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## MSP Week 2026

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This MSP Newsflash edition presents the European Maritime Spatial Planning Week #MSPWeek2026: A week-long series of events dedicated to Maritime Spatial Planning, which will take place from 1 to 5 June 2026 in Brussels, Belgium, at the nhow Bloom Hotel.

The MSP Week 2026 edition will bring together experts, practitioners, and stakeholders from the North Sea, Mediterranean, Atlantic, and Black Sea to strengthen cooperation and accelerate progress on MSP across Europe and beyond.

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## Sessions

### Technical Expert Group on Data for MSP Meeting

**1 June | 14:00–17:00 CEST | Hybrid**

This hybrid meeting will facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experience among MSP data practitioners. The session will focus on coordinating activities across projects and sea basins, while continuing joint efforts towards a harmonised and unified MSP data framework.

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### Northern European Sea Basins (NESBp) Project - Meetings & Workshops

**2 June | 09:00–12:15 CEST | In person**

This day, a first session titled "Fitness-for-use of EMODnet for MSP", will explore what EMODnet currently offers and how it can best support MSP practitioners. It will present preliminary results from the ongoing EMODnet for MSP survey and invite discussion on the fitness-for-use of EMODnet data services. Concrete use cases will address data and metadata needs, as well as usability aspects.

**2 June | 14:00–17:15 CEST | In person**

A second session titled: "Maritime safety integration into MSP", will present initial findings from the maritime safety survey and engage participants in a participatory discussion on improving the integration of maritime safety into MSP processes. Topics include data availability, traffic data analysis, tools, and coordination across sea basins.

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### TEG on Data for MSP workshop

**3 June | 9:00–12:00 CEST | Hybrid**

This workshop titled: "Data 4 MSP – From conceptual development to application", will explore how MSP data can evolve from conceptual frameworks to practical applications supporting the monitoring and evaluation of MSP. It will present selected developments in data frameworks, analytical tools, and emerging approaches, illustrating how they contribute to a stronger evidence base for MSP.

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### EU4Ocean workshop

**3 June | 14:00–17:15 CEST | In person**

This EU4Ocean workshop will bring together youth, educators, policymakers and maritime professionals to explore how ocean literacy can support effective MSP. Through panel discussions, participatory exchanges and a youth-led dialogue, the session will address topics such as biodiversity, inclusion and stakeholder collaboration, demonstrating how informed and engaged communities can contribute to sustainable ocean governance.



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## Greater North Sea Basin Initiative Stakeholder Conference

4 June | 09:00–16:45 CEST | In person

The first GNSBI Stakeholder Conference aims to enhance the visibility and transparency of the GNSBI and its role in supporting MSP in the North Sea basin. The event will provide a platform for GNSBI members and stakeholders to connect and exchange perspectives on key regional topics. Meet the GNSBI working tracks and find out more about their achievements so far.

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## Mediterranean MSP Community of Practice (MED-MSP-CoP) Workshop

4 June | 09:00–12:30 CEST | Hybrid

This second MED-MSP-CoP workshop will focus on identifying initial building blocks for the development of recommendations across the four Community of Practice thematic areas. Discussions will build on identified challenges, actions already undertaken, and draft findings from the MEDIGREEN project. The workshop will also collect structured feedback on these studies.



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## Advancing Multi-Use through MSP: Governance, Gaps and Pathways to Implementation

5 June | 09:00–11:00 CEST | Hybrid

This policy-oriented session will explore how Maritime Spatial Planning can accelerate multi-use solutions by integrating low-trophic aquaculture with off-shore renewable energy systems. Drawing on insights from the ULTFARMS project, it will address governance challenges such as licensing complexity, regulatory fragmentation, and certification gaps. The discussion will highlight practical pathways for scaling multi-use solutions from pilot projects to implementation across European sea basins. It will also engage initiatives including NESBp and the Great North Sea Basin Initiative on future policy alignment and opportunities linked to evolving EU ocean governance frameworks.



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