

## WestMED Stakeholder Conference 2023

### Session 4: Community of Practice (CoP) on Marine Spatial Planning in the Mediterranean

22<sup>nd</sup> of June 2023, 12:00-13:30 and 14:30-15:30

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The session capitalizes on the recent work carried out by the MED-MSP-CoP on the screening of MSP-related projects and on the identification of key challenges for MSP in the Mediterranean, in relation to the two main topics of interest for the CoP activity in 2023:

- MSP supporting the extension, improved management and improved connection of Marine Protected Areas and Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures;
- MSP as key enabler for the implementation of national Sustainable Blue Economy strategies and initiatives

The session provides an opportunity of interactions among participants to share good practices and experiences addressing priority needs of these two topics, identifying persisting gaps and potential recommendations.

AGENDA – Part I	
Chair: Emiliano Ramieri - CNR-ISMAR	
12:00 – 12:30	<b>Setting the scene</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Introduction to the MED-MSP-CoP: building on the on-going work</b> <i>Emiliano Ramieri - CNR ISMAR (10 minutes)</i></li><li>• <b>Towards the capitalisation of the available and upcoming knowledge: screening of MSP projects and initiatives</b> <i>Cristina Cervera-Núñez - IEO-CSIC (10 minutes)</i></li><li>• <b>Q&amp;A (10 minutes)</b></li></ul>
12:30 – 13:15	<b>Panel of experts: good practices and experiences on key MSP challenges in the WestMED</b> <b>Moderator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Cristina Cervera-Núñez - IEO-CSIC</i></li></ul> <b>Participants</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Andrea Barbanti – CNR-ISMAR (Italy)</i></li><li>• <i>Aomar Bourhim - ex focal point for WestMED initiative and IOC-UNESCO (Morocco)</i></li><li>• <i>Folco Soffietti – IUAV (Italy)</i></li><li>• <i>Neil Alloncle – CEREMA (France)</i></li><li>• <i>Samir Bachouche - National Center of Research and Development of Fishing and Aquaculture (Algeria)</i></li></ul>
13:15 – 13:30	<b>Q&amp;A and open discussions</b>

13:30 – 14:30 Network Lunch

<b>AGENDA – Part II</b>	
<b>14:30 – 14:40</b>	<b>Introduction to the interactive session: improved specification of the focus topics</b> <i>Neil Alloncle – CEREMA</i>
<b>14:40 – 15:20</b>	<b>Breakout group discussion on key questions for selected sub-topics: identification of good practices, gaps and possible recommendations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>MSP for marine protection</b> <i>Facilitator: Neil Alloncle</i> <i>Rapporteur: Emiliano Ramieri</i></li><li>• <b>MSP as key enabler of Sustainable Blue Economy</b> <i>Facilitator: Andrea Barbanti</i> <i>Rapporteur: Monica Campillos-Llanos</i></li></ul>
<b>15:20 – 15:30</b>	<b>Wrap up: next steps towards improved cooperation</b>