



Maritime Spatial Planning in Small Sea Spaces

15 - 16 March 2018

Portorož, Slovenia

The Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries of the European Commission is organising a two-day workshop on 15-16 March 2018 in Portorož, Slovenia, on the topic of how to apply maritime spatial planning (MSP) in small sea spaces. Specific challenges emerge in small sea areas, whether they fall under national competence or they are part of a multi-scale, nested approach. Both cases present real challenges: high concentration of uses, intense land-sea interactions, limited availability of free space and the need for transboundary cooperation (among countries and among regions within a country).

DRAFT AGENDA DAY 1

15 March 2018

13:30 -14:00 Arrival of participants and registration

14:00 - 14:10 Welcome by the European Commission and Slovenian MSP authorities

14:10 - 16:30 THEMATIC SESSION 1 "The smaller the space, the greater the challenge: issues and solutions for MSP in small jurisdictions"

The session will provide presentations on challenges and approaches for MSP in countries with small sea areas. Presentations will be followed by a wide discussion involving panellists and all workshop participants.

16:30 - 16:50 Coffee break

16:50 - 17:50 WORKING GROUP EXERCISE 1 "Challenges and practices of MSP in small sea jurisdictions"

The aim of the exercise is to provide an understanding of specific features of planning in small sea areas falling under national jurisdiction. Participants will be divided in groups to revise/complete a pre-prepared catalogue of specific factors (challenges, experiences and recommended approaches) that are relevant when planning in small sea spaces.

17:50 - 18:00 Concluding remarks



DRAFT AGENDA DAY 2

16 March 2018

8:30 - 9:00 Arrival of participants and registration

9:00 - 11:20 THEMATIC SESSION 2 "Coordinating different scales and different areas: experiences of nested approach to MSP"

The session will provide presentations on challenges and approaches for MSP in small sea areas that are part of a wider geographic context and framed in a multi-scale, nested approach. Presentations will be followed by a wide discussion involving panellists and all workshop participants.

11:20 - 11:40 Coffee break

11:40 - 12:40 WORKING GROUP EXERCISE 2 "Challenges and practices of a nested approach to MSP"

The aim of the exercise is to provide an understanding of specific features of planning in small marine areas in the framework of a nested approach to MSP. Participants will be divided in groups to revise the integrated catalogue of factors (challenges, experiences and recommended approaches) prepared from the outcome of the Working Group Exercise of Day 1 and will adapt it to the context of the nested approach, including new relevant aspects and amending those not relevant.

12:40 - 13:00 Wrap-up and conclusions

13:00 Closure of the workshop