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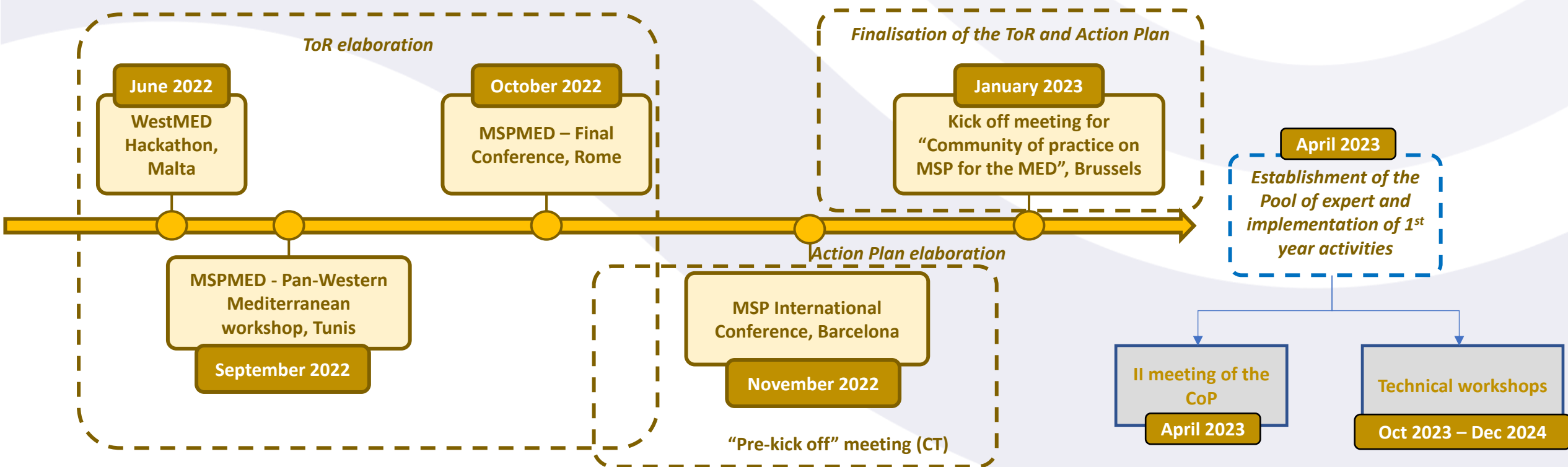


Maritime spatial planning

1. COP MSP MED
2. MSP 2014-2024: EMFF and EMFAF funding – analysis
3. MSP week, Marseille 21-24 October 2024

1. What is the MED MSP Community of Practice ?

*“[...] group of **people** who share a **common concern**, a set of **problems**, or an **interest** in a topic and who **come together** to fulfil both individual and **group goals**. [...] they often focus on **sharing best practices** and creating **new knowledge** to advance a domain of professional practice.”*





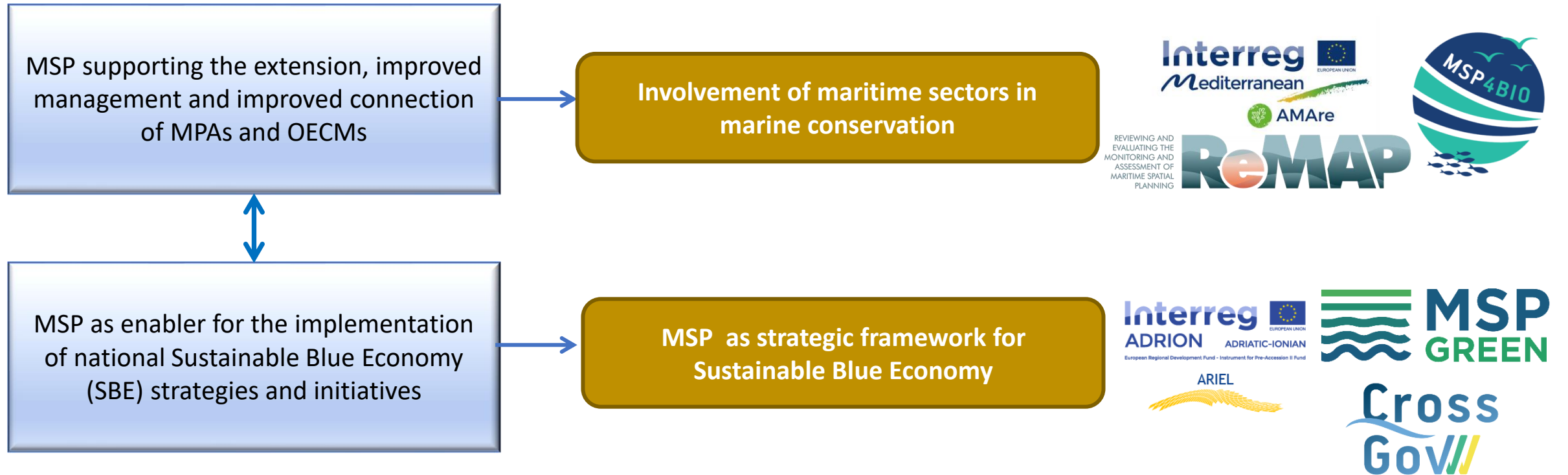
General objectives

- **Create a permanent communication and dialogue across borders** among experts on MSP to exchange knowledge and experiences and to reach a shared perspective on topics of common interest
- **Enhance cooperation** between the north and the south and the west and the east of the Mediterranean sea on common MSP challenges and opportunities
- **Share practices and knowledge** about how to use MSP as an enabler for sustainable blue economy and improved protection of the marine environment
- Provide **recommendations** supporting **regional cooperation** on MSP and **MSP national processes**



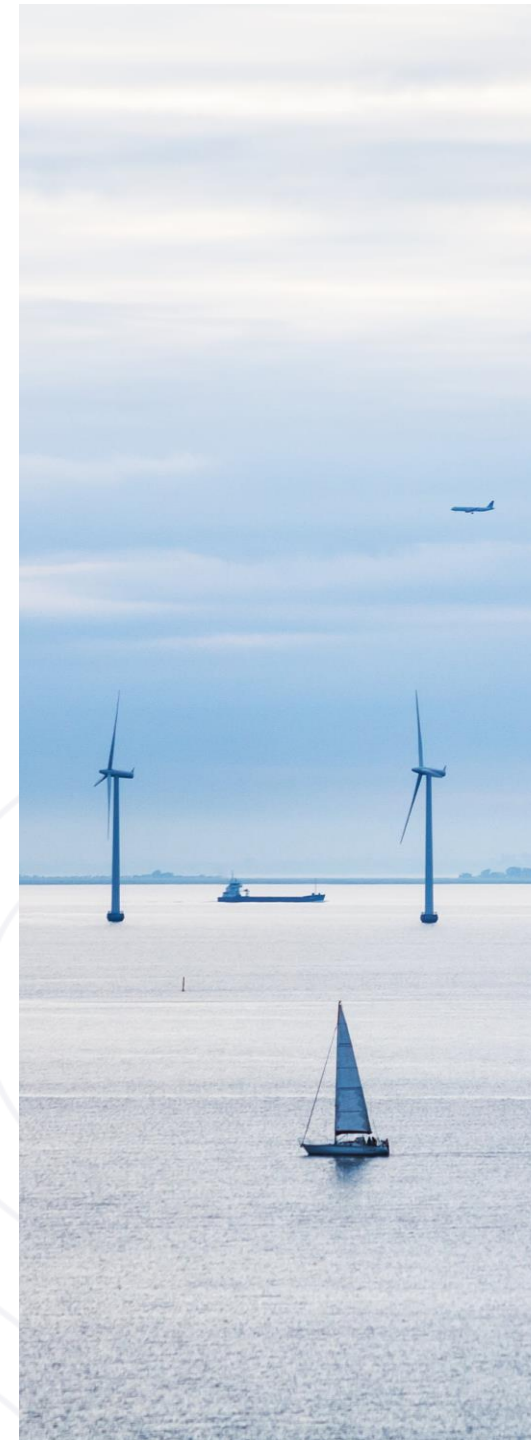


Identified topics of work and their relevant initiatives/projects for further engagement



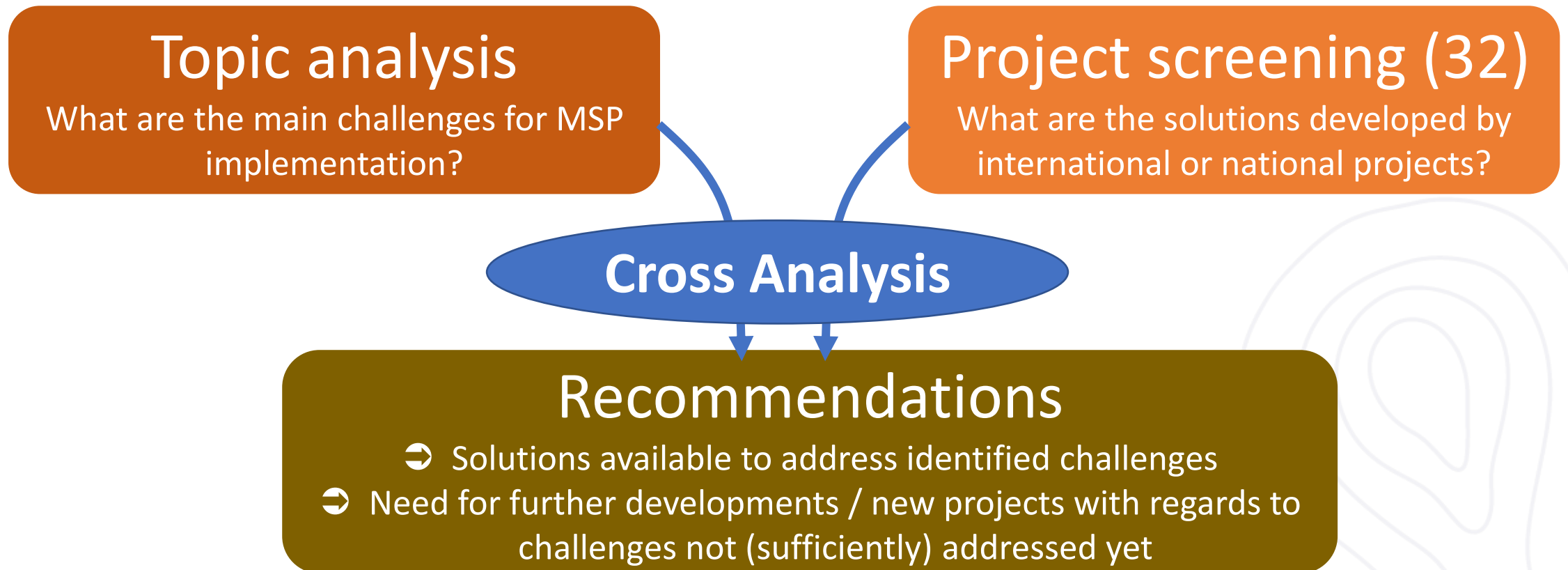
Activities COP MSP MED

- **+90 experts** meet online and promote cross border dialogue to enhance collaboration between north and south of the Mediterranean.
- **3 Workshops and 7 Regional Webinars:**
- **MSP Projects AND**
 - Regional initiatives
 - National initiatives
 - Cross border cooperation
 - MPA's and MSP
 - Policy work (Think thank MSP4Bio)





General Approach



Main topics of research MED MSP projects



- Data and tools
- Stakeholder engagement
- MSP and ecosystem-based management
- *MSP and Green Deal objectives*
- *MSP and climate change/mitigation*

SECTORS

Fishing

Maritime transport

Nature protection and restoration

Multi-sector analysis



Next steps

3 workshops to discuss the challenges and results of the analysis

- 1) Online preparatory meeting CoP members – 17th September*
- 2) In person workshop CoP - MSP Week in Marseille - 21st October*
- 3) Online meeting to finalise the analysis and come up with a policy brief*

A study implemented by AM MSP - supporting the CoP to:

- State-of-play from the CoP to external actors e.g. UNEP/MAP, UfM*
- Identify activities to be implemented in the framework of the vision, possibly within the two sub-topics. Discuss with UNEP/MAP WG – connect and support.*
- Highlight commonalities EU and non-EU countries in terms of needs and interests*

MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING IN THE EU



41M€ under EMFF/EMFAF direct management (2014-2023)

A **pro-active** and **engaged** MSP stakeholder community is developing in the EU, providing a **point of reference** for best practice in MSP

19 Maritime Spatial Plans by Member States in 2023

30 regional and cross-border projects under EMFF/EMFAF direct management since 2014

WHAT IS MSP?

Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) is a fundamental tool for a development of the Sustainable Blue Economy. It allows us to sustainably manage the use of our seas and oceans, to reduce conflicts, create synergies between human activities and ensure they take place in an efficient and safe way.

WHAT'S NEXT?

The next generation of EU MSPs will have a key role in:

- Becoming 'Climate-Smart', in line with the European Green Deal.
- Increasing offshore wind capacity in Europe to at least 111GW by 2030.
- Establishing protected areas on 30% and restore at least 20% of the EU's sea areas.
- Identifying optimal sites for seaweed farming and multi-use.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Check the European MSP Platform | europa.eu



Establishment of Member States Expert Group on MSP

Adoption of the MSP Directive (MSPD)

Launch of European MSP Platform

Creation of Technical Group on Data for MSP

Implementation of MSP Directive through the Adoption of National Plans

Publication of Commission report on MSPD Implementation

Launch of the Blue Forum: stakeholder dialogue between users of the sea

Publication of Commission report on MSPD Implementation

Achieving the European Green Deal objectives

European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA)

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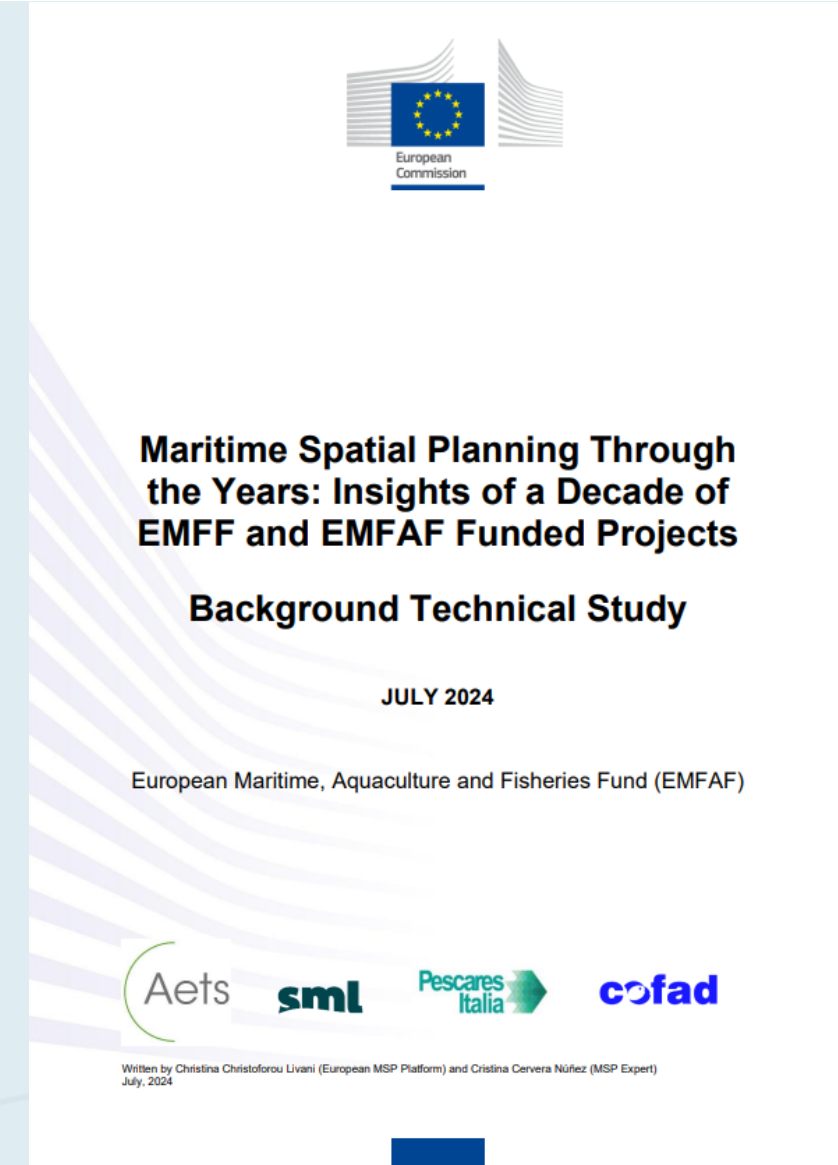


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2. MSP 2014-2024 - EMFAF study on MSP

- ❖ Reflect on the **evolution of the MSP** process over the past 10 years
- ❖ Understand the **achievements** of the projects and the European MSP community,
- ❖ Identify **challenges** (evolving, persistent, emerging)
- ❖ Shed light on **best practices, applied solutions and recommendations** (operational, strategic)
- ❖ **Learn** from one another
- ❖ **Strengthen our future work together**





Key challenges addressed Mediterranean Sea



Key take-aways of the study

- Projects provided tangible and intangible results
- Direct engagement of CAs is crucial at achieving targets/solutions that cannot be reached by the projects alone,
- MSP is instrumental in fostering collaboration
- Projects are catalysts for collaboration not only among different countries but also at national context encouraging CAs to adopt projects' outcomes
- Important to enhance policy uptake
- Long-term focus of ocean literacy and raising awareness
- Climate Change necessitates working together and enhancing adaptability of plans
- Different realities among countries and sea basins
- Learn from each other

3. Current MSP projects (EMFAF) & EVENTS!

Revision of plans - Adapting MSP plans to the EU policy targets (**Biodiversity strategy, EU Offshore renewable energy targets, Green deal**).

- **REGINA** (Regions to boost National Maritime Spatial Planning) <https://www.regina-msp.eu/>
- **MSPGreen** (Maritime spatial planning as enabler of the European green deal) <https://mspgreen.eu/>
- **REMAP** (Reviewing and Evaluating the Monitoring and Assessment of Maritime Spatial Planning) <https://www.ismar.cnr.it/progetti-internazionali/progetti-in-corso-altri-progetti/remap/>



MEDIGREEN (SP, IT, FR, EL, DZ, HR (+ MT, TN)) (***GA signed – start 1/11/2024***)

Targeting to advance the European Green Deal (EGD) transition in the Mediterranean Sea -> transnational cooperation in Maritime Spatial Planning.

Focus on key uses and activities: Offshore Renewable Energies (ORE), fisheries, aquaculture and nature protection.

A DECADE OF MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING STAKEHOLDER CONFERENCE



22 October, 2024
Palais du Pharo, Marseille, France
09:00-17:45 CET | HYBRID EVENT



European Maritime Spatial Planning Week

21 - 24 October 2024

Palais du Pharo, Marseille, France

21 October 2024

27th Member States' Expert Group on MSP Closed event - by invitation only.

MED-MSP-Community of Practice Workshop 2 Closed event - by invitation only.

Technical Expert Group for MSP data Closed event - by invitation only.

22 October 2024

A Decade of European MSP Stakeholder Conference

Hybrid event. Registrations are open.

23 October 2024

Choice of five parallel field visits

First meeting of the Working Group for MSP for updating Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development Closed event - by invitation only.*

MSP-GREEN and REGINA MSP Joint Closing Conference Hybrid event. Registrations are open.

**Venue: Tour la Marseillaise - 16ème étage - 2bis Bd Euroméditerranée, Quai d'Arenç, Marseille, France*

24 October 2024

MSP-GREEN and REGINA MSP Joint Closing Conference Hybrid event. Registrations are open.

MSP4BIO SCIENCE Policy Think Tank Closed event - by invitation only.

For more information about all events of the European MSP Week including exact timings and registrations, where available, please visit the website of the European MSP platform!



Thank you



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