

MSPMED project
**Towards the operational implementation of MSP in our common
Mediterranean Sea**

21 September 2022, 10.00 – 15.00

Northern Adriatic sea (Slovenia– Italy) bilateral meeting
Mediterranean Coast and Macro-regional Strategies Week, Izola

The event will be the occasion to share national concerns regarding main features and uses happening in the area, namely tourism and maritime transport and its interaction with biodiversity protection and other maritime uses. The Slovenia-Italy transboundary area is of relevance for its environmental aspects and commercial value, as reported for example by the UNEP MED Action Plan document of 2015. The area is an important foraging and overwintering habitat for the loggerhead turtle, and key habitat for pelagic sea birds, including the rare European storm petrel.

Coastal and cruise tourism are recognised as important economic and development factors in the area. Maritime traffic of goods area is intense, since important port cities such as Trieste, Venice and Koper are present on the coast and cruising is of high relevance for the entire area.

The event will be a moment to share national experiences of plan implementation of these topics, and frame them in future broader cooperation strategies. Topics to be addressed in the event are:

- relevance of tourism and maritime transport in the area within the Slovenian and Italian MSP;
- evidence-based concerns related to maritime uses (impacts and conflicts),
- analytical tools to support impact and conflict analysis in MSP,
- possible common initiatives fostering the coexistence between maritime uses such as tourism, maritime traffic and marine ecosystems, biodiversity in the area.

Detailed agenda will be sent later.



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