The 2021 MARE People & the Sea Conference



The 11th MARE People and the Sea Conference will take place from the **28th of June to 2nd of July, 2021.** This year, the conference will be held virtually and will focus on the theme "**Limits to Blue Growth??.** For decades sustainable development has served as guiding concept for policy makers, including those concerned in coastal and ocean governance. At the same time, the ?blue economy' and ?blue growth' have nowadays become popular concepts in marine policy. Notions on blue growth especially ask attention for new uses of the oceans, such as renewable energy (wind at sea), deep sea mining and deep-sea fishing but also aim at highlighting ecosystem services that have societal value (coastal protection, CO2 storage and biodiversity). The concept aims to reconcile two seemingly opposing uses of the oceans: exploitation and conservation, in the same way as was intended with the use of ?sustainable development'. The concept also seems to promise that there still is a new, not yet reached frontier for economic expansion.

MARE Policy Day 2021: Coastal & Maritime Cultural Heritage
As always, the MARE Conference is accompanied by a Policy Day. This year theme is Coastal & Maritime Cultural Heritage.

MARE, the Centre for Maritime Research, is an interdisciplinary social science organisation interested in the use and management of marine resources. Its objective is to provide a stimulating intellectual climate for academics and policymakers working on topics related to coasts and seas. Although MARE limits its action radius to the social sciences, it seeks active collaboration with other disciplines. It strives to maintain a balanced mix of academic and policy-oriented research. MARE takes a global perspective, emphasising the coastal zones of Europe, Asia, and Africa. It covers a broad spectrum of topics, drawing on expertise from fields such as law, history, economics, political science, public administration, anthropology, and geography.

Mare Conference programme and schedule here.
For more information about the theme and the policy day program, please click here.
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