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MSP events in 2018

Register now for the MSP for Islands Workshop - all speakers now confirmed

During the DG MARE workshop on 11 September, 12 speakers will be presenting their experience with MSP from an islands context. Speakers from all over Europe are traveling to Gran Canaria to present and discuss experiences from Finland, France, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Malta, Portugal, Scotland and Spain. Registration is free and open until 31 August - but places are filling up rapidly. [Read more..](#)

International Forum for MSP - Conference Report published

A conference report has been published for the 1st International Forum for MSP that took place on 24-25 May in Brussels. The **report** includes a summary of the two interactive sessions that discussed the role of stakeholders and cross-border and transboundary integration in MSP. The **photos** taken during the event have also been published, and the presentations given are also available [here](#). [Read more..](#)

Survey launched on MSP and the Research Community

A session dedicated to links between MSP research and practice is planned for the next meeting of the Member States Expert Group on MSP, to be held in October. For the purpose of this session, a short survey has been launched to capture current research topics and organizations, among other questions. Based on the survey results, five researchers from a variety of career stages will be asked to present to the MSEG as part of a 'science slam' session and also be given the chance to take part in a networking lunch. The survey can be accessed [here](#). [Read more..](#)



MSP funding opportunities

EASME Call for Proposals MSP Projects

This new call for proposals is intended to support the establishment and implementation of Maritime Spatial Plans in

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PHAROS4MPAs - Blue Economy and Marine Conservation: Safeguarding Mediterranean MPAs in order to achieve Good Environmental Status

The general objective of the PHAROS4MPAs project is to enhance management effectiveness and networking for Mediterranean MPAs, in order to contribute to the conservation of marine biodiversity and natural ecosystems. This will be done by taking into account the complex ensemble of human activities developed within the Blue Growth perspective and their interaction with protected areas and marine ecosystems. MPA managers are now invited to contact the project managers to share their experiences. [Read more..](#)

New European Atlas of the Seas available

The updated Atlas of the Seas has 120 data layers about topics including nature, tourism, security, energy, passenger transport, sea bottom, sea level rise, fish consumption, etc. The maps can be easily embedded in presentations. The Atlas will be made available in all EU official languages soon and is now available in English, French, German and Spanish. [Read more..](#)

Launch of new MSP project in Romania

TEAM4SEAS is a recently launched participatory platform that aims to connect science, stakeholders and policy for successful MSP in Romania. It will run from May 2018 until April 2020 and will illustrate how a web-GIS system can be applied as a sound basis for practically incorporating an ecosystem approach within MSP initiatives. A new article has also been published on the topic of MSP in Romania, titled 'Marine spatial planning in Romania: State of the art and evidence from stakeholders'. [Read more..](#)



MSP Practices

New report on shipping in the Baltic Sea

The newly published BalticLINES Shipping Report synthesizes available information on shipping in the Baltic Sea, paying particular attention to (future) developments that

line with the Directive 2014/89/EU on MSP. The geographical areas covered include the Atlantic, the Black Sea and the Mediterranean. The specific objectives of this call are to support concrete actions in Member States helping to build capacity for the implementation of the MSP Directive and to provide support for the establishment of lasting mechanisms for cross-border cooperation on MSP. The deadline is 31 October 2018. [Read more..](#)

Interreg North Sea Region Call 8 - Expressions of interest

The aim of the programme is to support development and foster sustained economic growth across the region. The North Sea Region Programme helps enterprises, institutions, public administrations, NGOs and others to pool their expertise, share their experience and cooperate to develop realistic solutions to problems shared by organisations across the region. The programme is structured around 4 themes 'Thinking Growth', 'Eco-innovation', 'Sustainable North Sea Region' and 'Green transport and mobility'. The deadline for applications is 12 October 2018. [Read more..](#)



Country information

South Plan UK

The UK Government has adopted England's South Marine Plans which were produced by the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) on behalf of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) following 5 years of engagement with a diverse group of stakeholders. The MMO will be running a series of implementation workshops with decision makers within the South Marine Plans' area over the next few months. [Read more..](#)

Portuguese MSP GeoPortal

The SNIIMar geoportal is a key tool for the environmental management of the Portuguese marine waters, contributing to the implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) and the Maritime Spatial Planning Directive (MSP), since it simplifies the sharing, searching and accessing of metadata and marine data, particularly useful for public administration, universities and research institutes. [Read more..](#)

North Sea Digital MSP

Several countries around the North Sea are improving their MSP information portals for stakeholders and other interested parties. In addition to the existing **Dutch government atlas**, the German government recently relaunched their **online atlas and a geodataset**. These will soon be translated into English. In addition, the Norwegian government is experimenting with digitalising their data and measures. [Read more..](#)

UK and Ireland meeting of Marine Planning Administrations

Ireland's Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government hosted the first meeting of Marine Planning Administrations in Cork. Representatives were invited from

should be taken into account by MSP. [Read more..](#)

MARSPLAN BS Project - Eforie Case Study

The case study focused on land-sea interactions and coastal erosion. Potential conflicts were identified, such as between fishing and navigation, and marine protected areas with economic uses. A Sketch Match exercise, involving stakeholder engagement, was carried out to explore options for integrating these and other uses. [Read more..](#)

Ecosystem Services in the Baltic Sea

The project **BalticApp** (Wellbeing from the Baltic Sea - applications combining natural sciences and economics) has published two story maps; one on **Recreation under Climate Change**, and the other: **Ecosystem Services and Climate Change**. The project focus is on the supply and demand of marine ecosystem services in the Baltic Sea region. [Read more..](#)

New FAQ: Multi-scalar approach to MSP

The FAQ page on the EU MSP Platform website has a new addition, including one on how to deal with the multiple stakeholder dimension under a multi-scalar approach. [Read more..](#)



MSP-relevant publications and opportunities

Contest for Baltic Sea Region Young Planners

VASAB has initiated a contest to collect fresh ideas and enhance perspective of young planning professionals about the Baltic Sea Region's future. During the competition the best planners from all VASAB countries will come together and via intense summer camp will bring their ideas and spatial solutions to the rising challenges of Baltic Sea Region in 2050. [Read more..](#)

Linking Marine Ecosystem Services to the North Sea's Energy Fields in Transnational MSP

COAST— The Centre for Environment and Sustainability Research at the Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg has published a scientific paper based on findings of the NorthSEE project. The aim of the study is to determine which interrelations between marine ecosystem services and the marine energy industry can be identified for use in transnational MSP in the North Sea region. [Read more..](#)

Launch of North Sea Energy Atlas

The Atlas provides an overview of the data on current and future offshore energy in the North Sea region. This includes an inventory of current energy flows from hydrocarbon production and wind energy, and how these are transported to the onshore energy system. Also potential future grids for hydrogen and CO2 are explored. The intended use of this North Sea Energy Atlas is to provide users with quick insights regarding the offshore energy system. The scope and focus of this BETA version of the Atlas is the Dutch Continental Shelf (DCS). [Read more..](#)

the UK (Northern Ireland, Wales, Scotland, England) and the Isle of Man. [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

Regional Seas in Comparative Perspective: Security and Sustainability
22 - 25 August in Hamburg, Germany

OceansTrends 2018
29 August in Malmö, Sweden

Society and the Sea
6-7 September in London, UK

From COP21 towards the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030)
10-11 September in Paris, France

Workshop MSP for Islands
11 September in Gran Canaria, Spain

World Congress on Aquaculture
20 September in Lisbon, Portugal

ICES Annual Science Conference
24-27 September in Hamburg, Germany

Interactive stakeholder meeting on energy developments in the North Sea
3 October in Aberdeen, Scotland

MUSES Final Conference
10 October in Brussels, Belgium

AQUACROSS Final Conference
10-11 October in Brussels, Belgium

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



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