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### MSP events in 2018

#### **MSP for Islands Workshop - presentations and photos available**

The DG MARE workshop that took place on 11 September attracted over 40 participants representing islands from across Europe and the Outermost Regions. Panel discussions and two interactive sessions were held on the topics of 'Specific challenges for implementing MSP for islands' and 'Blue Growth opportunities for islands'. A full workshop report will be published in the coming weeks, based on the workshop briefing paper. The presentations and photos are now available. [Read more..](#)

#### **MSP for Blue Growth Webinar Series**

The MSP Platform is organising a webinar series on the MSP for Blue Growth Study published earlier this year. The study gives information on how MSP can assist Member States to foster the potential for sustainable Blue Growth. Each webinar in this series will introduce participants to one of the three study components: **Handbook for Visions in MSP, Current and Future Spatial Demands of Key Maritime Sectors** and **Handbook on developing indicators for MSP**. [Read more..](#)

#### **Latest research for Gulf of Bothnia**

Gain an overview on recent research undertaken to promote the sustainable development of the Gulf of Bothnia as presented during the **SmartSea** seminar **'Future of the Gulf of Bothnia'** which took place on 18-19 September in Vaasa, Finland. Sessions covered climate change, MSP and blue growth, technologies and EBM. All presentations are available online and the conference video recordings will be published soon. [Read more..](#)

#### **Joint BONUS HELCOM Conference**

BONUS and HELCOM are joining forces in organising a conference on 6 November in Copenhagen, Denmark to strengthen their synergies together with OSPAR, ICES and JPI Oceans. The conference will discuss new research results, future research priorities and policy needs. [Read more..](#)

#### **ICES Annual Conference**

ICES organised 18 theme sessions during its annual conference on 24-27 September 2018. One of the sessions focused on the MSP visions and indicators. The **participants list** has been published, session abstracts and posters are available **here** and the keynote speeches can be viewed **here**. The presentations will become available soon. [Read more..](#)



Pan  
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Scope

### MSP Projects

#### **PanBalticScope Planning Forum**

On 26 September, the 'Planning Forum for cross-border cooperation' of PanBalticScope took place. The Forum discussed current national and transnational MSP issues, and guides and informs the other activities in PanBalticScope. The activities present their work in the Forum and test their deliverables to get feedback. [Read more..](#)

#### **Ecoresponsibility for maritime transport declaration signed**

WWF France, on behalf of the PHAROS4MPAs project, co-signed a charter of ecoresponsibility for maritime transport activity. The charter aims at mitigating the ferries' impact on marine wildlife when commuting between Marseille and Corsica, which includes waste recovery, fuel consumption decrease, and staff and passengers training on environmental issues. The PHAROS4MPAs project will use this initial step towards more sustainable maritime transport activity as a positive case study for the global recommendations (to be issued in Spring 2019) on the necessary practical collaboration between Mediterranean MPAs and 8 maritime sectors, including maritime traffic. [Read more..](#)

#### **SEAPLANSPACE meeting**

The project 'Marine spatial planning instruments for sustainable marine governance' will organise its first joint meeting on 18 October in Sopot, Poland. The project aims at increasing the know-how and knowledge on sustainable marine governance of the people engaged in maritime issues and problems in their daily work. The main vehicles serving this purpose are: training and networking. Agenda topics will include stakeholder involvement, training, multi-use and conflict resolution. [Read more..](#)

#### **22 'Blue projects' receive EMFF funding**

Grant agreements are currently being drafted for projects sharing €14.5 million from a call for proposals launched to accelerate the deployment of a sustainable blue economy across the EU and the Mediterranean. The projects cover a wider range of topics including innovation (de-risking investment in demonstration projects), environment (fighting marine litter and restoring ecosystems), cooperation for a sustainable blue economy and better ocean governance in the Mediterranean sea basin. [Read more..](#)

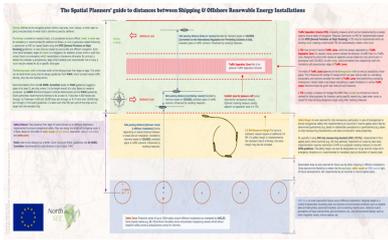
#### **PADDLE Summer School**

The project organised a summer school from 3 to 7 September 2018 in Brest, France. General lectures were given by international experts in the field of MSP and disciplines offering tools for informed decision-making

and lessons learnt were immediately tested in action, through the MSP Challenge. [Read more..](#)

### **SIMNORAT stakeholder engagement Workshop**

The workshop 'Preventing and Managing Coastal Risks: the Contribution of MSP' will be organised on 25 October in Nantes, France. It will focus on governance, MSP and Blue Growth. [Read more..](#)



## MSP Practices

### **Improving the co-existence of Offshore Energy Installations & Shipping**

Under the NorthSEE project, a report has been published on the topic of navigational risk assessments (NRA) conducted by navigational safety authorities in the North Sea countries. An NRA is commissioned by OWF developers to get approval for building a wind farm, and has the goal to improve safety for shipping and offshore wind farm turbines. The report presents the current status of NRA processes in the North Sea and provides recommendations to improve and harmonize these. [Read more..](#)

### **Using AIS data for MSP**

The objective of this study is to illustrate how the AIS data processing and analysis can produce adequate information for MSP, including maritime traffic density, shipping lanes and navigational flow, hierarchical networks of maritime routes, alleged fishing zones and spatio-temporal interactions between activities. It also aims to study the legal questions concerning the use of AIS, discuss the use of such data for MSP, and identify research and development perspectives. [Read more..](#)

### **New FAQ: National defence and security**

National defence and security have a special status in the MSP process as they are key functions of national governments, therefore creating preconditions for all other human activities on the sea. [Read more..](#)



## MSP-relevant publications and opportunities

### **New EMODnet 3D Seabed 'Street view'**

EMODNET has launched a high-resolution, 3D underwater terrain model for the European Seas - a 'street view' of the seabed. Google launched a 360° street view tour of the Cygnus offshore platform in the North Sea. Viewers can see all corners of the platform, including the bridges and the tour also features interviews with platform employees. [Read more..](#)

### **EC Report on MSFD implementation**

The EC has published a report on the



## MSP funding opportunities

### **#BlueInvest, Atlantic**

On 23 October in Vigo, Spain, the Blue Invest match-making event will bring together innovators and investors to boost the economic potential of the ocean while protecting its marine resources. The event will gather innovators, investors, researchers, SMEs, NGOs, authorities and representatives of the civil society from the Atlantic region. Blue Invest in the Atlantic is part of the Atlantic Stakeholder Platform conference, the annual meeting point for everyone involved in designing the Atlantic Blue Economy. [Read more..](#)

### **Call for Project Platforms Baltic**

The second call for project platforms by Interreg Baltic Sea Region is open to partners from ongoing Interreg Baltic Sea Region projects until 31 January 2019. The main aim of project platforms is to increase the impact of Interreg Baltic Sea Region's and other EU-funded projects in the area. One of the topics is management of marine space. [Read more..](#)

### **Call for MSP projects**

The EMFF Call for Proposals for MSP projects is still open until 31 October. The geographical areas covered by this call include the Atlantic, the Black Sea and the Mediterranean. [Read more..](#)



## National Marine Planning Framework Baseline Report



## Country information

**Ireland publishes MSP Framework**

### Baseline Report

The report presents a brief introduction to MSP and its benefits, the purpose of the report as well as a list of public events and a chapter on public participation, communication and engagement. The new report also makes reference to Harnessing Our Ocean Wealth, Ireland's first integrated national marine plan. There are 12 consultation questions in the report intended to spark engagement from a wide range of stakeholders. Written responses and comments can be sent in until 14 December 2018. In parallel, a series of regional public and stakeholder events will be organised in the month of October 2018. The EU MSP Platform will present at the meeting taking place on 5 October in Galway. [Read more..](#)

### Poland development of Spatial Development Plans

The beginning of the elaboration of the Spatial Development Plans for internal sea waters has been announced in the Polish sea area under jurisdiction of the Director of the Maritime Office in Słupsk. This concerns plans for the waters of the seaports in Łeba, Rowy and Ustka. The contract was signed with the Contractor on August 14, 2018. Signing of such a contract for similar works for ports in Darłowo, Kołobrzeg and Dźwirzyno is expected soon. [More about Polish MSP..](#)

### Publication of French country fiche

The EU MSP Platform Country page now includes a dedicated section for France, with the inclusion of a downloadable 13 page PDF. [More about French MSP..](#)

implementation of the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive assessing the measures put in place by EU Member States to achieve 'good environmental status' or GES by 2020. The report shows that EU Member States have made considerable efforts to address pressures on the marine environment, but that the measures are not yet sufficient to achieve good, healthy and productive seas by 2020. The GES concept is defined by measures conserving biodiversity and tackling pressures like overfishing, seabed damage, marine litter and contaminants. [Read more..](#)

### #EUBeachCleanup Campaign

On the occasion of World Cleanup Day (20 September), some 50 EU delegations and representations teamed up with NGOs, embassies, schools and volunteer networks to organise beach clean up activities across the world. By cleaning beaches, riversides and even cities, the EU representations and delegations (its embassies in EU and non-EU countries, respectively) want to send a strong statement. The campaign started on 11 September in Fiji and will end on 27 October in Singapore, a few days before the **Our Ocean 2018 conference** in Bali. [Read more..](#)

### Cultural Heritage e-Book published

'Connecting cultures, connected citizens' presents an array of Interreg projects that received the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018 label. It can be read as a PDF or via an online pageflip tool. [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

**15th Meeting of the Member States expert group on MSP**  
8-9 October in Brussels, Belgium

**MUSES Final Conference**  
10 October in Brussels, Belgium

**AQUACROSS Final Conference**  
10-11 October in Brussels, Belgium

**1st joint meeting of SEAPLANSPACE**  
18 October in Sopot, Poland

**#BlueInvest Atlantic**  
23 October in Vigo, Spain

**5th annual conference of the European Atlantic Stakeholders Platform**  
23-24 October in Vigo, Spain

**15th Littoral Conference**  
22-26 October in Leeuwarden, the Netherlands

**SIMNORAT Conference**  
25 October in Nantes, France

**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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