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Workshop: What can EUSAIR do to enable the blue and green sustainable growth in EUSAIR: MSP in EUSAIR state of the art

"THE EUROPEAN MSP PLATFORM, Focus on the Eastern Mediterranean Sea basin"

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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.





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









What we offer

- A dedicated team of MSP experts
- <u>msp-platform.eu</u> an interactive information gateway
- Question & Answer service
- Technical studies filling identified knowledge gaps
- Event organization (workshops, seminars)



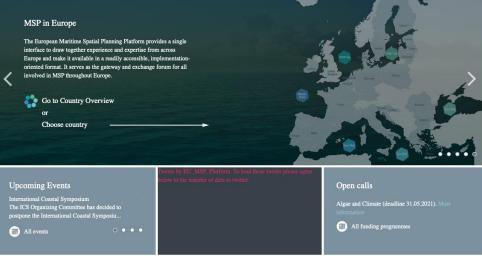






On 1 April 2021, EASME A3 EMFF became part of the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA) to Implement the EMFAF (European Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund) successor of EMFF. Relevant documents such as data protection notices are being reviewed & updated in light 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.





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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 Mediterranea, 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-Hilal 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.



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





- 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



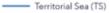


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Country Information Profiles

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





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 Croatis and the Republic of Slovenia. According to the "Final Award" relevant marine waters are defined as:
- Slovenia's internal waters cover 46.3km² and its Territorial sea cover 166.9 km²
- 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.
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- 🚫 Contact the sea basin helpdesk
- New practical information for Slovenia
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- S Methodological handbook on MSP in the Adriatic Sea
- S Technical basis for municipal spatial structure plan Strunjan
- S Adriatic Atlas to support ICZM and MSP
- S Tools4M3P Geoplatform
- S Adriplan conflict score tool
- S Adriplan Cumulative impact tool
- 🛇 Adriplan methodology
- S MSP exercise in Northern Adriatic
- Scenarios of maritime economy for the Mediterranean
- S 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 ESPOO 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/jevno/veljevni/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: 10th 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: 18th 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.





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!!





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?

MSP? Send it to <u>info@msp-platform.eu</u> 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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We are happy to assist you with any support or questions you may have, such as disseminating information on an MSP event or publication, or searching for relevant information and contacts in order to address your needs.

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 - Baltic Sea
 - North Sea
 - East Med
 - West Med
 - Black Sea
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Regions



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IT IS YOUR ASSISTANCE MECHANISM – WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU WITH YOUR MSP



Thank you for attention !

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