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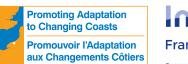
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PACCo: PROMOTING TÖ CHANGING

THE VISION

The PACCo project will show that it is possible for many estuaries and coasts to adapt to climate change. We will create a transferable model of how this can be done, informed by our experiences at two sites where such adaptation has taken place: the Saâne Valley on the north coast of France (Normandy) and the Otter Valley on the south coast of England (Devon).











HOW WILL THE VISION BE **DELIVERED?**

PACCo is supported by the European Union's **Interreg V A France Channel England** programme. It has a total value of €26m, with €17.8m coming from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

An international team, led by the Environment Agency, will co-ordinate the work of six project partners in adapting the Saâne and Otter Valleys to future climate change. The approach and lessons learnt will be made available to policy makers, government agencies and those responsible for the management of coastal communities in northern France and southern England through promotion of the PACCo model.

The model will highlight successful approaches to climate change adaptation and help impacted communities assess whether adaptation is right for them and, if so, how they might best proceed to address the issues they face.





WHAT WILL **PACCo** DO?

PACCo aims to demonstrate that the success of climate change adaptation is dependent on government, businesses, NGOs and communities working in partnership to identify, assess, accept and address climate risks.

- The Environment Agency will lead and co-ordinate the activities of the partners and be ultimately responsible for delivering the project.
- Key objectives include: showing how climate change adaptation can protect and enhance the environment, biodiversity, food webs and commercial fish species and protect against pollution; providing proof that adaptation can deliver more effective and cost-effective management of coastal water ecosystems; demonstrating the long-term economic and public benefits that can be derived from adaptive management.
- The primary project output will be the PACCo model. It will incorporate the tools, techniques, protocols, reports, analyses, methodologies, frameworks and lessons learnt from the two pilot sites. The model will support other coastal communities to adapt to climate change; more than 70 communities could benefit.
- PACCo will ensure a high impact of its new cross-border methodologies, tools and techniques by widely communicating project messages and the PACCo model. Key messages will be delivered to varied audiences and stakeholders at local, regional and national events, workshops, and at the final conferences.

SUITABLE ADAPTATIONS FOR ANY GIVEN COASTAL COMMUNITY WILL BE DEPENDENT ON LOCAL CIRCUMSTANCES.



In the Otter Valley, actions will include:

- Breaching existing flood embankments to better reconnect the river to its floodplain
- Restoring lost inter-tidal habitat
- Relocating a cricket club away from the floodplain
- Safeguarding a highway and public footpaths
- Protecting a former landfill site

In the Saâne valley, the following actions will be implemented:

- Moving a campsite to a flood-free location
- Improving sewage treatment facilities for several communities thereby reducing environmental risk
- Restoring inter-tidal habitats in place of the former campsite
- Restoring the connectivity of the River Saâne to its floodplain through a bridge, instead of a pipe
- Safeguarding a road between two communities
- Restoring wetlands and natural water flows









