

Preface

From February 2004 until December 2007 the ComCoast project (*Combined Functions in Coastal Defence Zones*) was carried out within the Interreg IIIB framework. The objective of this project was to investigate and to test the options for spatial coastal protection concepts. The mission statement of the project over its entire duration was: *A wider approach in coastal thinking*. I was glad to be part of this project and would like to thank all my European colleagues for the constructive and cooperative atmosphere.

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