



The Conference Secretariat of OPEN DAYS\*, is organizing a seminar on "[Adapting to risks and the impacts of climate change: lessons from Europe's coastal zones](#)".

The Secretariat hopes, by several presentations and a short debate to give , *inter alia*, input to the planned Community Disaster Prevention Strategy, which is scheduled for the end of 2008. Timely and due incorporation of the risk dimension in planning and regional development would be a significant step towards prevention of risks. It's hoped by the time of the seminar launching as well a network to stimulate spreading of best-practice, as part of the EU Cohesion policy ("Regions for economic change" initiative).

[In this context Beachmed-e has been asked to provide a short presentation](#). The audience will be mainly regional officers and policy makers. So, what is most interesting are the aspects of incorporating risks into regional development and planning.

The session will be open and will take place on [Wednesday 10/10, at 14.30-16.30](#), in the Van Maerlant building , Room 1, [Brussels](#).

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<b>Workshop code:</b>	10E24
<b>Title:</b>	Adapting to risks and the impacts of climate change: lessons from Europe's coastal zones
<b>Description:</b>	The current Structural Funds programming period includes risk prevention among its priorities, and coastal management is one of the selected themes for the 'Regions of economic change'. The topic of adaptation to risks is also being advanced in the context of the future maritime policy. For 2008 we have a Community strategy on disaster prevention scheduled in the Commission's work programme, for which we want to take stock of the many experiences with risk management in the very

exposed coastal regions.

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