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**„THE EUROPEAN MSP PLATFORM, Focus on the Eastern Mediterranean Sea basin”**

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## The European MSP Platform



A service for Member States to share relevant **knowledge** and **experiences** on **Maritime Spatial Planning**

**Focus on the EastMed Sea basin**



# The Assistance Mechanism for Implementation of MSP

Since its inception, the AM MSP's role is to support the Member States and DG MARE in the Implementation of the MSP Directive.

- Since September 2019 we have received a total of 33 requests for Technical Assistance from 10 MSs and we continue to offer support to MSs that require it;
- Requests have covered a wide range of needs, including support to the organisation of MSP Consultation, technical requests and several requests received from MSs have resulted in the development of Technical Studies and Background Papers.
- Our contract has recently been extended and we remain available to support MSs until September 2022.



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Study Title	ToRs Status	Study Status
<a href="#"><u>Recommendations for positive interactions between offshore wind farms and fisheries</u></a>	Approved	<i>Published</i>
<a href="#"><u>Communicating MSP</u></a>	Approved	<i>Published</i>
How to incorporate Underwater Cultural Heritage into Maritime Spatial Planning: Guidelines and Good Practices	Approved	<i>Under Publication</i>
The implications of UNCLOS and other relevant instruments on the MSP Directive in the EEZ of MSs	Approved	<i>Report being Finalised</i>
Best Practice Guidance in Multi-Use Issues and Licensing Procedures	Approved	<i>Published</i>
Review on how to preserve space for the future uses	Approved	<i>Draft Report under review</i>



## What we offer

- A dedicated team of **MSP experts**
- [msp-platform.eu](https://msp-platform.eu) – an interactive **information** gateway
- **Question & Answer** service
- **Technical studies** – filling identified knowledge gaps
- **Event organization** (workshops, seminars)



On 1 April 2021, EASME A3 EMFF became part of the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA) to implement the EMFAF (European Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund) successor of EMFF. Relevant documents such as data protection notices are being reviewed & updated in light of our current transfer from EASME to CINEA Executive Agency. Thus, after 1 April 2021 any reference to EASME shall be read as CINEA during the transition period.

## MSP Resources

We invite you to search for MSP implementation experiences in the [Practices Database](#). The MSP Sectors and Conflicts pages contain extensive information about 9 key maritime sectors. You can also explore the extensive [FAQ](#) page.

## Sharing national Marine Spatial Planning practices worldwide

All presentations from the MSPglobal online seminars on national MSP practices are now available on YouTube in different languages.

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## MSP in Europe

The European Maritime Spatial Planning Platform provides a single interface to draw together experience and expertise from across Europe and make it available in a readily accessible, implementation-oriented format. It serves as the gateway and exchange forum for all involved in MSP throughout Europe.

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## Upcoming Events

International Coastal Symposium  
The ICS Organizing Committee has decided to postpone the International Coastal Symposium...

 All events

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## Open calls

Algae and Climate (deadline 31.05.2021). [More information](#)

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### General introduction to the Eastern Mediterranean Sea basin

For the purpose of the EU MSP Platform, the East Mediterranean is represented by the eastern portion of the Mediterranean Sea basin. The East Mediterranean includes:

- the Adriatic Sea, northwest of the main body of the eastern Mediterranean Sea, separates the Italian peninsula from the Balkan peninsula and extends from the Strait of Otranto to the south (where it connects to the Ionian Sea) to the Gulf of Venice in the north.
- the Ionian Sea lying to the south of Italy and Greece, where the deepest sounding in the Mediterranean, about 16,000 feet (4,900 metres), has been recorded (Encyclopaedia Britannica).
- the Aegean Sea, located between the Greek and the Anatolian peninsulas, with the island of Crete defining its southern border (Encyclopaedia Britannica).
- the Levantine Sea is separated from the Ionian Sea by a submarine ridge between the western end of Crete and Cyrenaica (Libya) and extends to the south of the Anatolia peninsula. It is bordered by Turkey in the north, Syria, Lebanon, Israel and the Gaza Strip in the east, Egypt and Libya in the south, and the Aegean Sea in the northwest. The west borders the open Mediterranean (also called the Libyan Sea) and is defined as a line from the cape Ra's al-Hillal in Libya to the island of Gavdos, south of Crete.

Both EU and non-EU countries have coasts on the East Mediterranean. The EU countries are Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Greece and Cyprus. The non-EU countries are Albania, Montenegro, Bosnia-Herzegovina (with coasts on the Adriatic Sea) and Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Gaza Strip, Egypt, Libya (with coasts on the Aegean and/or Levantine Seas).

Countries in this area share some common MSP related issues and challenges, such as the possible exploitation of submarine natural gas and oil resources, the need for environmental conservation and management actions, also considering that environmental quality is a winning asset for coastal tourism - a relevant economic activity for the East Mediterranean - sustainable management of fishery and fish stocks, the urgent need for cooperation in the sector of safety at sea, due to the present migratory crisis.



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### COUNTRIES

Croatia  
Cyprus  
Greece  
Italy  
Slovenia

### PAN-MEDITERRANEAN MSP PROJECTS

MEDTRENDS  
MAREMED  
COCONET  
PEGASO  
MESMA  
Coastal Area Management Programme - CAMP  
COASTGAP  
COASTANCE  
Co-Evolve

### CROSS-BORDER PAN-MEDITERRANEAN PRACTICES (SELECTION)

Evaluation of Spatially Managed Areas: do it yourself - MESMA  
Sustainable financing of Marine Protected areas in the Mediterranean - MEDPAN  
Implementation of a Spatial Data Infrastructure - PEGASO  
Indicators to measure sustainable development of coast and sea - PEGASO  
Land, coast and marine Ecosystem Accounts - PEGASO  
Adaptive Marine Policy (AMP) Toolbox - PERSEUS  
Scenarios of marine economy for the EU Mediterranean countries - MEDTRENDS  
Joint Action Plan on Med coasts - COASTGAP  
Strengthening the scientific basis for building a generic framework to implement EAF in the Mediterranean and Black Seas (EMBASEAS)  
Streamlining management efforts in Protected Areas for an enhanced Protection in the Mediterranean Sea (PANACeA)  
BlueMed Initiative  
Virtual Knowledge Centre  
SDIMED geoportal  
Maps, Indicators and Factsheets for the Mediterranean sea region  
CPMR - IMC Working Group on Transport and Integrated Maritime Policy  
Priority Actions Programme Regional Activity Center (PAP/RAC)  
Land Sea Interactions in the framework of ICZM and MSP



EU Strategy for the  
Adriatic and Ionian Region

## Sea basin descriptions

- MSP Institutions & structures
- Sea-basin cooperation on MSP
- Geography, ecosystems & uses
- Relevant sectoral & non-sectoral organizations
- Sea basin MSP projects
- Selected cross-border MSP practices



## Country Information Profiles

- Basic facts on marine waters
- Overview of maritime uses
- MSP authorities & contacts
- MSP legislation
- MSP plans & considered sectors
- Links to relevant practices & plans



— Territorial Sea (TS)

### Basic facts on Marine Waters:

- On 29 June 2017, the Arbitral Tribunal rendered its "Final Award" in the arbitration concerning a territorial and maritime dispute between the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Slovenia. According to the "Final Award" relevant marine waters are defined as:
- Slovenia's internal waters cover 46.3km<sup>2</sup> and its Territorial sea cover 166.9 km<sup>2</sup>
- In 1975, the Osimo Agreement was concluded between Italy and Yugoslavia which also determined the maritime boundary between the two States. After the dissolution of the common state, the Republic of Slovenia succeeded to this border.

- Download full Country Information Profile
- Contact the sea basin helpdesk
- View practical information for Slovenia
- Go to East Mediterranean Sea basin page

### Relevant practices for Slovenia

- Methodological handbook on MSP in the Adriatic Sea
- Technical basis for municipal spatial structure plan - Strunjan
- Adriatic Atlas to support ICZM and MSP
- Tools4MSP Geoplatform
- Adriplan conflict score tool
- Adriplan Cumulative impact tool
- Adriplan methodology
- MSP exercise in Northern Adriatic
- Scenarios of maritime economy for the Mediterranean
- Addressing MSP Implementation in Case Study Areas: Slovenia



## Slovenia

The illustrative map should not be interpreted as a legal representation of jurisdictional boundaries.

### WHICH MARITIME SPATIAL PLANS EXIST?

The MSP Directive is implemented in Slovenia through the framework of the Spatial Planning Act adopted in 2017 (OG no. 61/17 - ZUreP-2). A draft MSP (AP SPRS) was produced in early 2020. The contract for the Environmental Report has been signed and a public consultation on both documents took place during 2020-2021. Final MSP adoption by the Government was completed in July 2021.

Slovenia's MSP was translated into English and neighbouring countries have been informed (in accordance with the Article 6 of the ESPCO convention). Documents including the relevant decree, the texts and the maps in English are available at the following link: <https://dokumenti-pis.mop.gov.si/javno/veljavni/PPP2192/index.html>

### MSP LEGISLATION

MSP Directive in Slovenia is implemented in the framework of the Spatial Planning Act adopted in 2017 (OG no. 61/17 - ZUreP-2). The Spatial Planning Act requires the MSP plan to be prepared in the form of the Action Programme for the implementation of the Slovenian Spatial Development Strategy at sea. The latter is a strategic document which applies to both land and sea. Currently, the Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning is coordinating the preparation of a new Spatial Development Strategy for Slovenia in 2050.

### NATIONAL MSP AUTHORITY

The Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning (Spatial Planning, Construction and Housing Directorate).

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## Realised Joint Workshops

### [Multi-Use MED](#): 10<sup>th</sup> May

This AM MSP – MSPMED joint webinar presented different perspectives in building integrated and cohesive planning approaches and new management tools in MSP, including cooperation among Mediterranean EU countries.

### [Towards an Atlantic Vision for Maritime Spatial Planning](#): 18<sup>th</sup> May

This joint SIMAtlantic – AM MSP and AM Atlantic Action Plan event presented progress on the SIMAtlantic project and the development of a shared vision for Maritime Spatial Planning in the European Atlantic region.



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## European MSP Platform Updates

Recently, the European MSP Platform site migrated to EU Servers.

We are discussing with both the '*Systems and tools for assessment, monitoring and revision of maritime spatial plans*' and the '*Integrating an ecosystem-based approach into maritime spatial planning*' projects, the creation of a dedicated '**MSP Tools and Guidance**' section of the platform **where we will share relevant tools, guidance and handbooks which can be of support to Member States and MSP Practitioners.**

We look forward to sharing the updated Platform with you soon!!



# The Assistance Mechanism for Implementation of MSP

## Support to the Technical Expert Group on Data for MSP

Over the last 18 months the AM MSP has provided ongoing support to the TEG Data for MSP and the TEG valuable outputs and recommendations.

We will continue to provide support to the TEG Data for MSP until September 2022.

Should you have any queries or require assistance in connection with the use of the outputs of the TEG or the recommendations which accompany it, we invite you to request support or pose questions via the **AM MSP Help Desk Function** or your **relevant MSP Expert**.



## Do you have a question about MSP?

Send it to [info@msp-platform.eu](mailto:info@msp-platform.eu) or make use of our 48h Question & Answer Service. Your question will be forwarded to one of the Sea Basin Focal Points.

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- Brussels Office
- Sea basin help-desks:
  - Baltic Sea
  - North Sea
  - East Med
  - West Med
  - Black Sea
  - Atlantic Ocean
  - Outermost Regions



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## EMFF MSP Video Trailer







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*Thank you for attention !*

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