



European MSP Platform



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MSP for Blue Growth Webinar Series



MSP events in 2018

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The EU MSP Platform is organising a webinar series in November and December on the MSP for Blue Growth Study published earlier this year.

West Med Stakeholder Conference
The Initiative for the Sustainable Development of the Blue Economy in the Western Mediterranean is organising a Stakeholder Conference in Algiers on 3 December.

Gulf of Cádiz MSP Meeting
On 29 and 30 October the University of Cádiz is organising an international workshop on MSP, addressing the application of the MSP Directive.



MSP funding opportunities

#BlueInvest Mediterranean
'Blue Invest in the Mediterranean 2019' will take place on 24 January 2019 in Malta and will promote investment in an innovative blue economy.



MSP Projects

MUSES Final Conference - Ocean Multi-Use Action Plan available for download

The main aim of the MUSES Final Conference that took place on 10 October in Brussels, Belgium, was to disseminate project results and discuss the way forward for multi-use in European seas.

Save the Date: 'Connecting Seas' NorthSEE and Baltic LINES Joint Conference

The NorthSEE and Baltic LINES projects are jointly organising a conference on 13 and 14 February in Hamburg, Germany. The programme will focus on both sea basin's experiences with MSP, especially regarding shipping, energy and environment.

Overview of MSP and Countries in MSP infographic with tips and icons.

MSP Practices

Introduction to MSP and User Guidance EU MSP Platform website

The EU MSP Platform website now features an 'Introduction to MSP' page, as well as a new 'User Guidance' feature - making it both easier to understand what MSP is, and how to use the go-to website on MSP in Europe!

engagement of the financial community with the Blue Economy, and to stimulate investment interest in marine and maritime sectors. The deadline for the Call for Expressions of Interest to pitch applications is 21 November and registration is open until 15 January. [Read more..](#)

Blue Economy Call: €18.7 million available for funding

The European Maritime and Fisheries Fund has launched a new call of a total budget of €18,7 million. The call focuses on 3 topics: Blue Labs, Blue Careers and Blue Economy. You can receive up to 80% co-financing for your project (65% for Blue Economy topics). The call opened for submissions on 23 October and applications can be submitted until 31 January 2019. [Read more..](#)

Interreg MED

The Interreg MED Programme will open its 3rd call for project proposals at the beginning of November 2018. It will stay open until late January 2019. The budget allocation for this call is approximately 30M€ (ERDF + IPA). The call will be focusing on: 1) Blue Growth: focusing on maritime clusters; 2) Sustainable Tourism: focusing on insularity and low density areas; 3) Biodiversity protection: focusing on Marine Protected Areas. Project budgets will vary between 2,5M€ and 4M€. The publication of the Terms of Reference is foreseen after mid-October. [Read more..](#)



Country information

Poland publishes tenders for MSP

The Polish MSP authority has launched a Call for Tenders on the topic of 'Elaboration of maritime spatial plans and environmental impact assessments for the port waters of Gdańsk, Gdynia, Władysławowa and Hel'. The work on the elaboration of maritime spatial plans for internal sea waters of the ports of Darłowo, Kołobrzeg and Dźwirzyno has been started. [Read more..](#)

Ireland's National Marine Planning Framework Baseline Report

The new report represents a further step towards the development of a national marine plan for Ireland. Further to the policy set out in „Harnessing Our Ocean's Wealth“ (2012), this document presents an analysis of the current understanding of key maritime sectors in Ireland, along with their future development, the likely spatial implications and social, economic and environmental impacts. It is a consultation document, which sets out to prompt discussion and consideration amongst stakeholders. Following the consultation period (ending 14 December 2018), the feedback will be used to inform the development of the draft national marine plan. [Read more..](#)

Blue Growth Success Stories in the Southwest of Finland

The Southwest Province of Finland, Varsinais-suomi, just launched a new website presenting Blue Growth success stories and opportunities in the region. The website presents the cooperation networks

South Inshore and South Offshore Marine Plans (England)

The South Inshore and Offshore Marine Plans were combined into the second English marine plan to be adopted in England, UK. The practice description outlines the contents and objectives of the plan along with providing details regarding available supporting documentation including Sustainability Appraisals. [Read more..](#)

PAP RAC - MSP Practice description

How is MSP being integrated within the Barcelona Convention system? How are countries cooperating in the Mediterranean for advancing ICZM, including links to MSP? These and more questions are answered in the new practice description on PAP/RAC's Barcelona Convention. PAP/RAC is actively working to promote MSP within the Barcelona Convention system, and in particular as closely integrated to ICZM. On 5 October, a meeting was organised to discuss the 'Mediterranean Common Regional Framework for ICZM'. More about this meeting can be found [here](#). [Read more..](#)

Land-Sea Interactions in MSP

In order to assist planners with incorporating LSI into their MSP, DG Environment commissioned a study which led to the production of a brochure entitled "Land Sea Interactions in Maritime Spatial Planning". The brochure examines the LSI of eight key marine development sectors and how these can be considered in the context of MSP development. [Read more..](#)



MSP-relevant publications and opportunities

MARE People and the Sea Conference Call for Papers and Panels

The Centre for Maritime Research is preparing its 10th international People and the Sea Conference that will take place in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, on 25-28 June, 2019. The theme is 'Learning from the Past - Imagining the Future'. Contributions that re-examine the position of the marine social sciences in the paradigm of Blue Growth are very welcome. Deadline for panel, paper proposals and other conference formats is 31 January 2019. [Read more..](#)

EU MSP Platform Policy Brief EBA & MSP

The policy brief provides a detailed overview of EBA in relevant EU legislation, including the relationship between the Marine Strategy Framework Directive and the MSP Directive; discussion of the challenges and potential solutions for integrating EBA and MSP; and examples of existing tools for integrating the two. [Read more..](#)

European Maritime Day 2019

The focus of EMD 2019 will be on blue entrepreneurship, innovation and investment to transform traditional maritime sectors and boost emerging technologies and value chains. It will take place in Lisbon, Portugal on 16 and 17 May. A specific focus will be put on research and innovation for a plastic-free ocean. The Call for Stakeholder workshops will close on 30 November and the European Commission is looking to select 18 high-quality workshops (three slots with 6 workshops running in parallel). Workshops must have a European dimension and an interactive format that engages the audience into discussion and aims to showcase practical solutions/good practices as well as deliver actionable conclusions. [Read more..](#)

responsible for Blue Growth, and numerous new innovations and state-of-the-art research facilities both in Southwest Finland and its partner regions. [Read more..](#)

Do you have a question about MSP? Submit it to the Question & Answer service [here](#). Make sure to follow the EU MSP Platform on Twitter as well, to stay up to date with the latest developments. Did someone forward you this newsletter? Sign up [here](#) and make sure you receive the next one as well.

MSP events in 2018

Our Ocean Conference 2018
29-30 October in Bali, Indonesia

Joint BONUS - HELCOM Conference - Research and Innovation for Sustainability
6 November in Copenhagen, Denmark

MSP for Blue Growth Webinar - Developing Visions in MSP: an Introduction to the Handbook
7 November ONLINE

6th WOC Sustainable Ocean Summit
14-16 November in Hong Kong, China

PORTODIMARE International Conference on ICZM & MSP
14-15 November in Budva, Montenegro

MSP for Blue Growth Webinar - Investigating Current and Future Spatial Demands of Key Maritime Sectors
21 November ONLINE

Interactive stakeholder workshop on shipping in the North Sea
21-22 November in Malmö, Sweden

MSP for Blue Growth Webinar - Developing Indicators for MSP: an Introduction to the Handbook
5 December ONLINE

SIMWESTMED / SUPREME closing conference
12-13 December in Venice, Italy



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