

## Webinars of the MED-MSP-CoP

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- Disseminate valuable practices on MSP in the Mediterranean
- Illustrate how such experiences tackle some of the key challenges addressed by the MED-MSP-CoP, including “MSP for MPAs” and “MSP as a key enabler for SBE strategies and initiatives”
- Provide a regular opportunity for an open discussion on MSP-related issues of common interest for the MED-MSP-CoP experts
- Invite other experts to participate in the discussion and more in general to join the MED-MSP-CoP.

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## V MED-MSP-CoP Webinar

### MSP4BIO SCIENCE-POLICY DIALOGUE THINK TANK

#### CO-DEVELOPMENT OF POLICY SOLUTIONS FOR BETTER INTEGRATION OF BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION IN MSP AND SECTORAL POLICIES

*Monday 24<sup>th</sup> of June 2024 11:00-12:30 CET*

AGENDA	
<i>Chair: Emiliano Ramieri (CNR ISMAR)</i>	
11:00 – 11:15	<b>MSP4BIO policy coherence analysis: identified barriers to effective and coordinated MPA and MSP implementation at different levels - focus on the outcomes relevant to the MED region</b> <i>Riku Virjapuro (SYKE)</i>
11:15 – 11:30	<b>MSP4BIO Science-Policy Think Tank: cooperation among MSP projects for evidence-based decision-making in MSP</b> <i>Mauro Randone (WWF)</i>
11:30 – 11:45	<b>Q&amp;A session</b>
11:45 – 12:30	<b>Interactive session: Co-creation of policy solutions at different levels: what has been identified for the MED region so far? what can the EU regions learn from each other?</b> <i>Kemal Pinarbasi (HELCOM)</i>

### About the Webinar

Horizon Europe MSP4BIO project “Science-Based Maritime Spatial Planning to Safeguard and Restore Biodiversity in a coherent European MPA network” supports the implementation of the EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030, the Convention on Biological Diversity Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, as well as the European Green Deal. MSP4BIO will develop an integrated flexible Ecological-Socio-Economic management framework and validate its concrete applicability in 6 test sites across Europe. It will build on the ongoing MSP and MPA processes at different scales from local, regional, and national to sea basin level, and support effective management of future protected areas through improving and validating the criteria for MPA prioritization, integrating trade-off scenario analysis, improving the knowledge base for reviewing and evaluating existing maritime spatial plans, and providing recommendations on how to improve

sectoral policies to better mainstream biodiversity considerations at EU/sea-basin/national level.

To co-develop key policy recommendations in collaboration with linked projects to jointly communicate scientific outputs and achieve validation of policy solutions through engagement with policy actors, MSP4BIO established a Science-Policy Dialogue Think tank. The Think Tank initially involved relevant experts and scientists and in a second stage, it included also policy stakeholders at the EU and regional seas level, i.e.:

- MSP4BIO project partners
- Scientific representatives from sister projects and initiatives
- European Policy Actors (DG MARE, DG ENV) and Regional Authorities (BARCON, HELCOM, OSPAR, BSC).

Two Think tank meetings have been held so far, and the co-creation process of policy solutions has started based on the outcomes of the MSP4BIO Report on the state of the art on key barriers and levers for policy coherence, but also on other analyses produced by related projects. MSP4BIO will present to the MED-MSP-CoP the work done in the Think Tank with a focus on the results of the policy coherence analysis relevant to the Mediterranean at regional and national levels. It will also discuss and prioritize the identified policy solutions with MED-MSP-CoP members.