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The MSPMED project

Mediterranean synergies

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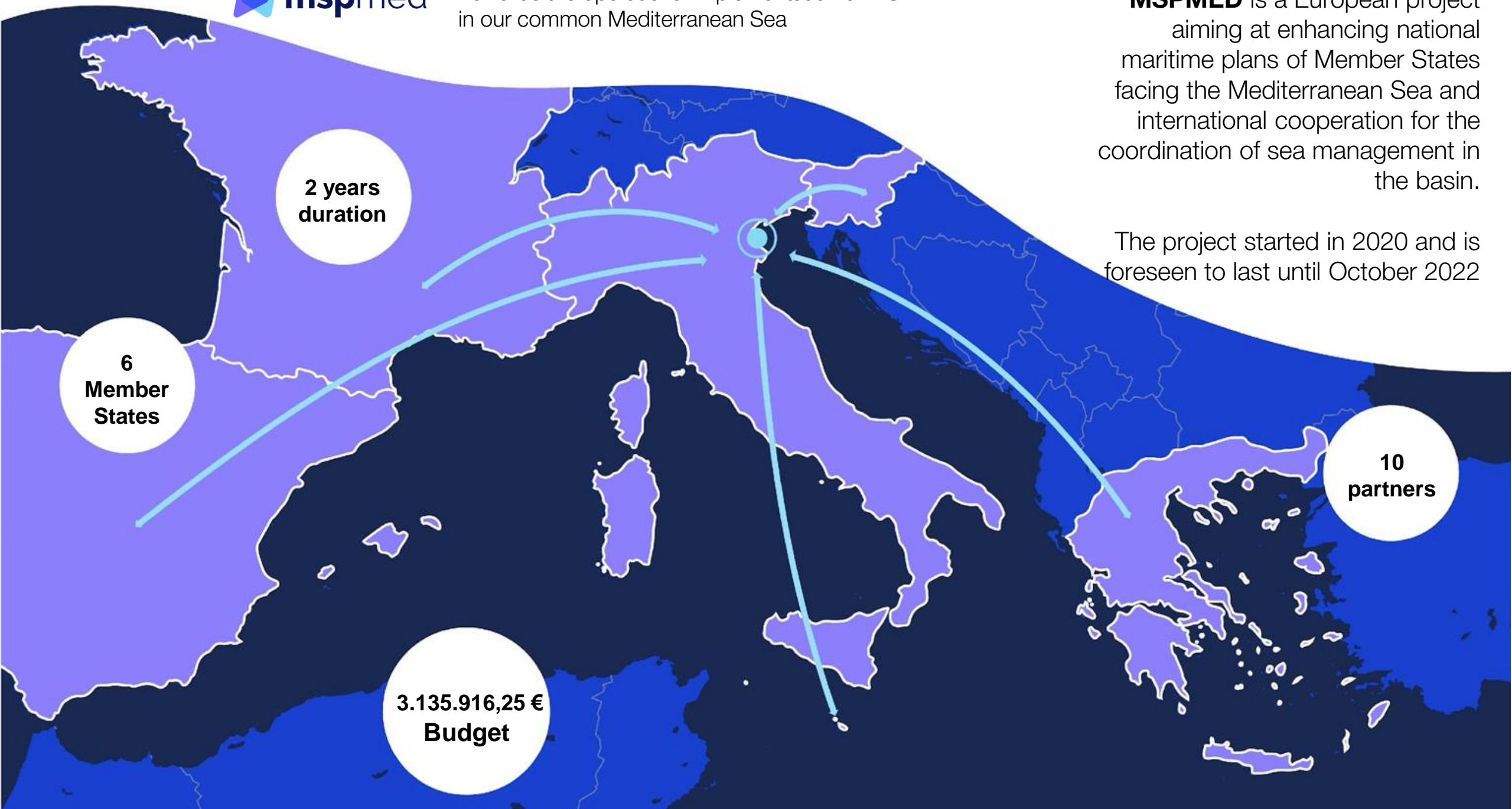




Towards the operational implementation of MSP
in our common Mediterranean Sea

MSPMED is a European project
aiming at enhancing national
maritime plans of Member States
facing the Mediterranean Sea and
international cooperation for the
coordination of sea management in
the basin.

The project started in 2020 and is
foreseen to last until October 2022



2 years
duration

6
Member
States

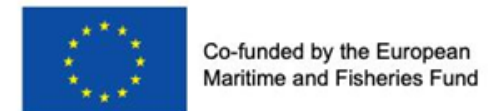
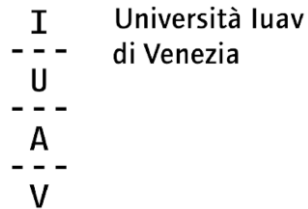
3.135.916,25 €
Budget

10
partners

The Consortium

▷ 10 Partners from 6 Member States

A Consortium of partners from six Member States participate in the project, they are: CORILA, the project Coordinator, IUAV, CNR-ISMAR (Italy), OFB, Shom (France), IEO (Spain), YEPEN, UTH (Greece), RRC Koper (Slovenia), PA (Malta).



The Project objectives

▷ *General objectives*

- The overarching objective of the project is to facilitate the MSP Directive implementation, by supporting the establishment of coherent and coordinated maritime spatial plans across the Mediterranean Region.
- At national level, the actions of the project concur in creating a better coordination between national and regional authorities, thus enhancing the efficiency of national plans.
- The knowledge shared among countries during meetings will produce, in a whole, a more harmonized way of approaching MSP in the Mediterranean.

The MSP-MED results so far

▶ *March 2022*

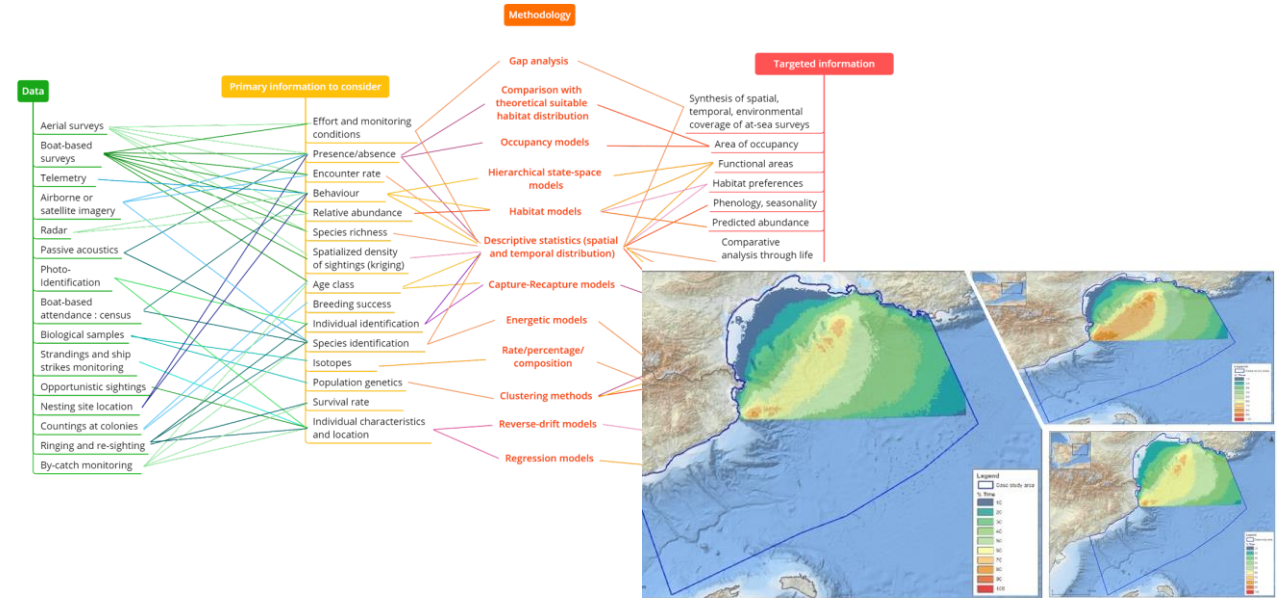
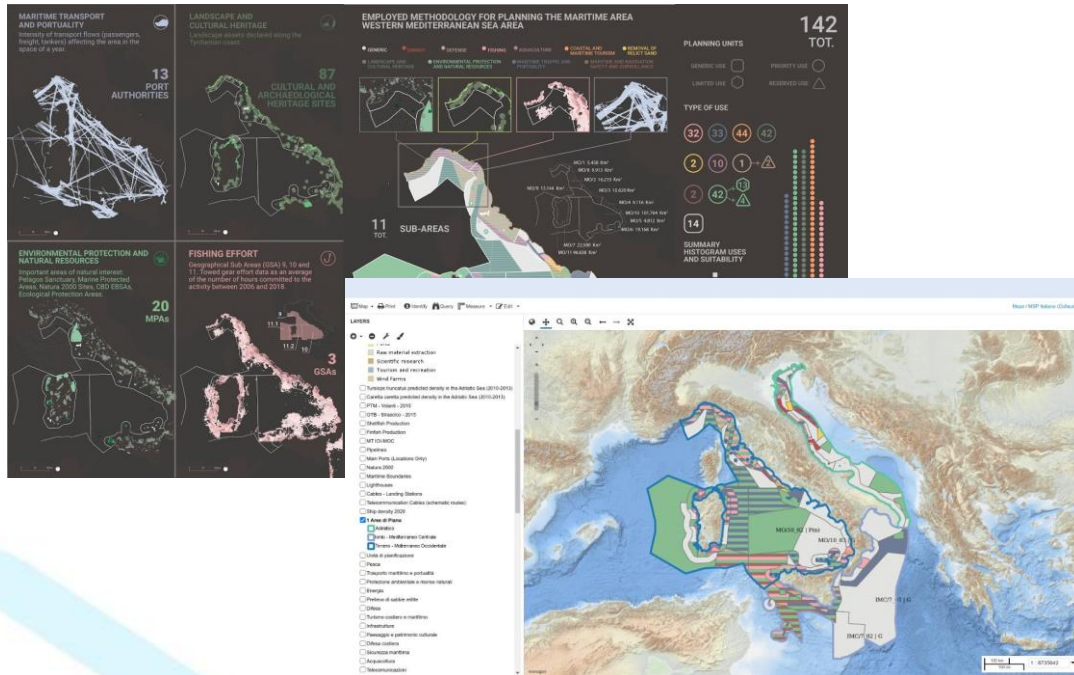
- Support to the 6 National Plans, in different forms, e.g. datasets and map creations, stakeholder involvement.
- >10 meetings and events with national stakeholders
- 5 Technical Workshops on Key Enabling Factors for MSP
- Social media campaigns and dissemination material to raise awareness on MSP in the Mediterranean and Ocean Literacy
- 1 dedicated edition (Adriatic) of the MSP Challenge Simulation Platform
- 1 joint event with MSP Platform on Marine Multi-use in the Mediterranean
- Transboundary cooperation for the identification of common issues and creation of data tools
1 Trilateral Event on Ramogepol Area: France-Italy-Monaco

The main findings so far are a contribution to a common planning approach with broader harmonization consequences on very different coasts and waters that share, however, a great number of similarities and shared cross-border issues (e.g. cultural heritage, touristic flows, pollution, environmental risks etc.)

The MSP-MED results so far

From ecological data to knowledge

Examples of National supports



FRANCE-SPAIN Gulf of Lion

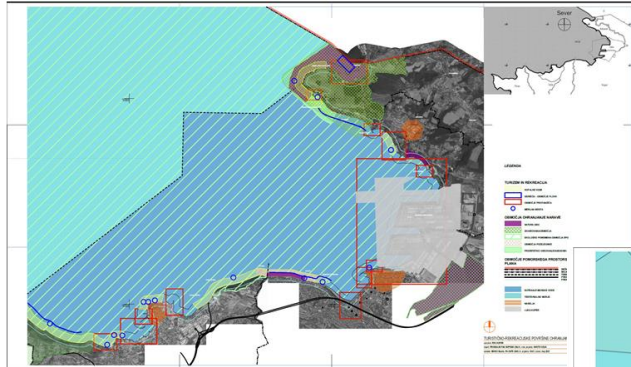
- Knowledge synthesis about ecological stakes related to seabirds, cetaceans and deep habitats.
- Study of interactions between maritime uses and the environment : focus on offshore windfarm development. With a focus on Seabirds, marine mammals, sea turtles and deep habitats (Identification of existing datasets, knowledge gaps and perspectives to address them, etc.)
- Underwater Noise (Modelling)
- Uses and protection in the Murcia Region, a pilot study
- Mediterranean Sea Basin Strategy document's limits, towards Med existing tools adaptation and cross-analysis for the Sea Basin Strategy document entry into force

ITALY

- Data use & sharing: consolidation of national Geoportal
- Writing of Vision and strategic objectives
- Planning: specific objectives and vocations
- Methodology and indicators for monitoring and adapting the Plan identification.

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Examples of National supports

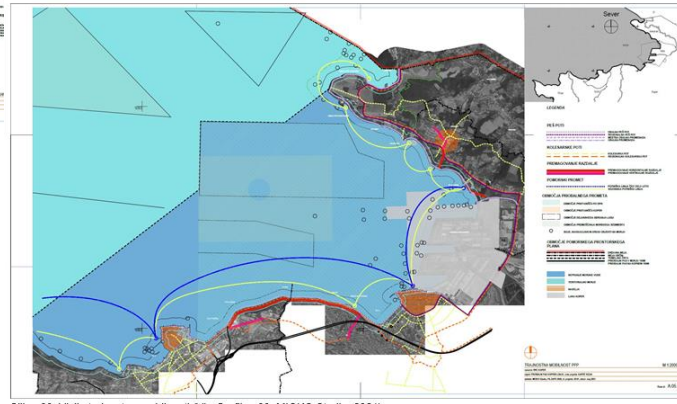


Tourist and recreational areas
Nature conservation

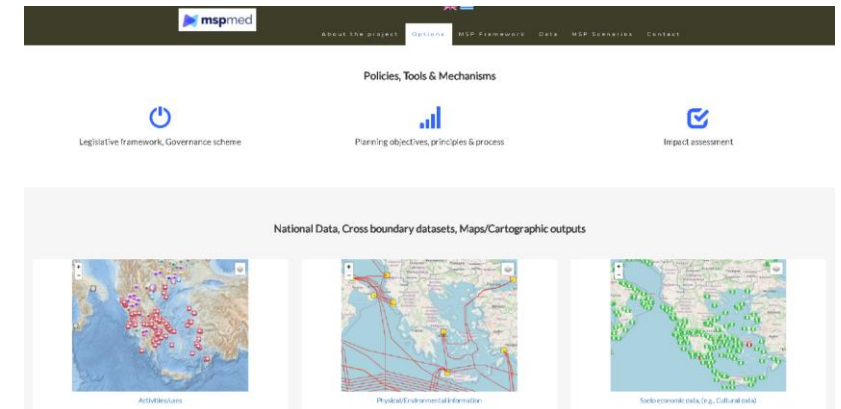
Sustainable mobility concept

SLOVENIA:

- Workshop 1 with stakeholders on Development of Koper bay,
- Formulation of a development vision on spatial planning of the coastal strip around the Koper bay;
- Workshop 2 on Development (Programme) concept for the Koper-Izola coastal strip
- Selection of allowed activities – programmes,
- Formulation of guidelines for spatial Programme concept.



- MALTA Governance support:
- Stakeholders workshops
 - Evaluation of planning
 - Awareness
 - Delivery of national Geoportal



GREECE, Governance support:

- Steps for the Procedure of Establishing National Spatial Planning Strategy for Maritime
- Stakeholders involvement in MSP procedure
- Steps in the Procedure of Establishing Maritime Spatial Planning in Greece
- Steps for the Procedure of Establishing Maritime Spatial Frameworks
- Online interactive MSP platform

The MSP-MED results so far

Cross cutting tasks: KEFs

Objectives: Promote harmonised MSP implementation and share best practices

5 Technical workshops involving project partners and competent authorities on several main MSP topics (Key Enabling Factors) :

Administrative frameworks and governance

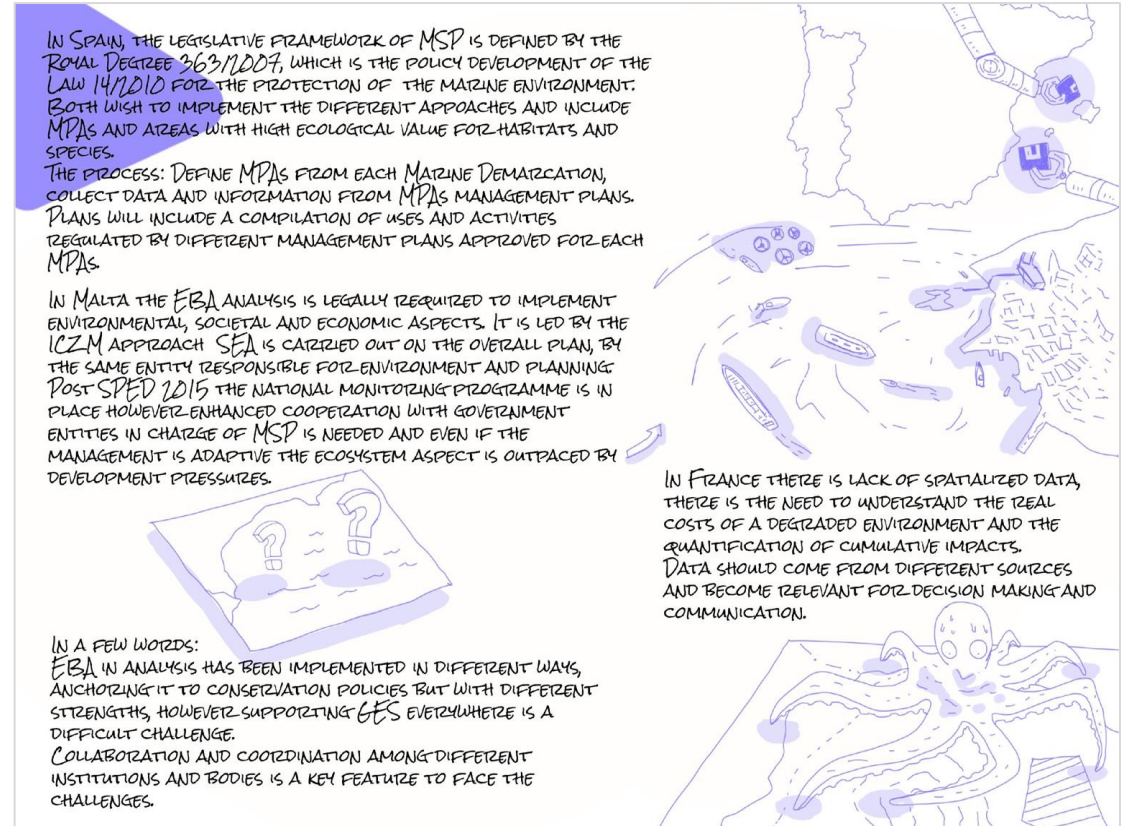
Stakeholder engagement

Data availability and sharing

Ecosystem Based Approach

Land-Sea Interactions

Deliverables : workshop reports with visual minutes (living documents)



IN SPAIN, THE LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK OF MSP IS DEFINED BY THE ROYAL DECREE 363/2007, WHICH IS THE POLICY DEVELOPMENT OF THE LAW 14/2010 FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT. BOTH WISH TO IMPLEMENT THE DIFFERENT APPROACHES AND INCLUDE MPAs AND AREAS WITH HIGH ECOLOGICAL VALUE FOR HABITATS AND SPECIES.

THE PROCESS: DEFINE MPAs FROM EACH MARINE DEMARCATION, COLLECT DATA AND INFORMATION FROM MPAs MANAGEMENT PLANS. PLANS WILL INCLUDE A COMPILATION OF USES AND ACTIVITIES REGULATED BY DIFFERENT MANAGEMENT PLANS APPROVED FOR EACH MPAs.

IN MALTA THE EBA ANALYSIS IS LEGALLY REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIETAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS. IT IS LED BY THE ICZM APPROACH SEA IS CARRIED OUT ON THE OVERALL PLAN BY THE SAME ENTITY RESPONSIBLE FOR ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING. POST SPED 2015 THE NATIONAL MONITORING PROGRAMME IS IN PLACE HOWEVER ENHANCED COOPERATION WITH GOVERNMENT ENTITIES IN CHARGE OF MSP IS NEEDED AND EVEN IF THE MANAGEMENT IS ADAPTIVE THE ECOSYSTEM ASPECT IS OUTPACED BY DEVELOPMENT PRESSURES.

IN FRANCE THERE IS LACK OF SPATIALIZED DATA, THERE IS THE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE REAL COSTS OF A DEGRADED ENVIRONMENT AND THE QUANTIFICATION OF CUMULATIVE IMPACTS. DATA SHOULD COME FROM DIFFERENT SOURCES AND BECOME RELEVANT FOR DECISION MAKING AND COMMUNICATION.

IN A FEW WORDS: EBA IN ANALYSIS HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED IN DIFFERENT WAYS, ANCHORING IT TO CONSERVATION POLICIES BUT WITH DIFFERENT STRENGTHS, HOWEVER SUPPORTING GES EVERYWHERE IS A DIFFICULT CHALLENGE. COLLABORATION AND COORDINATION AMONG DIFFERENT INSTITUTIONS AND BODIES IS A KEY FEATURE TO FACE THE CHALLENGES.

The MSP-MED results so far

Cross cutting tasks: Data

Objectives: Use of the best available data and organise the sharing of information in an exhaustive way.

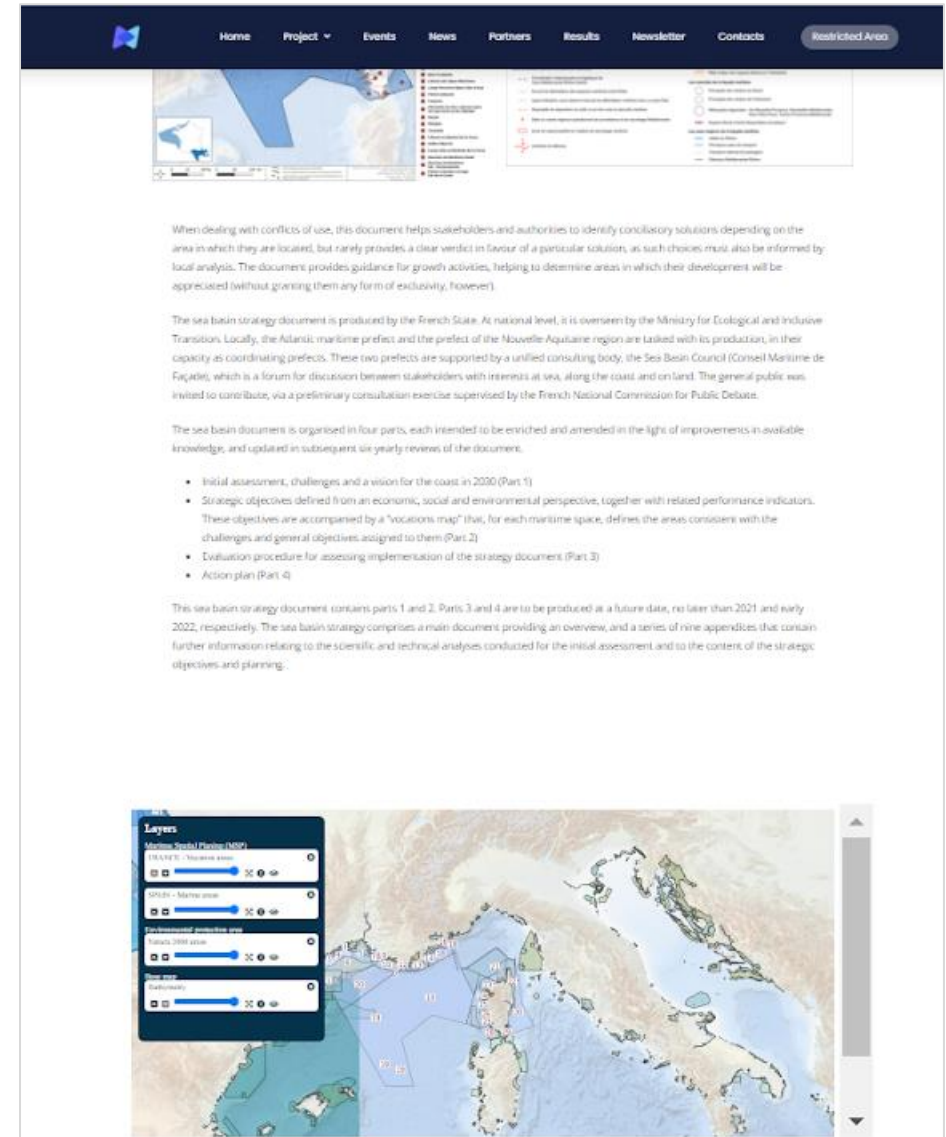
Building a common knowledge catalogue:

-Questionnaire on MSP data and information needs, useful to evaluate levels of advancement and different approaches

-Data is being collected from partners

-Data gaps filling

-A small geoportal for France uploaded on the project website



When dealing with conflicts of use, this document helps stakeholders and authorities to identify conciliatory solutions depending on the area in which they are located, but rarely provides a clear verdict in favour of a particular solution, as such choices must also be informed by local analysis. The document provides guidance for growth activities, helping to determine areas in which their development will be appreciated (without granting them any form of exclusivity, however).

The sea basin strategy document is produced by the French State. At national level, it is overseen by the Ministry for Ecological and Inclusive Transition. Locally, the Atlantic maritime prefect and the prefect of the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region are tasked with its production, in their capacity as coordinating prefects. These two prefects are supported by a unified consulting body, the Sea Basin Council (Conseil Maritime de l'Atlantique), which is a forum for discussion between stakeholders with interests at sea, along the coast and on land. The general public was invited to contribute, via a preliminary consultation exercise supervised by the French National Commission for Public Debate.

The sea basin document is organised in four parts, each intended to be enriched and amended in the light of improvements in available knowledge, and updated in subsequent six yearly reviews of the document.

- Initial assessment, challenges and a vision for the coast in 2030 (Part 1)
- Strategic objectives defined from an economic, social and environmental perspective, together with related performance indicators. These objectives are accompanied by a "vocations map" that, for each maritime space, defines the areas consistent with the challenges and general objectives assigned to them (Part 2)
- Evaluation procedure for assessing implementation of the strategy document (Part 3)
- Action plan (Part 4)

This sea basin strategy document contains parts 1 and 2. Parts 3 and 4 are to be produced at a future date, no later than 2021 and early 2022, respectively. The sea basin strategy comprises a main document providing an overview, and a series of nine appendices that contain further information relating to the scientific and technical analyses conducted for the initial assessment and to the content of the strategic objectives and planning.

The MSP-MED results so far

Cross cutting tasks: Cooperation

Objectives: Identify and address issues of common concern

-Maritime Surveillance:

Workshop with the Ramoge Secretariat

Datasets of transnational interest

-Landscape and Seascape:

Institutional stakeholder events under design

-Environmental impacts/Pollution

Studies (France-Spain)

Event under design (Spain-France-Italy)

-Other Uses

Institutional stakeholder events under design

Upcoming Calendar

- **6th Technical Workshop** on Monitoring of Implementation (Online- 29 March 2021)
- **Bilateral Meeting Italy-France** (Marseille, 1 July 2022)
- **Trilateral Meeting Italy-France-Spain** (Barcelona, 11 May 2022)
- **Workshop on MSP, European Maritime Day** (Ravenna, 19 May 2022)
- **Bilateral Meeting Greece-Italy** (Athens, June 2022- Landscape/Seascape and maritime uses)
- **Bilateral Meeting Slovenia-Italy** (Date TBD)
- **Bilateral Meeting Italy-Malta** (Malta, June 2022)
- **Trilateral Meeting Algeria-Spain-Morocco** (Rabat, September 2022)
- **Pan-Eastern Med Workshop** (Athens, June 2022- Landscape/Seascape and maritime uses)
- **Pan-Western Med Workshop** (Tunisi, 27-29 September 2022)
- **Final Conference** (Rome, October 2022)

The MSP-MED results so far

Cross cutting tasks: Dissemination and awareness

Objectives: Disseminate project results and raise awareness on Ocean Literacy and Sustainability-Sustainable Economy

-A project website with extended life span (5 yrs) and restricted area: www.mspmed.eu >7.500 visits

-Social media presence on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn. 1046 Followers

-Newsletter

-One Leaflet, printed materials (roll-ups) and digital media employed in several international events, e.g. Joint Webinar with MSP Platform on Multiuses, Marine Ecomed course multiplaier events (Thessaloniki and Venice), ACCOBAMS Survey Initiative Technical Recommendations Workshop (Paris), X Italy, Latin America and Caribbean Conference (Rome), Westmed Corridors to Blue Development (Rome), Aquaculture Europe 2021 (Madeira), etc.



A Vision

▶ *For the future of MSP in the Mediterranean basin*

- The project will keep supporting national plans until its completion
- The MSPMED project wishes to reinforce collaborations among Member states and Third Countries in the Mediterranean Area and will organize solo and joint events with other initiatives to achieve this objective
- Support will be given to the ongoing EMODnet data harmonization
- Concrete actions to tackle selected issues of common concern are desirable
- Toolkits identification, creation and sharing among Member States and Third country to enhance resources protection and blue growth in the area are desirable

A Vision

▷ *For blue growth and cooperation in the Mediterranean*

The MSPMED Consortium is interested in synergies with UMF initiatives and will be glad to have representatives participating during the international meetings, as to ensure cooperation, especially with extra-EU countries to help the development of sustainable Blue Economies and activities.

Important meetings foreseen to work for a shared MSP in the Mediterranean, beyond EU “borders”

- MSPMED will support the Westmed initiative hackaton, June 2022
- Trilateral Meeting Algeria-Spain-Morocco (Rabat, September 2022)
- Pan-Eastern Med Workshop (Athens, June 2022- Landscape/Seascape and maritime uses)
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- **Final Conference, when full project results will be shared (Rome, October 2022)**



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