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A Decade of European Maritime Spatial Planning – Stakeholder Conference 22nd October 2024 - Marseille, France

DRAFT AGENDA

09:00 – 09:30	Registration and Welcome Coffee
09:30 – 10:15	Introduction by Moderator – tbc Opening speech by the European Commission (DG MARE Director General) – tbc Opening words by French Official Representative – tbc
Learnings and Recommendations from 10 years of MSP	
10:15 – 11:25	<p><u>Session 1 – Navigating the Waves: A Decade of experience with the Maritime Spatial Planning Directive</u></p> <p>Keynote Speech from Expert (10 minutes) – tbc</p> <p>Join us for an exploratory session as we delve into the evolving landscape of Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP). Over the past ten years, MSP has matured, revealing both successes and challenges. Discover what strategies have worked, explore unexpected complexities, and learn how effective stakeholder engagement has influenced decision-making. Hear firsthand experiences from European Union Member States, regional organizations, and industry. Is the MSP Directive fit for purpose? What improvements are stakeholders seeking?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. European Commission – tbc 2. Member State Representative – tbc 3. Member State Representative – tbc 4. NGO Representative – tbc 5. Industry Representative – tbc <p>Q & A Session: 20'</p>
11:25 – 12:00	Coffee Break
12:00 – 13:10	<p><u>Session 2 – Enhancing Regional Cooperation: Innovation in Maritime Spatial Planning</u></p> <p>Keynote Speech from Expert (10 minutes) – tbc</p> <p>In this session we delve into novel approaches for MSP in European sea basins. Our focus? Strengthening regional cooperation and optimizing MSP practices. Key highlights include exploring specific EU recommendations for cross-border MSP coordination, understanding the most appropriate scale for transnational MSP action. Let's chart a course towards more integrated, cooperative MSP across European sea basins.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IOC UNESCO – tbc 2. Regional Sea Convention Representative – tbc 3. Regional Sea Basin Representative – tbc 4. MED-MSP Community of Practice Representative – tbc

	Q & A Session: 20'
13:10 – 14:20	Lunch Break
An Emerging Future of 'Smart' MSP	
14:20 – 14:35	Welcome Back – Scene Setting speech by the European Commission (DG MARE) – tbc <i>Emerging trends on the MSP horizon, how MSP plans are being updated and revised to respond to climate change and multi-use etc. What does a 'future MSP Plan' look like? How will future EU Policies respond to these needs?</i>
14:35 – 15:40	<u>Session 3 – Data, innovation, and harmonisation within MSP</u> Keynote Speech from Expert (10 minutes) – tbc In this session, we'll delve into the fascinating intersection of data and innovation within Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP). Over recent years, three pivotal themes have emerged. First, we'll explore the work of the Technical Expert Group (TEG) on MSP data, focusing on harmonization efforts, data standards, and collaboration among EU Member States. We'll also discuss the EU's visionary concept of digital twins for our marine world—a blueprint that could revolutionize MSP. We'll explore the benefits, challenges, and their pivotal role in shaping our maritime future. Finally, we'll navigate the legal framework surrounding data reporting, uncovering how seamless data sharing can enhance MSP. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Technical Expert Group on Data for MSP Representative – tbc 2. MFSD Data Expert – tbc 3. EMODnet / European Digital Twin of the Ocean Representative – tbc 4. European Marine Board Representative – tbc Discussion, Q/A: 20'
15:40 – 16:10	Coffee Break
16:10 – 17:20	<u>Session 4 – Navigating Future Seas: MSP and the European Green Deal</u> Keynote Speech from Expert (10 minutes) – tbc In this dynamic session, we'll explore the future of Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) in the context of the European Green Deal and the potential 'Blue Deal' for Europe's Seas. Our focus will be on three critical aspects. First, we'll discuss recommendations to enhance MSP's role as a promoter of the marine and maritime dimensions within the European Green Deal framework. Next, we'll delve into how Member States are integrating climate-smart trends and cutting-edge technologies into their MSP plans—ranging from renewable energy to sustainable fisheries. Finally, we'll envision the future of MSP, harmonizing sustainable use while safeguarding our marine ecosystems. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Member State Representative – tbc 2. European Commission – tbc 3. Marine Protected Areas Representative – tbc 4. Industry Representative – tbc Discussion, Q/A: 20'
17:20 – 17:45	Closing

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