGASO EU Framework Programme 7
- MAREMED



- *ICZM Protocol and the EU policies of relevance for the Mediterranean Sea (e.g. Marine Strategy Framework Directive) are important driving forces for the implementation of projects contributing to sustainable development of Mediterranean and European coastal zones*

as well as

- PERSEUS EU Framework Programme 7;
- GEF MedPartnership;
- FaceCOAST Med-Cluster; and
- ResMAR (Network for Environmental Protection in Maritime Space),



- upgrade the level of the existing co-operation, secure coherence and avoid overlapping, improve efficacy by working in synergy
- use the existing PEGASO ICZM Governance Platform to facilitate sharing of data and information among projects as well with other stakeholders including decision makers, practitioners and donors

New project initiatives – integration of ICZM Protocol and MSFD in the Mediterranean



THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
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