The Directive on Maritime Spatial Planning

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Blue Growth is the European Commission’s initiative to further harness the potential of Europe’s oceans, seas and coasts for:

- Jobs
- Value
- Sustainability

Five sectors with high potential for sustainable Blue Growth are to be further developed:

- Renewable energy
- Mineral resources
- Aquaculture
- Biotechnology
- Coastal & Maritime Tourism

Other sectors of the blue economy crucial for value & jobs:

- Transport (cargo & ferry)
- Fisheries
- Offshore oil & gas

Shipbuilding & Ship repair
Why is MSP a priority for Europe?

- Reduce conflicts on access to maritime space
- Reduce cumulative impact of maritime activities on the environment
- Reduce co-ordination costs for public authorities
- Improve certainty and predictability for private investments
DIRECTIVES

DIRECTIVE 2014/89/EU OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
of 23 July 2014
establishing a framework for maritime spatial planning

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Articles 43(2), 100(2), 192(1), and 194(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

After transmission of the draft legislative act to the national parliaments,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee (1),

Having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions (2),

Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure (3),

Entered into force September 2014
Timing

September 2014: Entry into force

2016: Transposition (process) and Designation Competent Authorities

2021: Establishment of plans in all marine waters of MS

Geographical coverage

MSP: Marine waters cover coastal waters, territorial sea and EEZ.
Key requirements of the MSPD

1. Involve stakeholders
2. Develop cross-border cooperation
3. Apply an ecosystem-based approach
4. Use the best available data and share information
5. Take into account land-sea interaction
6. Promote the coexistence of activities
7. Review plans at least every 10 years
**MSP/MSFD Areas of joint interest**

More efficient & sustainable management of marine resources

- Ecosystem based approach
- "Land/sea interactions"
- Sound data for decision making
- Data exchange & management
- Engagement of stakeholders
- Cross-border cooperation
MSP Directive
Implementation Support Strategy

- Priorities:
  - capacity building
  - cross-border cooperation

- Tools:
  a. expert group
  b. assistance mechanism
  c. funding projects
a. Member States Expert Group on MSP

- Exchange of best practices and update on transposition/implementation in each MS and at sea-basin scale

- **Guidance on technical issues:** *(WP 2017)*
  - Ecosystem-based approach
  - Links between land planning and marine planning
  - Data collection, use of data and identification of knowledge gaps 2016
  - Mechanism for cross-border cooperation
  - Common approach to Third Country involvement
  - Cross-sectorial cooperation 2014/2015/2016 - continued
  - Best practices in monitoring
  - Public participation
b. Assistance mechanism: EU MSP Platform

- **Technical support for Member States**
  - Disseminate practical information and gather best practices in a practical way: **Website Platform**
  - **Focal Points** for the different Sea-basins to be able to answer Member States/NGOs/Industries' questions at short notice.

- **Studies (2017)**
  - where a gap in knowledge has been identified by the Commission and the expert group. (MSP and Blue Growth)

- **Workshops and Conferences**
  - June 2017 (WS on Land Sea Interactions)
  - October 2017 (MSP and Blue Growth)
  - December 2017 (MSP cross border projects)
c. Cross-border projects (EU)

Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP)

Assistance to MS to transpose directive
Priorities

- **Support the work of competent authorities** and/or inter-ministerial bodies in charge of developing and implementing maritime spatial plans; **Involvement of planning authorities** or bodies appointed to act on behalf of.

- **Develop a vision for the sea basin:** Use a scenario-based method which should allow identifying and evaluating future potential uses, needs and maritime spatial development options.

- Ensure an **effective engagement with and participation of stakeholders** in the design and implementation of MSP processes;

- Support the coherent **application of an ecosystem-based approach and the integration of land-sea interactions**;

- Develop, review and/or implement a monitoring and evaluation framework designed to ensure effective and sustainable use of maritime spaces;

- Make use of the best available data and information by encouraging sharing of information.
MSP cross-border projects

MSP Plans established at the latest 31 March 2021
Previous, ongoing and future

- BalticScope
- MSP CfP 2016
- Simnorat
- MSP CfP 2016
- SIMCELT
- MSP CfP 2016
- Simwestmed
- MSP CfP 2016
- Supreme
- MARSPLAN BS
- MSP CfP 2016
International MSP : first steps

1. Study on International good practices for cross-border MSP *(Jan 2016 – May 2017)*

Assist the EC and Member States in the **implementation of the MSP Directive** through the identification of good practices in MSP (focus on **cross-border cooperation**);

Develop recommendations that can support the **promotion of information and knowledge exchange** in MSP at an international level.
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2. International MSP: first steps

- Address global challenges
- Accelerate the processus of MSP worldwide
- Boosting jobs, growth and innovation
- Build trust between actors
- Spread knowledge on specific themes
- How to communicate on MSP
- Spread knowledge on process
International MSP : next steps

- *International workshops 2018 and 2019*
- *Cross border Pilot projects EU-NON EU*
- *Focus on transboundary MSP*
Thank you for your attention

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More background information at: