

MED-MSP-CoP - I 2026 workshop

Friday, 24 April 2026

10:00 – 13:00 CET

This is the first workshop of the 2026 MED-MSP-CoP series, organised in collaboration with the MEDIGREEN project¹. Such a workshop builds on the results of the series of MED-MSP-CoP workshops held in 2025.

The first 2025 workshop, held in Madrid on 29 January 2025, produced a recommendation paper based on the previous two years' work, reviewed the MED-MSP-CoP Action Plan, and established four **working groups** focused on the role of MSP in supporting fisheries, aquaculture, offshore renewable energy, and nature protection. The second workshop, held online on 26 May 2025, launched the activities of working groups and engaged experts in identifying and discussing **key issues**, which were later prioritised through an online survey. The third workshop, held online on 7 October 2025, concentrated on collecting relevant **knowledge sources** such as case studies, reports, and guidelines related to the Working Groups' topics. Finally, the fourth workshop, held in Tunis on 27 November 2025, identified the main **challenges** for MSP in supporting the sustainable transition of fisheries, aquaculture and offshore renewable energy, as well as strengthening nature protection in the Mediterranean, prioritising these challenges by urgency and difficulty. The last 2025 workshop also identified key actions to address the most relevant challenges.

After the Tunis workshop, challenges have been reduced in number by grouping them when some overlaps were present and also following the urgency/difficulty ranking. Building on the previous ones, this workshop aims to:

- Validate the listed actions - part of an ideal checklist - to be considered when tackling the challenges in the MSP process.
- Integrate the list with new actions.

The results from this workshop will inform the next workshops of the MED-MSP-CoP and will contribute to the formulation of recommendations by the end of the year.

¹ Documents of the MED-MSP-CoP can be access at <https://maritime-spatial-planning.ec.europa.eu/msp-resources/med-msp-cop>

AGENDA	
10:00 – 10:10	Introduction Recap of the MED-MSP-CoP 2025 IV workshop, introduction of the agenda, and the expected outcome of the workshop
10:10 – 10:30	Introductory presentations on fisheries and nature protection needs from MSP Simone Niedermueller (MEDAC) Carole Martinez (MedPAN)
10:30 – 11:20	Breakout session 1 Participants will be divided into two rooms, one for each of the following working groups: (i) MSP and fisheries, (ii) MSP and nature protection. In each room, participants will be asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Validate the listed actions to be considered when tackling the challenges in the MSP process.• Integrate the list with new actions relevant to MSP. Information will be noted through Miro and then discussed.
11:20 – 11:40	Coffee break
11:40 – 12:00	Introductory presentations on aquaculture and offshore renewable needs from MSP Linda Fourdain (FAO-GFCM) Mauro Randone (WWF MED)
12:00 – 12:50	Breakout session 2 Participants will be divided into two rooms, one for each of the following working groups: (i) MSP and aquaculture, (ii) MSP and offshore renewable energy. In each room, participants will be asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Validate the listed actions to be considered when tackling the challenges in the MSP process.• Integrate the list with new actions relevant to MSP. Information will be noted through Miro and then discussed.
12:50 – 13:00	Concluding session Steps towards the next workshop