


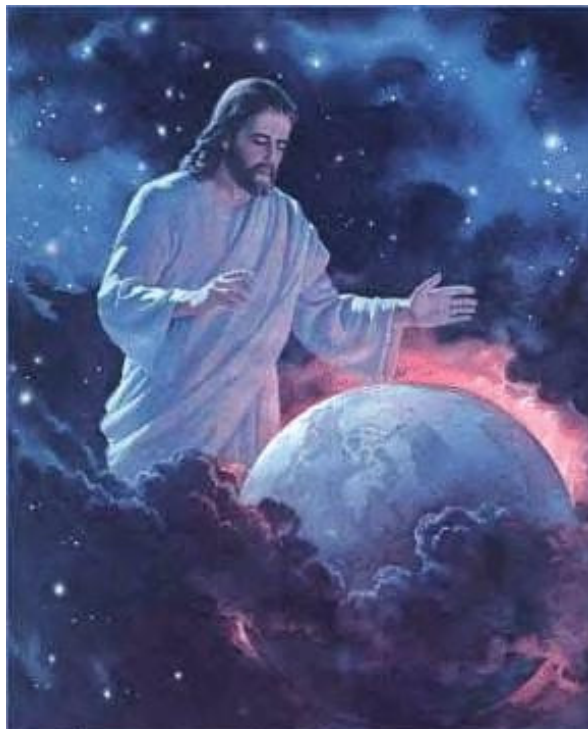
C-scope conference

Experiences after 4 years of Coastal
Forum in Belgium



Peter Norro, Chairman of the Coastal Forum
Belgium

On the origin of the specimen Belgian Coastal Forum: creation



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>in the beginning:

nothing

>1st day:

land and sea

>2nd day:

England and Belgium

>3rd day:

man and women

>4th day:

Dorset Coast Forum and Belgian ICZM Coordination Centre

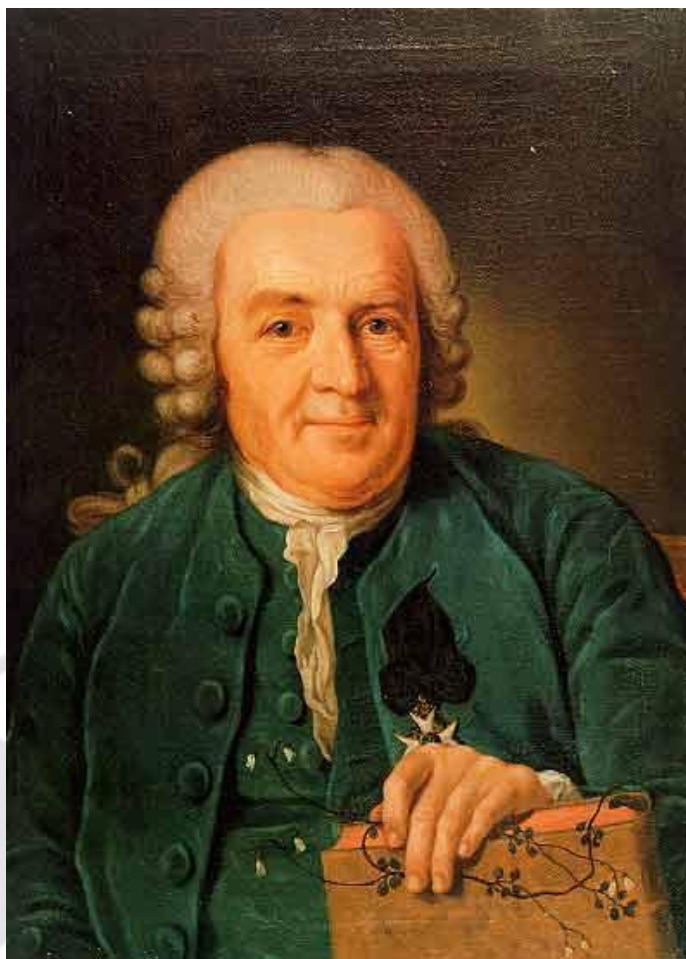
>5th day:

each his own coastal forum

And now?



The specimen Belgian Coastal Forum: general characteristics



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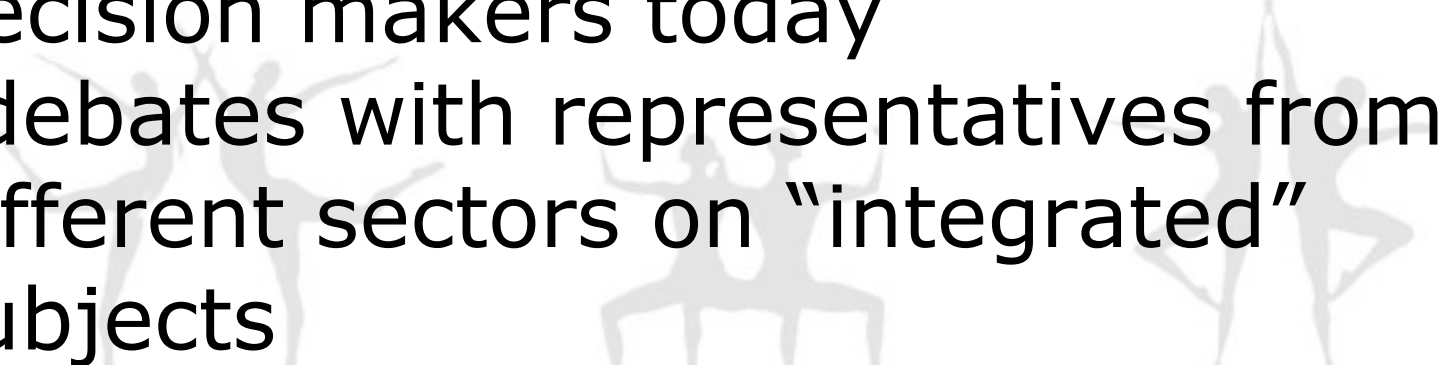
since 2009:

- Springtime
- Every year in a different coastal municipality
- overlooking the highlights of the past year
- yearbook as backbone = compilation of news headlines by journalist specialised in coast related topics



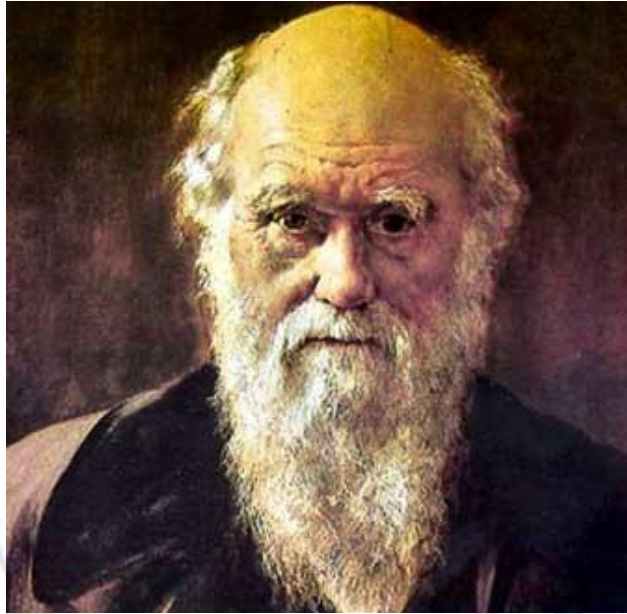
The specimen Belgian Coastal Forum: general characteristics

since 2009:

- selection of topics on which open discussion gives added value for the decision makers today
 - debates with representatives from different sectors on “integrated” subjects
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The specimen Belgian Coastal Forum: evolution





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- 2009:
- “ is living at the seaside still affordable? Or will moderate incomes have to shift inland?”
- “ employment in coastal harbours in times of crisis: perspectives and strategy”
- “ wind turbines at sea”
- + interview with coastal journalist – compiler
- + open forum: points of interest for coastal politicians in the near future?





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- 2010:
- “How safe is our coast (in relation to sea level rising?”
- “ The Flemish Coast as a hip and trendy destination?”
- + report by a trendwatcher on the Belgian Coast in the future



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- 2011:
- “Employment opportunities at sea”
- “Quality of public space at the seaside”
- + feedback on recent developments concerning the aging problem
- + speech on coastal defence by minister of public works

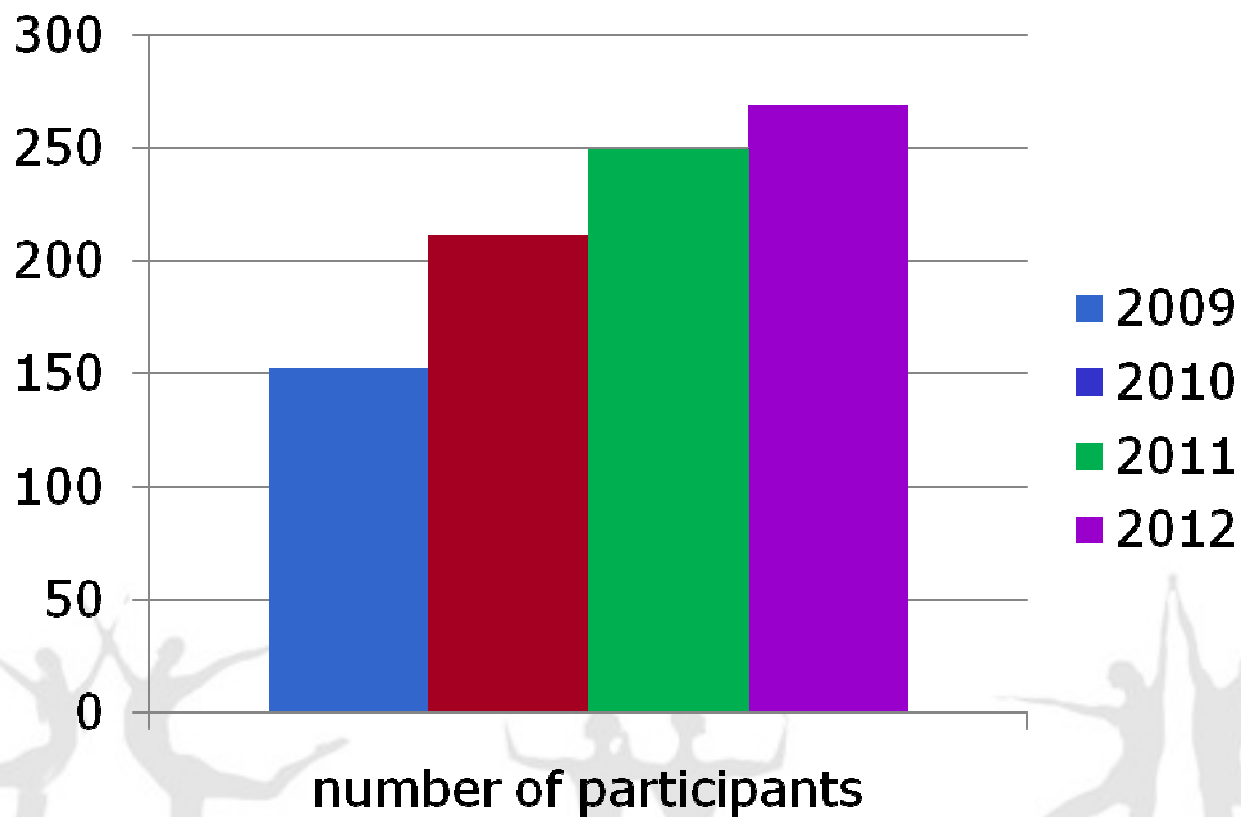


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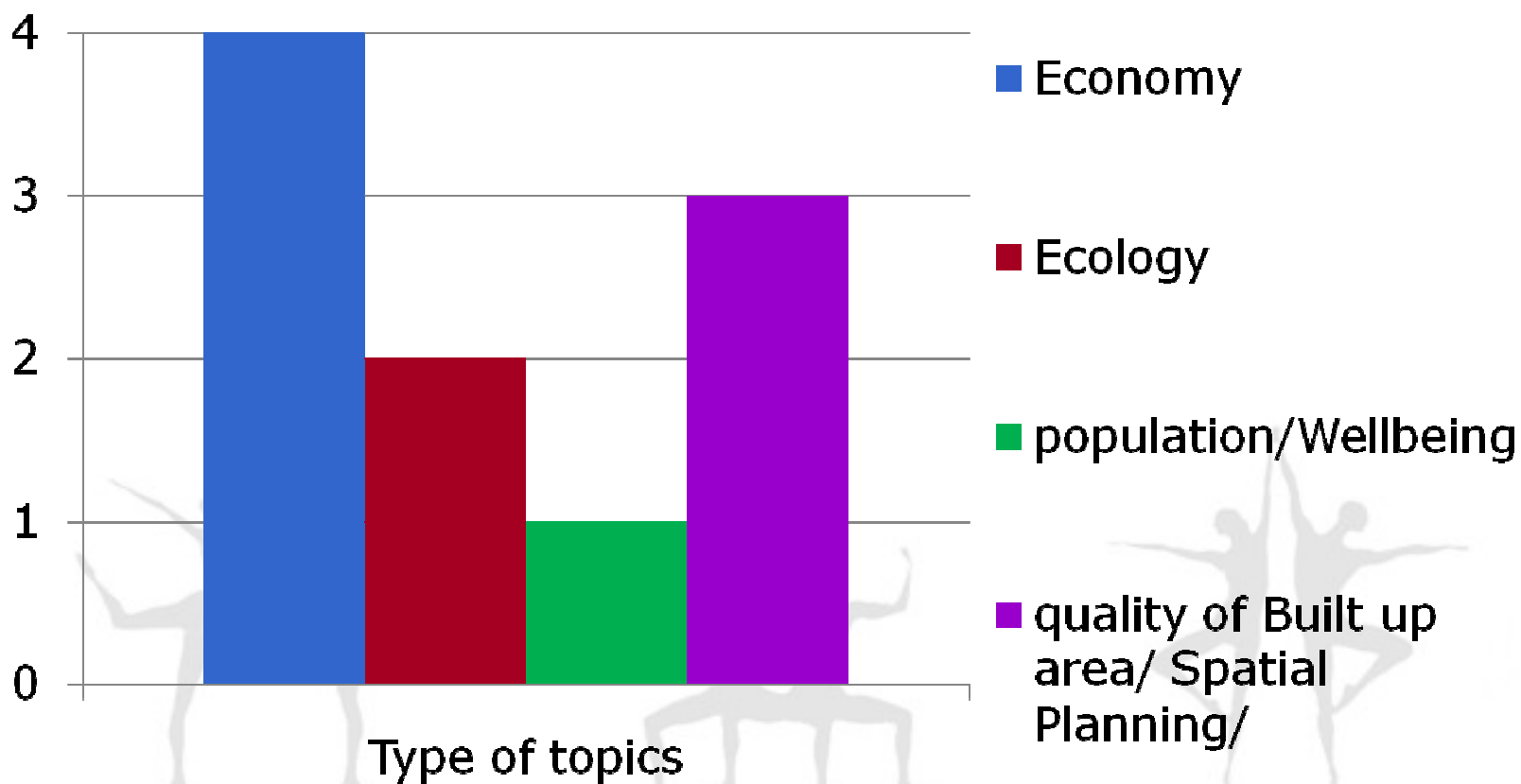
- 2012:
- “The beach of the future”
- “How many pressure can our coastal nature have?”
- + feedback on coastal mobility challenges (inspired by first workshop)
- + award winning ceremony sustainability awards



The specimen Belgian Coastal Forum: statistics



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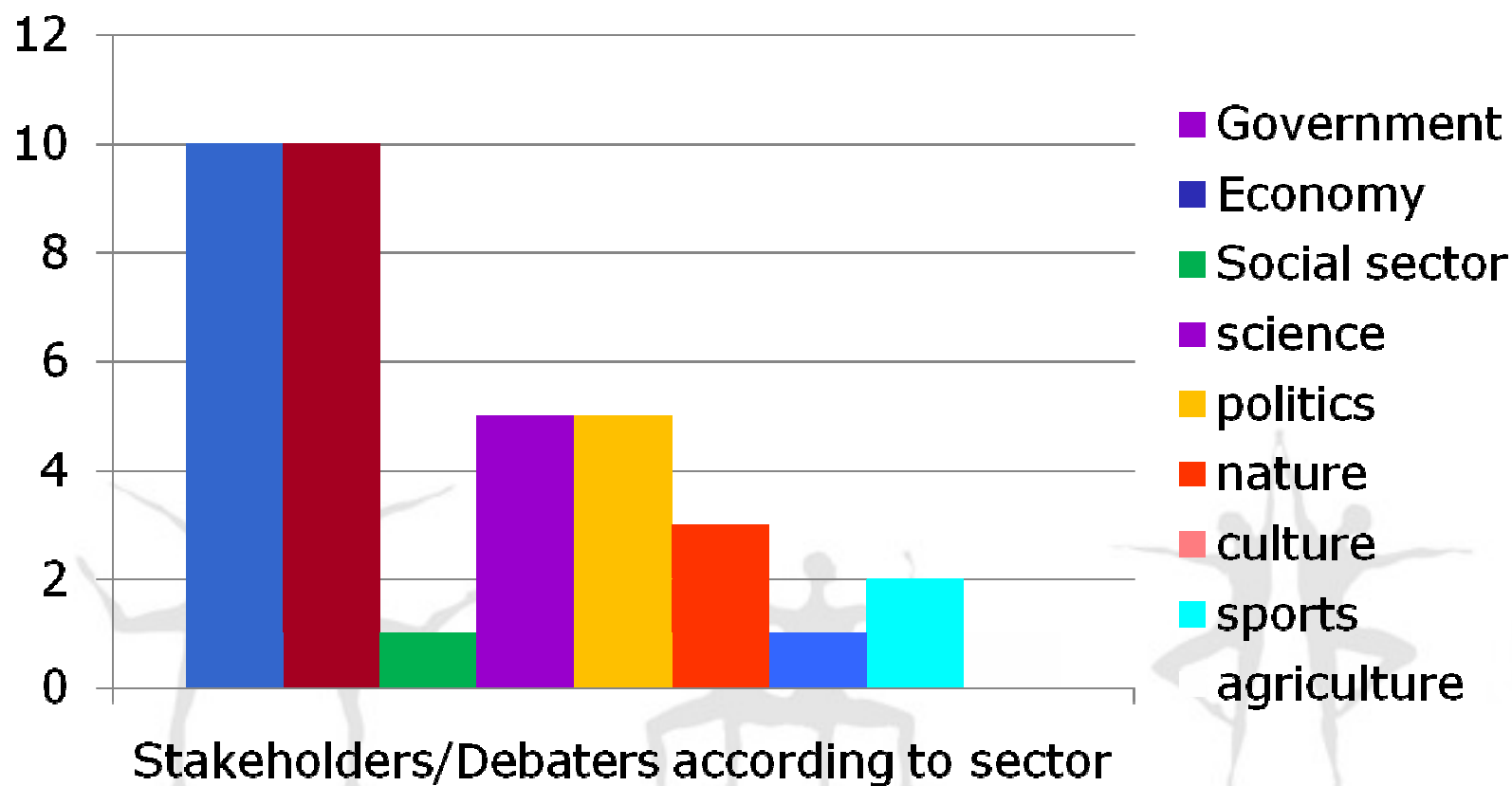


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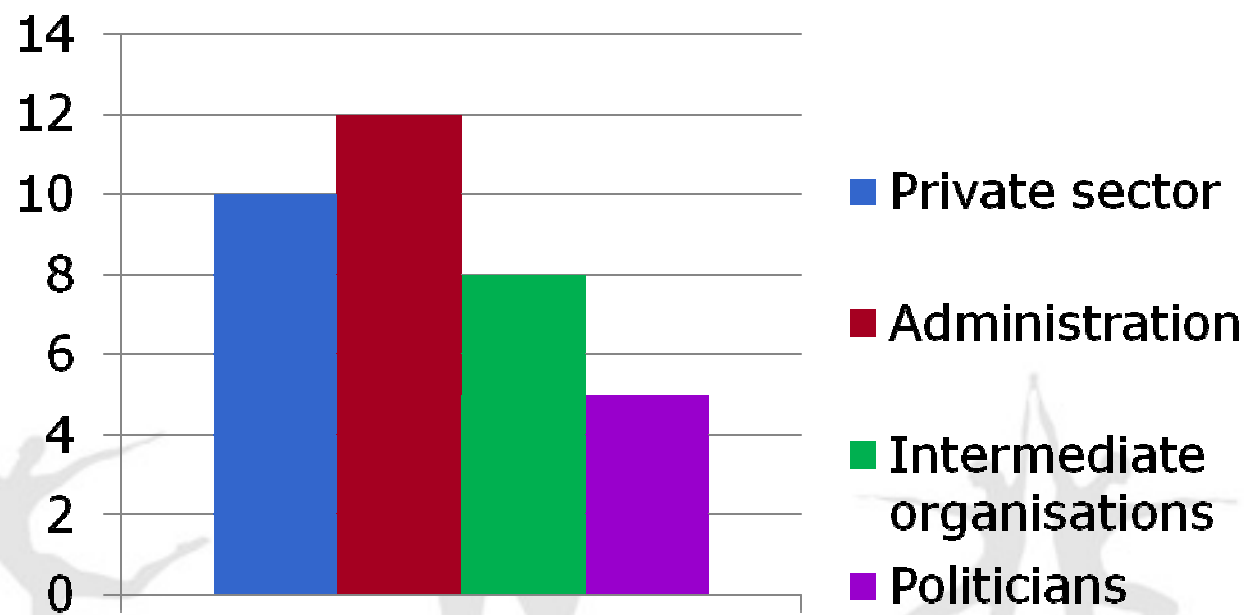
- Type of stakeholders



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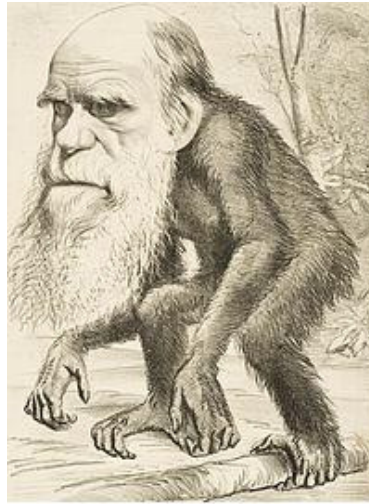


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Stakeholders/Debaters according to position in decision making process

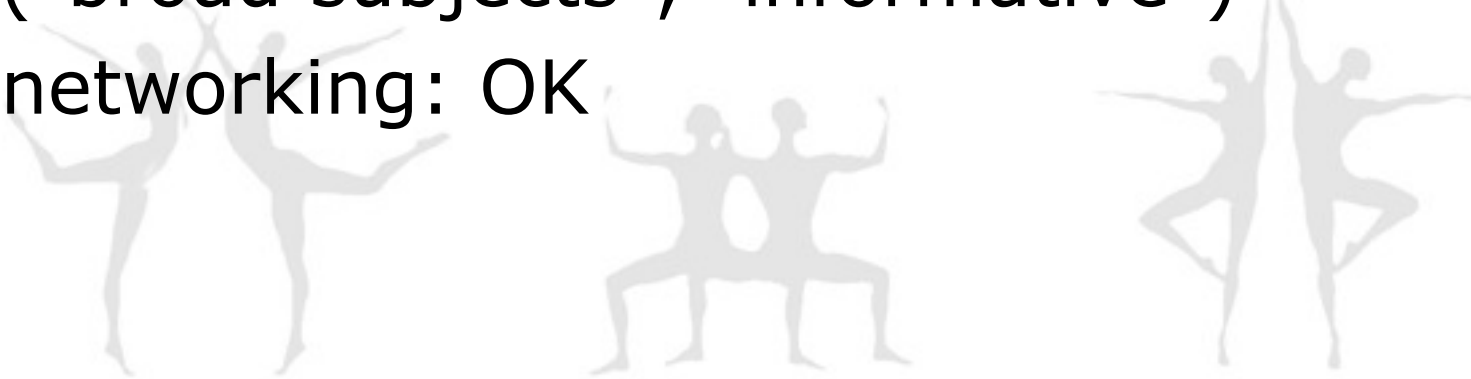
Belgian Coastal Forum: fit enough to survive ?





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- > adapted to its environment ?
- * appreciation OK:
- * dissemination of information: OK
("broad subjects", "informative")
- * networking: OK





Belgian Coastal Forum: success rate / chance of survival

> adapted to it's environment (fit?)?

* interactivity: plus/minus OK (little interference of audience in the discussions, nor in the establishment of the agenda; "debates" are in reality talks, only local politicians questioned, no consultation of the "average" coastal inhabitant, some sectors demand permanent involvement)

(no function as formal advisory board (too large scale, nor as a body for policy evaluation) But was not meant to be so



Belgian Coastal Forum: success rate / chance of survival



> some spin off: separate work shops
(mobility, spatial planning of beaches)

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COME AND SEE NEXT YEAR

(future issues suggested by the public: the coastal tramway/ spatial planning at sea/ traffic connections with the hinterland/ threats for fishery at sea/ silting up of the coastal mainroad/ forms of cooperation between coastal municipalities/