Programme in progress for UNOC Workshop 3
Nice Mediterranean University Centre (CUM), 14 March 2025

Spatial recomposition: a solution for adapting high-risk coastal areas

Climate change is causing and accelerating the occurrence of submersion and flooding phenomena. In this context, some areas are taking mitigation or adaptation measures to prevent the occurrence of these phenomena. In some cases, mitigation and adaptation will no longer suffice, and some areas will require more radical retreat solutions. How can we identify these high-risk areas and manage the changes, whether through legal, financial, project or community support solutions?

This is the subject of this third workshop, dedicated to managing and overcoming extreme situations in areas that will eventually become uninhabitable and/or unusable.

It will be divided into two main parts: the morning will be devoted to sharing expertise and experiences, and the afternoon will be devoted to co-production workshops that will open up dialogue and bring together the views of different disciplines on these same issues.

The Nice workshop will be the subject of a summary which will highlight the salient points of the discussions and put forward a number of suggestions for major policy directions for local and regional authorities. This summary will itself be included in a document that will carry 'The Voice of the Mediterranean' to the UNOC.

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PROGRAMME

1. 9am - 9.30am: Political introduction - welcome from Nice Côte d'Azur

Agnès Rampal, Deputy Mayor of Nice with responsibility for the Euro-Mediterranean region, Vice-President of the Nice Côte d'Azur Metropolitan Area and President of AViTeM,

Mrs Anne Guégen, French Ambassador to Tunisia

2. 9.30am - 10.30am: "Territories in the spotlight"

Between knowledge and identification of high-risk areas, strategies, awareness-raising and priority projects

Speakers:

· 9.30am - 9.50am The Ghar El Melh delta in Tunisia by Gil Mahé, Director of Research at the IRD and Oula Amrouni, researcher at the INSTM and regional coordinator of UNESCO's MEDFRIEND-WATER programme: An active project coordinating observation, redevelopment and citizen involvement.

· 9h50 - 10h10 Barcelona Regional, Barbara Pons, Director: Between the Coastal Plan 2100 and the restructuring of Barcelona's beaches

· 10:10 - 10:30 The South-Holland Region, Arjan Van de Lindeloof, landscape architect: Climate change adaptation & coastal resilience

· 10.30am - 10.50am The Etang de Thau by Stéphane Roumeau, Director and Alexandre Pennaneac'h, project manager from the Syndicat Mixte de l'Etang de Thau: An observation/evaluation system for project management. *(Confirmed)*

· 10.50am - 11.20am L'Agence d'Urbanisme Azuréenne, Laurence Jacquier, Director of Studies, in relation to the territory of Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon presented by Métamorphoses Urbaines, Margot Liebel, Urban Planner and Project Manager: between planning and the transition to projects.

The aim of this first sequence is to share comprehensive experiences of the fight against and adaptation to the risks of flooding. Depending on the case, the presentations will deal with knowledge, strategy and implementation tactics.

– 11.20am – 11.40am: coffee break –

3. 11.40am - 12.10pm: Management strategies for transition phases

Speaker:

· Marie-Laure Lambert, University of Aix-Marseille, IUAR – PhD, lecturer and researcher in public environmental law, specialising in the adaptation of urban planning to climate change and increasing coastal risks

The aim of this second phase is to identify innovations in public land use for relocation initiatives:

· Study the financing of relocation, between international solidarity, local compensation and insurance funding

· Examine the issue of acceptance and support for those affected (businesses, residents, landowners)

4. 12.10pm – 12.30pm: Ocean & Climate Platform, presentation of the Sea'Ties studies

· Théophile Bongarts, head of the Coastal Adaptation Unit and Sarah Palazot, SEA'TIES project manager and scientific mediator.

Conclusion of the morning session by Marie Baduel (Deputy Director of AViTeM) and Amine Benaissa (architect and urban planner, associate professor at Sorbonne University).

5. 2.30pm - 4.30pm: Co-production workshops

The afternoon will take the form of co-production workshops, both in person and online, in French and English.

- Workshop 1: Knowledge and strategy
- Workshop 2: tactical diagram and transition stages

6. 4.30pm - 5pm: Synthesis and conclusion