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Workshop on fit-for-use of EMODnet for Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP)

Tuesday 2 June 2026
Brussels, Belgium

Location: nhow Brussels Bloom Hotel, [Rue Royale 250, 1210 Bruxelles, Belgique](#)

Duration: 3h15 (from 9:00 to 12:15 CEST)

Organisers: Seascope Belgium, EMODnet Secretariat

Introduction: In December 2025, Seascope Belgium launched a [public survey](#) to gain insights into the use of EMODnet by MSP practitioners and stakeholders that have used EMODnet in their work related to any aspect of MSP, nationally, regionally or on European scale, and gather feedback on potential improvements to increase the fit-for-use of EMODnet for the MSP community.

Complementing the survey results, the **objectives of the workshop** are to:

- I. Inform participants on the EMODnet *in situ* data offer and data services, with focus on the European MSP dataset, and how they can be used by the MSP community;
- II. Open up discussions with participants and invite feedback on their experience using EMODnet and recommendations for improving the fit-for-use of EMODnet data services to support MSP-related work;
- III. Collect insights in data needs from MSP practitioners.

Concrete use cases will be explored, including data and metadata needs as well as usability aspects.

Expected outcomes:

A workshop report will be produced after the event, summarising feedback on how EMODnet can strengthen its service offer for MSP practitioners (both data users and providers), and giving high-level recommendations on the positioning of EMODnet in the MSP Directive review and impact assessment of the Ocean Act.

AGENDA

2 JUNE 2026 (morning)	
8:30	Registration
9:00	Welcome and introduction <i>Nathalie Tonné (Seascope Belgium, EMODnet Secretariat)</i> Workshop objectives and expected outcomes
9:10	Setting the scene <i>Nathalie Tonné (Seascope Belgium, EMODnet Secretariat)</i> High-level introduction to NESB project and EMODnet's role in it <i>Alessandro Pititto (COGEA BIP Group, EMODnet Human Activities)</i> Presentation and technical demo on EMODnet's MSP dataset <i>Merel De Cock (Seascope Belgium)</i> Using MSP Data Framework from TEG on Data for MSP to quantify the EMODnet offer for MSP (preliminary results), and key outcomes from the stakeholder survey
9:50	Open-floor discussion – part 1 <i>Led by Nathalie Tonné (Seascope Belgium, EMODnet Secretariat)</i> Optimising the EMODnet Map Viewer for MSP and external portals/databases <i>Led by Nathalie Tonné (Seascope Belgium, EMODnet Secretariat)</i> Optimising the EMODnet metadata and catalogue
11:00	Coffee break
11:30	Open-floor discussion – part 2 <i>Led by Joseph Nolan (Seascope Belgium)</i>

	Policy recommendations and suggestions for MSP Directive revision
12:15	Closing/wrap-up
12:30	Lunch



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