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PRO-Coast Consortium Holds Crucial Fourth Meeting in Tallinn, Estonia

Tallinn, Estonia, May, 28 2025 - The PRO-Coast Consortium, a proactive initiative focused on empowering communities to drive societal transformation, is holding its fourth meeting in Tallinn, Estonia, from 03/06/2025 to 04/06/2025. Hosted by Tallinn University of Technology, the Estonian member of the PRO-Coast Consortium, this crucial gathering brings together 20 partners from 14 European countries. The meeting marks a significant milestone in the 36-month project, focusing on progress since the last meeting, challenges encountered, and the next steps in achieving the project's ambitious goals.

The fourth PRO-Coast meeting will delve into key areas including:

- Review of Actions Taken Since the Last Meeting: Partners will assess progress on previously agreed- tasks and initiatives.
- Training given on several tools and approaches for PRO-Coast's Case Study leaders
- Identification and Analysis of Challenges: Open discussion will address obstacles encountered by the consortium members, fostering collaborative solutions.
- Definition of Next Steps and Action Plans: The meeting will establish clear action plans and outline the required contributions from each partner to ensure the project's continued success.
- WP Leaders Summary Meeting: This dedicated sub-meeting will bring together Work Package (WP) leaders to provide comprehensive summaries of their respective work packages, ensuring alignment and efficient progress.
- CS Leaders Follow-up Meeting: This session will focus on the follow-up of the Coordination and Support (CS) activities, ensuring effective project management and communication.

This meeting is crucial to the overall success of the PRO-Coast project, which is dedicated to empowering local communities to support the restoration and preservation of biodiversity and ecosystem services across Europe. By actively integrating local knowledge into practical actions and policy-making, PRO-Coast strives to foster sustainable societal transformation.

Engaging Stakeholders for Lasting Change

The core mission of PRO-Coast is to strengthen biodiversity, restore ecosystems, and enhance ecosystem services through meaningful involvement of local communities, civil society, policymakers, financial institutions, and industry stakeholders. This collaborative approach ensures that local voices are heard and incorporated into impactful solutions.

The project's evolving website (www.pro-coast.eu) plays a vital role in this effort. Across several languages it is providing easy access to a diverse range of events—from workshops and training sessions to conferences and online forums—creating a vibrant, borderless space for dialogue, knowledge exchange, and collaboration. The website provides a platform instrumental in driving community-led change and fostering a shared commitment to safeguarding Europe's natural heritage.

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About PRO-Coast: *PRO-Coast consists of 20 partners from 14 countries (Belgium, Greece, Spain, Italy, Germany, Estonia, Romania, Montenegro, Cyprus, Malta, United Kingdom, Slovenia, Norway, and Ireland). They have joined forces to stimulate and empower local communities and civil society in general, to support restoration and maintenance of biodiversity and ecosystem services across Europe, involving them more actively in environmental governance. Over the 3 years of the project, PRO-Coast will gather and synthesize knowledge for informed citizen decisions, improving co-participation in community decision-making, while integrating local knowledge into policymaking*
For more information, please visit www.pro-coast.eu .

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