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European Maritime Spatial Planning Platform

A service to Member States to support implementation of Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) throughout the EU

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Tasks / Terms of Reference

- **Task 1:** Technical Studies on specific MSP topics
- **Task 2:** Support MS' implementation of MSP, including the following services:
 - Website development and maintenance to serve as a repository of relevant MSP information
 - Operate a dedicated focal point service for each sea basin
- **Task 3:** Administrative and technical support to DG MARE for MSP related meetings, workshops and conferences

European MSP Platform

- Multi-faceted service for EU Member States
- Promote the transfer of MSP knowledge and experience
- Share resources and practical information to enable MSP implementation
- Make good use of various MSP funding opportunities and work done on MSP
- Dedicated studies on specific topics as identified by Member States

An Evolving Service

- Sea-basin Help Desks
- Dedicated Website
- Technical Studies
- Meetings and Workshops
- Additional future possibilities based on needs...

Approach

- A multiple **interface**
(web as an “intranet” coupled with personal approach)
- **Service orientation**, going beyond a simple website and repository of information
- The principle of **give and take**, implemented by an active transfer mechanism
- The MSP Directive as the **thematic framework** for the services provided
- **Needs orientation** of services, resulting in a **targeted approach** to ensure relevant outputs rather than information for information's sake
- A service to **all European Member States** – recognizing different levels and interests in MSP development

Elements of the Platform



GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE

BALTIC SEA NORTH SEA ATLANTIC OCEAN EAST MEDITERRANEAN WEST MEDITERRANEAN BLACK SEA

INFORMATION SOURCES



TECHNICAL MSP EXPERTISE

Data and mapping
Ecosystem approach
Monitoring
Participation
Legal and regulatory framework
Transboundary aspects

PROJECT FUNDING & DEVELOPMENT EXPERTISE

INTERREG
Horizon / FP7
LIFE
National Funding
EMFF

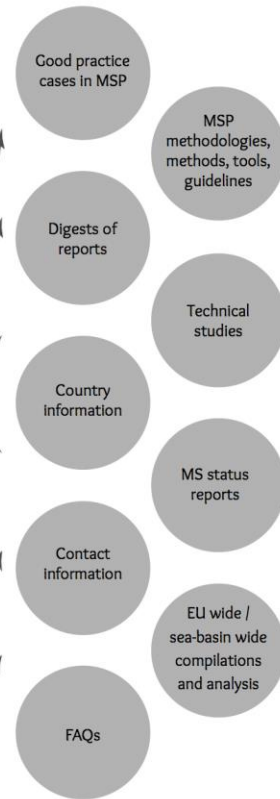
SECTORS / CROSS-SECTOR EXPERIENCE

Energy
Transport
Fishery and aquaculture
Extraction of raw materials
Tourism
MPAs and nature protection
Climate change

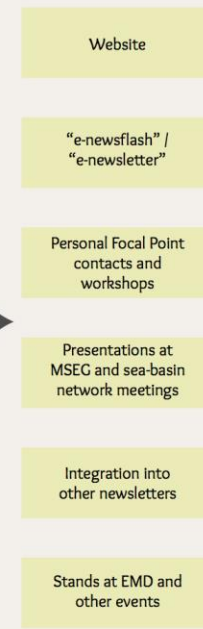
COMMUNICATION EXPERTISE

Website development
Easy-to-read short summaries
Graphic design and visuals
Mother tongue speakers
English summaries
Systematic compilation
Database creation and maintenance

OUTPUT TYPES



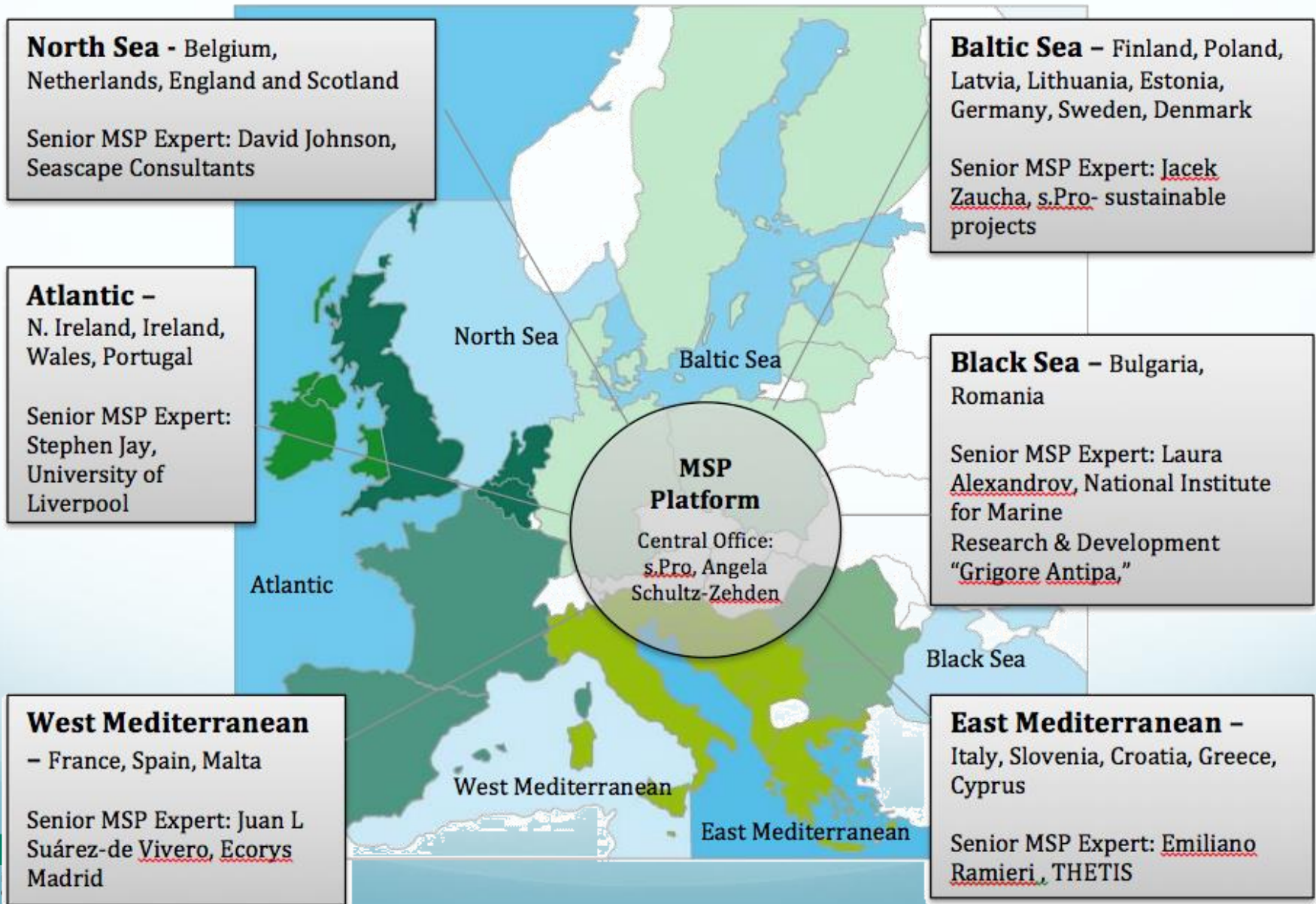
DISSEMINATION CHANNELS



TARGET GROUPS

DC MARE and Commission
Sea Basin Networks
MSEG
MSP Authorities
MSP practitioners / Planners
Supporting experts and consultants
Researchers
Coastal communities
Sectors
NGOs and other stakeholders

Sea-basin Help Desks



Dedicated Website

- Central website currently under development (mid-May 2016):
 - MSP in all EU countries (legal framework, planning areas, plans, contacts, etc.) => **Helcom-VASAB MSP WG format as „model“ /“blue print“!**
 - Database on „relevant“ MSP practical information
 - MSP Project information
 - Funding Opportunities for MSP development
 - Capacity-enhancement opportunities
 - FAQs
 - News and calendar of events
- Updates shared through newsletter and Twitter

Practical MSP Information

Suggested Steps:

1. Currently info mainly generated from existing publications (MSP projects, books, studies, etc.)
2. Include further info based on suggestions generated from talks with MSP experts in all countries
3. Comparative Overviews across countries
4. More detailed interviews to generate „non-published“ practice

Practical MSP Information

General rules for Body Text:

- Short – easy to read – with visuals
- Currently based on published information (links to original publications)
- Verification with authors / countries (case owners)

General Headlines:

- Which question may the info help to answer ?
- Context in which it was implemented
- Responsible Body
- Costs / Fundings (if available)
- Aspects / Objectives
- Description / Method
- Main Outputs / Results

Practical MSP Information

Search Field	Tick Boxes (in all cases multiple selection possible)
Type of Practice	<i>Plan, pilot project, study, tool, methodology, guidance, handbook, hands-on tips, other</i>
MSP Cycle	<i>Vision & Aims, Analyse Spatial Issues, Develop & Implement Plan, not relevant</i>
Sea-Basin	<i>Baltic, North Sea, Atlantic, Celtic, West Med, Adriatic, Ionian, Black Sea</i>
Country (ies)	<i>From which country is the practice?</i>
MSP Requirement / Topic	<i>Stakeholder, Data, Ecosystem-based Approach, Economic, Environment, Social, Safety, Co-existence of Uses, Climate Change, Land-Sea Interaction, Cross-Border, Sea-Basin Cooperation, Third Country, MSP Review</i>
Coherence with other directives	<i>ICZM, MFSD, Common Fisheries, Habitat & Bird, WFD, Renewable Energy, T-ENT, SEA, not relevant</i>
Sectors	<i>Shipping, Oil & Gas, Renewable Energy, Fishing, Aquaculture, Tourism, Underwater Cultural Heritage, Nature protection, Military, Cables & Pipelines, Scientific Research, not sector specific</i>

Technical Studies

- Fill MSP knowledge gaps to enhance implementation (topics according to needs of MS)
- First-year study: Data needs for MSP
 - MSP information needs
 - Technical aspects
 - Data requirements
 - Data formats for planning
 - Data sharing across borders

Support to DG MARE

- Organisation of MSP-themed conferences
 - First conference: 8th/9th June 2016 – Azores
 - Preliminary Topic: „MSP in international context“
- Facilitation of the MSEG (Member State Expert Group on MSP)
 - Preparation – Logistics – Reimbursement
 - Documentation - Minutes

Thanks for your attention !

We are really at the beginning...

Let's talk on how to make this service as useful as possible for you during coffee breaks, dinners, etc.

Open for ideas for MSEG, MSP Conferences, MSP information (topics, format, etc.)