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## LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Acronym / Abbreviation	Meaning / Full text
AB	Advisory Board
CCLL	Coastal City Living Lab
EBA	Ecosystem-based Approach
EU	European Union
NBS	Nature-Based Solutions
RPO	Research Performing Organisation
SME	Small and Medium-sized Enterprise
WP	Work Package





## BACKGROUND: ABOUT THE SCORE PROJECT

SCORE is a four-year EU-funded project aiming to increase climate resilience in European coastal cities.

The intensification of extreme weather events, coastal erosion and sea-level rise are major challenges to be urgently addressed by European coastal cities. The science behind these disruptive phenomena is complex, and advancing climate resilience requires progress in data acquisition, forecasting, and understanding of the potential risks and impacts for real-scenario interventions. The Ecosystem-Based Approach (EBA) supported by smart technologies has potential to increase climate resilience of European coastal cities; however, it is not yet adequately understood and coordinated at European level.

To fill this gap, SCORE outlines a co-creation strategy, developed via a network of 10 coastal city 'living labs' (CCLLs), to rapidly, equitably and sustainably enhance coastal city climate resilience through EBAs and sophisticated digital technologies.

The 10 coastal city living labs involved in the project are: Sligo and Dublin, Ireland; Barcelona/Vilanova i la Geltrú, Benidorm and Basque Country, Spain; Oeiras, Portugal; Massa, Italy; Piran, Slovenia; Gdansk, Poland; Samsun, Turkey.

SCORE will establish an integrated coastal zone management framework for strengthening EBA and smart coastal city policies, creating European leadership in coastal city climate change adaptation in line with The Paris Agreement. It will provide innovative platforms to empower stakeholders' deployment of EBAs to increase climate resilience, business opportunities and financial sustainability of coastal cities.

The SCORE interdisciplinary team consists of 28 world-leading organisations from academia, local authorities, RPOs, and SMEs encompassing a wide range of skills including environmental science and policy, climate modelling, citizen and social science, data management, coastal management and engineering, security and technological aspects of smart sensing research.





## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This document is a deliverable of the SCORE project, funded under the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 101003534.

The aim of this document is to present the SCORE press release related to the kick-off meeting and the establishment of the SCORE External Advisory Board.

## LINKS WITH OTHER PROJECT ACTIVITIES

This deliverable is part of the Work Package (WP) 9 on communication, dissemination and exploitation, whose objectives are to:

- Disseminate information about SCORE to a wide range of relevant stakeholders, to engage the community behind the project and ensure effective transfer of SCORE's knowledge outputs and results;
- Ensure maximum visibility of the project through widespread communication activities in order to raise awareness about SCORE and (potential) impact and benefit of SCORE on society.
- Identify the potential different routes for innovation and exploitation of the project results in order to maximize the project's impact and legacy on a large range of stakeholders;

WP9 is a transversal work package integrating the results of all the WPs for the dissemination, communication and exploitation process: it will ensure that the outputs and learnings arising from all the activities of the project are visible to a wider audience, can be learned from and implemented on a European scale.

The aim of the press release is to disseminate information and results of the project to the press and it is linked to WP1-9 of the SCORE project.





# 1. SCORE PRESS RELEASE

SCORE's press release ([link](#)) was utilised to introduce the SCORE project (July 2021), announce its successful start, as well as the first meeting (Kick-off Meeting) of SCORE partners. The project was launched on July 1, 2021, and the Kick off Meeting was held remotely on July 15-16th 2021 where the participants discussed how the goals of the project will be achieved. The press release (Figure 1) was translated into French and Italian, the news distributed by the SCORE partners (Table 1) in 5 countries and languages and picked up by several news outlets, which led to an interview ([link](#)) in Ireland with the local media.

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**Sligo to take Part in €10M Horizon 2020 Project to increase Climate Resilience in European Coastal Cities**

July 20, 2021

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**IT Sligo** will lead a newly launched €10 million euro Horizon 2020 project that aims to increase climate resilience in European coastal cities.

The four year project was officially launched by Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, **Simon Harris TD** at the recently held online "kick-off" meeting attended by academics and strategic partners from across the European Union.

**SCORE** (Smart Control of the Climate Resilience in European Coastal Cities), outlines a comprehensive strategy, developed via a network of 10 coastal city 'living labs', to rapidly, equitably and sustainably enhance coastal city climate resilience through an Ecosystem-Based Approach (EBA) supported by sophisticated digital technologies.

The intensification of extreme weather events, coastal erosion and sea-level rise are major challenges to be urgently addressed by European coastal cities. Deaths caused by extreme weather in Europe could rise from 3,000 a year between 1981 and 2010 to 152,000 between 2071 and 2100 if mitigation pathways are not enacted to increase the resilience of European cities and settlements, based on a study in The Lancet Planetary Health journal.

To tackle this challenge, **Dr Salem Gharbia** from the Institute of Technology Sligo (Ireland), will lead a consortium of international scientific institutions, cities, and SMEs in a new €10m Horizon 2020-funded research project to increase climate resilience in European coastal cities. Dr Salem Gharbia, said;

*Figure 1: IT Sligo press release*





Table 1: News distribution by SCORE Partners

Leading partner	Date	Place	Link to the online resource
IHS	14/07/2021	LinkedIn	<a href="https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6821059838303461376">https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6821059838303461376</a>
IHS	14/07/2021	Twitter	<a href="https://twitter.com/ihserasmusuni/status/1414569365060657155">https://twitter.com/ihserasmusuni/status/1414569365060657155</a>
EUR	16/07/2021	EUR LinkedIn group	<a href="https://www.linkedin.com/posts/euronovia_our-project-has-just-kicked-off-the-kom-activity-6821705087283535872-i9OG">https://www.linkedin.com/posts/euronovia_our-project-has-just-kicked-off-the-kom-activity-6821705087283535872-i9OG</a>
ITS	20/07/2021	IT Sligo Website	<a href="https://www.itsligo.ie/sligo-to-take-part-in-horizon-2020-project/">https://www.itsligo.ie/sligo-to-take-part-in-horizon-2020-project/</a>
ITS	20/07/2021	Podcast	<a href="https://soundcloud.com/aidan-haughey-255918628/it-sligo-to-lead-10m-horizon-2020-project-to-increase-climate-resilience-in-european-coastal-cities">https://soundcloud.com/aidan-haughey-255918628/it-sligo-to-lead-10m-horizon-2020-project-to-increase-climate-resilience-in-european-coastal-cities</a>
ERINN	15/07/2021	Twitter	<a href="https://twitter.com/SCORE_EUproject/status/1415666588414484482">https://twitter.com/SCORE_EUproject/status/1415666588414484482</a>
ERINN	15/07/2021	LinkedIn	<a href="https://www.linkedin.com/posts/erinn-innovation_our-project-has-just-kicked-off-the-kom-activity-6821367057343426560-WeKp">https://www.linkedin.com/posts/erinn-innovation_our-project-has-just-kicked-off-the-kom-activity-6821367057343426560-WeKp</a>
ERINN	14/07/2021	LinkedIn	<a href="https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6818817935847538690/">https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6818817935847538690/</a>
ERINN	14/07/2021	ERINN Website	<a href="https://erinn.eu/news/erinn-joins-horizon-2020-funded-score-project-to-increase-climate-resilience-in-european-coastal-cities">https://erinn.eu/news/erinn-joins-horizon-2020-funded-score-project-to-increase-climate-resilience-in-european-coastal-cities</a>
ERINN	22/07/2021	LinkedIn	<a href="https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6823887470854242304/">https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6823887470854242304/</a>
ERINN	22/07/2021	Twitter	<a href="https://twitter.com/ERINNinnovation/status/1418121036869079040?s=20">https://twitter.com/ERINNinnovation/status/1418121036869079040?s=20</a>
CNR	27/07/2021	Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/CNRsocialFB/posts/10158222703002727">https://www.facebook.com/CNRsocialFB/posts/10158222703002727</a>
CNR	27/07/2021	LinkedIn	<a href="https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6825348582963519488">https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6825348582963519488</a>
CNR	27/07/2021	CNR news	<a href="https://www.cnr.it/it/news/10488/score-soluzioni-smart-per-la-resilienza-delle-citta-costiere-europee">https://www.cnr.it/it/news/10488/score-soluzioni-smart-per-la-resilienza-delle-citta-costiere-europee</a>
ENT	19/07/2021	ENT website	<a href="https://ent.cat/kick-off-meeting-del-projecte-h2020-score/?lang=en">https://ent.cat/kick-off-meeting-del-projecte-h2020-score/?lang=en</a>
ENT	29/07/2021	ENT website, ENT social networks (Twitter, Facebook), and sent to ENT mailing list	<a href="https://mailchi.mp/0d4abb9b371f/lenviament-198-juliol-agost-2021">https://mailchi.mp/0d4abb9b371f/lenviament-198-juliol-agost-2021</a>





EUR	26/07/2021	EUR website	<a href="https://euronovia-conseil.eu/en/h2020-score-climate-resilience-coastal-cities/">https://euronovia-conseil.eu/en/h2020-score-climate-resilience-coastal-cities/</a>
EUR	28/07/2021	EUR LinkedIn group	<a href="https://www.linkedin.com/posts/euronovia_euronovia-joins-the-h2020-score-project-for-activity-6825759683689635840-UzDz">https://www.linkedin.com/posts/euronovia_euronovia-joins-the-h2020-score-project-for-activity-6825759683689635840-UzDz</a>
SAMU	03/08/2021	SAMU Website	<a href="https://samsun.edu.tr/samsun-universitesi-avrupa-kiyi-kentlerinde-iklim-direncini-artirmaya-yonelik-10-milyon-avroluk-horizon-2020-projesinde-yer-alacak/">https://samsun.edu.tr/samsun-universitesi-avrupa-kiyi-kentlerinde-iklim-direncini-artirmaya-yonelik-10-milyon-avroluk-horizon-2020-projesinde-yer-alacak/</a>

## 2. EXTERNAL ADVISORY BOARD

The External Advisory Board (AB) was established during the first consortium meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup> 2022.

To facilitate continuous communication with key stakeholders and ensure sustainable impact of SCORE, SCORE partners agreed to establish a group of five high-level experts. SCORE's AB members come from a variety of backgrounds and regions so that a diverse and critical perspective can be provided.

The AB experts were selected based on the following criteria, according to the SCORE Grant Agreement:

- relevant experience with increasing climate resilience and reducing climate change risks;
- potential users of the SCORE project outputs;
- interest in supporting SCORE in the stakeholder engagement and consultation;
- connection with existing EU initiatives and therefore able to access the related information and data. In order to maximise the return to society, the AB will include experts in social science.

The AB consists of the following five members:

- Gonéri Le Cozannet (Orléans, France) is a research engineer with a career in sea level rise prediction; he is the Coordinator and a Work Package Leader at the Coastal Climate Core Service (CoCliCo);
- Prof. Michael W.Beck (Santa Cruz, USA) is a research professor at Institute of Marine Sciences with expertise in Nature-Based solutions (NBS) and coastal resilience;
- Prof. Paolo Ciavola (Ferrara, Italy) is a coastal geomorphologist at University of Ferrara in northern Italy.
- Prof. Mel Woods (Dundee, UK) is the Chair of Creative Intelligence and Professor of Design and Making at the University of Dundee, UK;
- Isabella Baer-Eiselt (La Rochelle, France) is the Director of the European University for Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability (EU-CONEXUS) since September 2019.

More information about the Advisory Board members is available on our website: <https://score-eu-project.eu/advisory-board/>.

