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A Decade of European Maritime Spatial Planning – Stakeholder Conference

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AGENDA

09:00 – 09:30	Registration and Welcome Coffee
09:30 – 10:15	Introduction by Moderator – Chris MCDOUGALL, Project Leader, EU MSP Assistance Mechanism Opening - Charlina VITCHEVA, Director General. Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission (Video message) Welcoming words by Delilah AL KHUDHAIRY, Director Maritime Policy and Blue Economy, DG MARE, European Commission Welcoming speech by Yann BECOUARN, Head of the Maritime Spaces and Coastlines department
Learnings and Recommendations from 10 years of MSP	
10:15 – 11:25	<u>Session 1 – Navigating the Waves: A Decade of experience with the Maritime Spatial Planning Directive.</u> Moderated by Chris MCDOUGALL, Project Leader, European MSP Assistance Mechanism Keynote Speech by Lodewijk ABSPOEL, Senior Advisor European Integrated Maritime Policy, North Sea and MSP (NL) 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? Felix LEINEMANN, Head of Unit A2: Blue Economy Sectors, Aquaculture and Maritime Spatial Planning, DG MARE, European Commission Kyriakos ALIOURIS, Head of Integrated Maritime Policy and Spatial Planning Division, Integrated Maritime Ecosystem Directorate, (CY) Isabelle PERRET, National Coordinator for Integrated Maritime Policy - EU and International Affairs, Ministry delegate for the Sea and Fisheries Helena RODRIGUEZ, Ocean Policy Officer, WWF European Policy Office Q & A Session: 20'
11:25 – 12:00	Coffee Break

12:00 – 13:10	<u>Session 2 – Enhancing Regional Cooperation: Innovation in Maritime Spatial Planning.</u> Moderated by Eleni HATZIYANNI, Policy Officer, Maritime Policy - Sustainable Blue Economy Sectors, DG MARE Unit A2, European Commission Keynote Speech by Olivier LAROUSSINIE, Managing Director for maritime planning, Risks-Water-Sea Technical Department, Cerema (FR) In this session we elaborate on 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. 1. Michele QUESADA DA SILVA, MSPglobal Coordinator (UNESCO-IOC) 2. Dmitry FRANK-KAMENETSKY, Special Advisor to the Secretariat of the Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission (HELCOM). 3. Claudine VLIEGEN, Team Coordinator Regional Sea and EU - Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management (NL) 4. Andrea BARBANTI, Research Manager at National Research Council (IT) and member of the coordination team of the MSP Med Community of Practice 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 Delilah AL KHUDHAIRY Director: Maritime Policy and Blue Economy, DG MARE, European Commission <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> Moderated by Xavier GUILLOU, Team Leader Marine Renewable Energies and Maritime Spatial Planning, DG MARE Unit A2, European Commission Keynote speech: Joni KAITARANTA, Senior Data Manager at HELCOM and Co-Chair of the EU Technical Expert Group (TEG) on MSP data. In this session, we’ll focus on 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.

	1. Laurent KERLEGUER, Director General, SHOM (French national hydrographic service) 2. Monika PETERLIN, Expert on sustainability transitions for oceans and freshwater at the European Environment Agency. 3. Conor DELANEY, Technical Coordinator EMODnet 4. Sheila HEYMANS, Executive Director, European Marine Board Q & A Session: 20'
15:40 – 16:10	Coffee Break
16:10 – 17:20	<u>Session 4 – Navigating Future Seas: MSP and the European Green Deal.</u> Moderated by Christina CHRISTOFOROU-LIVANI, Project Manager, European MSP Assistance Mechanism Keynote Speech by Tom WOOLLEY, Marine Planning Advisor at Government of Ireland - Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications In this dynamic session, we'll explore the future of Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) in the context of the European Green Deal and the announced European Ocean Pact. 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. 1. Kenn Skau FISCHER, Executive Committee Chair of the North Sea Advisory Council 2. Tom WOOLLEY, Marine Planning Advisor at Government of Ireland - Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications 3. Jurre HONKOOP, Senior Public and Regulatory Affairs Advisor, Ørsted 4. Rémi COSSETTI, Marine Policy Officer, Seas at risk Q & A Session: 20'
17:20 – 17:30	Closing remarks by Delilah AL KHUDHAIRY Director: Maritime Policy and Blue Economy, DG MARE, European Commission

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