

Draft Agenda

Workshop Maritime Spatial Planning for Islands

11 September 2018

Gran Canaria, Spain

This workshop provides the opportunity to explore the development of MSP in island contexts, including the specific challenges faced and the opportunities for sustainable blue growth. The particularly strong connection between island communities and the sea and the relevance of this to MSP was highlighted during the MSP Conference: Addressing Land-Sea Interactions held in St Julians, Malta, 15th-16th June 2017¹.

Due to their remoteness, and with different levels of representation in MSP processes which may be led by mainland authorities, there can be particular challenges in practicing MSP in island contexts. However, given their maritime interests, significant blue growth opportunities exist, and effective MSP should help to realise these.

We will hear about the experience of MSP in islands, including representation from islands of different status within the EU, from island nations such as Malta, to islands with some autonomy from mainland governments, such as Åland, Finland. There will be perspectives from local community groups, planning authorities and blue growth sectors with island interests. Panel and group sessions will facilitate interaction between MSP practitioners and other stakeholders, to highlight good practice and develop ideas to support the development of MSP and delivery of sustainable blue growth for islands.

¹ <http://msp-platform.eu/events/msp-conference-addressing-land-sea-interactions>

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08.30 Arrival and registration

Welcome and introduction

'The distinctive nature of spatial planning on small islands'

SESSION 1 "Maritime Spatial Planning for Islands - Current Perspectives and Experience"

Moderator: Helena Calado, University of the Azores (confirmed)

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION 1 "Specific Challenges in Implementing MSP for Islands"

Building on the discussions so far regarding experience of MSP in islands, in this session participants will divide into groups and discuss the challenges that are faced in relation to MSP in islands, including whether these are unique to islands and how they differ between islands of different status. Each round table will summarise the key points raised during their discussions.

SESSION 2 "Blue Growth Opportunities for Islands"

Moderator: Helena Calado

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION 2 "What are the particular challenges and opportunities for islands in achieving Blue Growth?"

Participants will be divided into groups to undertake facilitated group work to identify specific opportunities relating to blue growth sectors in islands, and the challenges that may be faced. Knowledge exchange between regions and sectors.

SESSION 3: 'Addressing the socio-economic and environmental pressures faced by Island Communities'

Moderator: Stephen Jay (confirmed)

Summary and workshop conclusions

19:00 - 20:30 Evening Reception