

MED-MSP-CoP: Workshops for the preparation of position papers

The MED-MSP-CoP organises 3 inter-connected technical workshops between September and December 2024. These workshops will engage the MED-MSP-CoP members in:

- Discussing the main challenges related to the two subtopics selected by the MED-MSP-CoP in 2023: *“Involvement of maritime sectors in marine conservation”* and *“MSP as a strategic framework for Sustainable Blue Economy”*,
- Sharing knowledge about what is available from Mediterranean projects and other initiatives on MSP in terms of solutions,
- Identifying persisting gaps and related recommendations.

The workshops’ results will inform the elaboration of a short MED-MSP-CoP position paper on the two selected subtopics.

Focus and dates of the three workshops:

- **Workshop 1** will share and discuss the results of the project and topic-based analysis performed by the MED-MSP-CoP in 2023 as well as the study on EMFAF MSP projects developed by the EU MSP Platform. A structured dynamic session will be organized to discuss these results and identify what are the persisting challenges and gaps. **Date: 17th of September 2024, online.**
- **Workshop 2** will provide the opportunity to showcase examples of solutions to the persisting challenges and gaps identified in workshop 1 and co-identify additional needed solutions. **Date: 21st October 2024 in Marseille, hybrid.**
- **Workshop 3** will further progress in the co-identification of additional solutions to persisting challenges and gaps and discuss a draft version of the MED-MSP-CoP position paper. **Date: tbc in December 2024.**

1st MED-MSP-CoP WORKSHOP

Tuesday, 17th September 2024

11:00 – 13:00 CET

AGENDA	
<i>Chair: Mónica Campillos-Llanos</i>	
Plenary session	
11:00 – 11:20	Results of the project and topic-based analysis <i>Neil Alloncle/Cristina Cervera-Núñez (MED-MSP-CoP coordination team)</i>
11:20 – 11:40	key messages of the MSP Assistance Mechanism study on EMFAF MSP projects <i>Christina Christoforou (EU MSP platform)</i>
Participatory session	
11:40 – 12:50	Participatory session
12:50-13:00	Final remarks and end of the workshop