

**MSPMED Workshop - *Towards the operationalization of a MSP Community of Practices in the Western Mediterranean***  
***Terms of Reference***

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# Terms of Reference

## Background

Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) emerged worldwide as an important policy tool for planning the different uses and activities of Seas and Oceans efficiently, in order to achieve both a sustainable development of the Blue economy and a long-lasting safeguarding of marine resources. MSP is also recognized as a useful tool to strengthen cross-border cooperation and to support improved ocean governance among countries, in order to avoid different kinds of conflicts. The Mediterranean Sea represents a very complex and delicate area, both for the intense maritime uses and the very differentiated environmental-marine characteristics. The overarching objective of the [MSPMED project](#) (*Towards the operational implementation of MSP in our common Mediterranean Sea*) is to facilitate coherent MSP implementation in the Mediterranean region by enhancing cooperation and knowledge sharing, finally ensuring coherence among the MS' plans. The activities are built around specific intensive workshops, prepared by the Consortium partners, which have also the function to share best practices and approaches. The project has been a strong proposer of the development of a Mediterranean approach to MSP, able to implement not only the science based and Ecosystem Based Approaches but consider economic and cultural assets key to the Mediterranean societies.

## Work program context – Work Package 4

The workshop described by this Terms of Reference (ToRs) is framed in the “Work Package 4: *Cooperation among Member States and with third countries*” (WP4) of the MSPMED project Work program. As established in the Grant Agreement of MSPMED, the main objective of WP4 is to set up activities able to foster a concrete cooperation on MSP and related matters between countries of southern and northern shores of the Mediterranean. This WP allows to carry out joint activities on selected topics and sectors of common interest and is an opportunity to share methodologies, results and best practices. The specific task of concern from this WP will be *Task 4.3. “Establishing transboundary cooperation mechanisms and instruments with third countries”* which is composed by three subtasks being the one conceptualized in this ToR, subtask **4.3.2.:**

- 4.3.1 Activities between Spain-Algeria-Morocco. Consultation/seminar/workshop activities between Spain-Algeria-Morocco.
- **4.3.2 Pan-Western Mediterranean workshop between Italy, France, Spain, Malta, as Member States and Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia.**
- 4.3.3. Pan- Eastern Mediterranean workshop between Italy Greece, Slovenia, Croatia, Cyprus and Lebanon, Israel and Turkey.

Also, according to the MSPMED GA, in addition to those directly involved, representatives of other Member States may participate in the activities. Representatives of UNEP-MAP, including the Institute PAP-RAC, will be invited, too. Furthermore, the events will be open to other third countries' participants.

## Workshop objectives

Countries to be involved: The Grant Agreement of MSPMED identifies 7 beneficiaries' countries for this activity: Italy, France, Spain, Malta, Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia (from now on "involved countries"). The participation is open for other countries' representatives surrounding the Mediterranean as well as for countries part of the 5 x 5' initiatives as Mauritania and Portugal.

The main objective of this workshop will be to foster collaboration and networking and **share technical knowledge, experiences and tools** regarding one or various selected topics (see Annex 1) related to MSP and Blue Economy among representatives of the countries involved in the event. Effort will be invested in capitalize from and operationalize existing and past initiatives' objectives (i.e. MSPglobal, BlueMed Initiative, Mission Starfish 2030, etc.). In this regard, links may be created with the following initiatives for the organization and development of this event:

- 5' x 5' initiative
- WestMED Assistance mechanism
- Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)
- UNEP-MAP (PAP-RAC)
- EU MSP Assistance Mechanism
- IOC-UNESCO MSP initiative
- DG-RTD/MARE (Mission: Restore our Ocean and Waters, MED Lighthouse etc)
- Bluemed Initiative

This workshop will also support the creation of a Community of Practices for MSP within the WestMED Initiative as follow up discussions started in the WestMED Hackathon in Malta, on June 2022.

## Description:

The ambition is to prepare a **face to face** event in order to discuss about topics selected related to MSP and Blue Economy among technicians from the involved countries. To decide about the topics to be addressed, a questionnaire was sent to MSPMED partners with different proposals in order to survey partners' interests prior the design of the workshop. Annex 1 include the topics with the links identified with other initiatives

## Expected outcomes

- The workshop should serve as a platform for networking and to share experiences and lessons learnt among participants from the involved countries.
- The event is expected to reinforce the definition of a Mediterranean approach to MSP specifically by contributing to the creation of a Community of Practices (CoP) on MSP in the framework of the WestMED initiative, open for the rest of the Mediterranean.
- In the sharing of knowledge, opportunities might be identified for the different countries to address their respective MSP processes and Blue Economy strategies.
- Potential synergies for future collaborations might be identified.
- Identification of recommendations for a coherent MSP across borders will be sought.
- A report will be elaborated explaining the methodology conducted in the organization of the workshop and the main conclusions. This report will contribute to Deliverable n° 40 of MSPMED project.

## Agenda

### MSPMED PAN-WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN WORKSHOP Towards the operationalization of a MSP Community of Practices in the Western Mediterranean

26th-28th September, Hotel El Mouradi Gammarth, Tunis (Tunisia)

#### DRAFT AGENDA

Venue: Hotel El Mouradi Gammarth 5\*  
B.P597 La Marsa – Gammarth,  
La Marsa 2070 – Tunis  
<http://www.elmouradi.com/>

DAY 1 - Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	
Morning	<b>Arrivals</b> Lunch available
14:00 – 14:20	<b>Opening – greetings and introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Greetings, EU Delegation in Tunisia (tbc)</li><li>• Greetings, Italian Embassy in Tunisia (tbc)</li><li>• Welcome, Mounir Ghribi, OGS</li><li>• WestMed Initiative National Hub, Salem Miladi</li><li>• MSPMED Project, Pierpaolo Campostrini, CORILA</li></ul>
<b>SESSION 1: MSP Community of practice in the Mediterranean</b> Chair: Béchir Béjaoui, INSTM	
14:20 - 15:10  (10' each)	<b>Past and current initiatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SIMWESTMED and SUPREME, building a Mediterranean feeling to MSP – Pierpaolo Campostrini, CORILA</li><li>• MSPglobal pilot project in the Western Mediterranean – Michele Quesada, IOC-UNESCO, MSPglobal Initiative</li><li>• EU MSP Platform – tbd</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-Evolve4BG project – Khouloud Athimen, National Institute of Marine Sciences and Technologies, INSTM</li> <li>MSPMED project: Landscape, Seascape and Cultural Heritage – Francesco Musco, IUAV</li> </ul>
15:10 – 16:00	<b>Q&amp;A Session</b> Moderator: Béchir Béjaoui, INSTM
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break
<b>SESSION 2: EBA in MSP, Mediterranean perspectives</b> Chair: Armelle Sommier (Shom)	
16:30 – 18:00 (10' + 5' Q&A each)	<b>EBA in MSP Mediterranean framework</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental and Blue Economy Agenda – Alessandra Sensi, Union for the Mediterranean, UfM (<a href="#">video</a>)</li> <li>Mission Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030 – Elisabetta Balzi, European Commission, DG RTD (<a href="#">tbc</a>)</li> <li>Data interoperability supporting the EBA – Adeline Souf, Naval Hydrographic and Oceanographic Service, SHOM</li> <li>Integrating Ecosystem Approach into MSP – Ivan Sekovski, UNEP-MAP PAP/RAC</li> <li>MSPMED Gulf of Lions case study – Mónica Campillos, Spanish Institute of Oceanography, IEO(CSIC)</li> <li>Sustainability of marine resources and preservation of biodiversity: Morocco on the path to a Blue Economy – Leila Bensmail, Department of Maritime Fisheries</li> </ul>
20:00	<b>Social Dinner &amp; Traditional Tunisian Concert</b> Venue: Hotel El Mouradi Gammarth 5*

## DAY 2 – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022

### SESSION 3: Challenges to address through MSP- Climate change and the development of a sustainable Blue Economy.

Chair: Elhadi Almbrouk Abogrean (Libyan Climate Change Research Center)

9:30 – 10:30 (10' + 5' Q&A each)	<b>Overview of studies and initiatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MSPglobal: climate change and marine spatial planning – Michele Quesada, IOC-UNESCO, MSPglobal Initiative</li> <li>OceanPlan Maritime Spatial Planning under a Changing Climate – Sara Garcia Morales Hurtado, MARE, University of Lisbon</li> <li>Green needs Blue: MSPGREEN project – Martina Bocci, CORILA, IUAV</li> <li>MSP and Blue Economy (Algeria) – Samir Bachouche, National Center of Research and Development of Fishing and Aquaculture, CNRDPA</li> </ul>
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Panel discussion</b> Moderator: Elhadi Almbrouk Abogrean (Libyan Climate Change Research Center)
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break

<b>SESSION 4a: Knowledge-based MSP, R&amp;I and Capacity Building</b>	
Chair:Emiliano Ramieri (CNR-ISMAR)	
11:30 – 12:30 (10' + 5' Q&A each)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The case of the Mauritanian-European Union fisheries agreements – Elimane Kane, Mauritanian Institute for Oceanographic Research and Fishery</li> <li>• BlueMed Priority 6: Effective maritime spatial planning in the Mediterranean – Andrea Barbanti, Italian National Research Council - Institute of Marine Sciences, CNR ISMAR</li> <li>• Blue Skills: OGS Sustainable Blue Economy initiative – Maria Zanenghi, National Institute of Oceanography and Applied Geophysics, OGS</li> <li>• MSPglobal recommendations to promote knowledge exchange and transfer on MSP – Cristina Cervera-Núñez, Spanish Institute of Oceanography, IEO-CSIC</li> </ul>
<b>SESSION 4b : Western Mediterranean perspectives</b>	
12:30 – 13:30	<b>Panel discussion</b> Panelists: tbc Moderator: Adriana Salazar Olivan, Union for the Mediterranean, UfM
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch Break
<b>SESSION 5: Ocean literacy and public participation</b>	
Chair: Elena Gutiérrez- Ruiz	
14:30 – 15:00 (10' + 5' Q&A each)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MSPMED Med-Academy – Folco Soffiatti, IUAV</li> <li>• REGINA project: Ocean Literacy and effective stakeholder engagement strategies – María Gómez-Ballesteros, Spanish Institute of Oceanography, IEO-CSIC</li> <li>• Public participation in French MSP process – Dounia Khallouki, Direction générale des affaires maritimes, de la pêche et de l'aquaculture</li> </ul>
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee Break
15:30 – 18:00	<b>Outdoor Activity</b> (see “more information”) Visit to the National Institute of Marine Sciences and Technology and the Oceanographic Museum “Dar El Hout”, Salambo, Tunis
20:00	Dinner

### DAY 3 – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022

<b>SESSION 6: Towards the operationalisation of an open MSP Community of Practice in the Western Mediterranean</b>	
Chair:Anja Detant	
9:00 – 9:15	<b>Presentation of the MSP-CoP of WestMED</b> Thanos Smanis, WestMed Assistance Mechanism
9:15 – 10:15	<b>Participative session A</b> MSP-CoP : Priority themes, needs and practices – <i>Round tables</i>



10:15 – 11:15	<b>Participative session B</b> MSP- CoP : Structure and means – <i>Round tables</i>
11:15 – 12:00	Coffee Break
12:00 – 13:00	<b>Closing Session: wrap up &amp; next steps</b> Anja Detant, Climate Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency, CINEA
13:00 – 13:30	<b>Farewell greetings</b> María Gómez-Ballesteros, Deputy Technical and Advisory Director, Spanish Institute of Oceanography, IEO(CSIC) <b>MEDBLEUE WestMed Cluster Alliance</b> – Giovanni Caprino, President, Blue Italian Growth Cluster, BIG

## Annex I – Table of analyzed topics

N°	Proposed topics for sessions	<u>Related MSPglobal recommendations</u>	Related goals and priorities from <u>WestMED</u>	<i>Other initiatives</i>
1	<p><b>Coordination between different scales of governance: local, regional, national and international –MSP Community of Practice in the Mediterranean: towards a shared transnational MSP Action Plan/ Roadmap</b> (which is NOT a single Mediterranean MSP plan)</p>	<p>Promote an integrated and multi-scale approach to governance: within countries, coordination is needed within and across layers of governments (from national to local scale) and planning should take into account local variations. At regional scale, supranational engagement mechanisms are required; these should be facilitated by recognised regional platforms (i.e., existing international/regional conventions).</p> <p>In compliance with national laws, provisions of UNCLOS, as well as relevant multi/bilateral agreements in place, transboundary MSP approaches should promote the principle of the Mediterranean as “Common Sea”, including the concept of “Common Goods”, through the shared and coordinated management of areas under one’s own jurisdiction and of resources that have no borders.</p> <p>Establish collaborative mechanisms through consultation and information sharing across institutions with maritime competence with a view to integrating MSP into public policies that have an impact on the use and management of national maritime space.</p>	<p><i>Improved maritime governance (goal)</i></p>	<p><i>HORIZON EUROPE CANDIDATE PARTNERSHIP: A CLIMATE NEUTRAL, SUSTAINABLE AND PRODUCTIVE BLUE ECONOMY: The Blue arm of the Green Deal: transitioning to a sustainable blue economy:</i></p> <p><a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl6-2022-governance-01-02">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl6-2022-governance-01-02</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.jpi-oceans.eu/climate-neutral-sustainable-and-productive-blue-economy">https://www.jpi-oceans.eu/climate-neutral-sustainable-and-productive-blue-economy</a></p>

2	<p><b>Articulation between MSP and national Blue Economy objectives. Prospects for a coherent pan Mediterranean approach to Sustainable Blue Economy.</b> Discussion around a common approach to the development of marine renewable energies in the Med: areas of transnational interests, coordinated approach to Environmental Impact Assessment, construction of a common Med database on studies and monitoring results</p>	<p>The definition of national blue economy strategies is essential in order to align MSP objectives and processes with the blue growth interests of the country (i.e., what sectors is MSP intended to promote) thus, establishing a clear path for collaboration in both aspects (blue economy and MSP) at the national and supranational level. The contribution of MSP to achieving socio-economic and ecological objectives should be reflected in these blue economy strategies.</p>	<p><i>Smart and resilient blue economy (goal)</i> <i>Sustainable consumption and production (maritime transport, ports, maritime and coastal tourism, marine aquaculture) (priority)</i> <i>Spatial Planning and coastal management (priority)</i></p>	<p>SRIA of BLUEMED <a href="http://www.bluemed-initiative.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/bluemed-preliminary-implementation-plan_version-complete.pdf">http://www.bluemed-initiative.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/bluemed-preliminary-implementation-plan_version-complete.pdf</a></p> <p>UfM Blue Economy Declaration <a href="http://www.bluemed-initiative.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Declaration-UfM-Blue-Economy-EN.pdf">http://www.bluemed-initiative.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Declaration-UfM-Blue-Economy-EN.pdf</a></p> <p>HORIZON EUROPE CANDIDATE PARTNERSHIP: A CLIMATE NEUTRAL, SUSTAINABLE AND PRODUCTIVE BLUE ECONOMY (Ref. Above)</p>
3	<p><b>Sharing experiences regarding EBM in MSP. Particularities of its application in the Mediterranean region and how to address them.</b> Opportunities for transboundary biodiversity and ecosystem conservation: Exchanges on on-going initiatives and new perspectives (areas, issues)</p>	<p>At the national level, initially, the ecosystem approach should be embedded in the legal framework of MSP, so the objectives of the ecosystem approach are legally recognised. Thereafter, guidelines are needed to operationalise the ecosystem approach within the national maritime space in order</p>	<p><i>Biodiversity and marine habitat conservation (priority)</i></p>	<p>30x30 Initiative. 30% of the global ocean protected by 2030</p> <p>Starfish mission 2030: Restore our Oceans and waters by 2030</p>

		to protect marine ecosystem goods and services.		<a href="https://op.europa.eu/en/web/eu-law-and-publications/publication-detail/-/publication/672ddc53-fc85-11ea-b44f-01aa75ed71a1">https://op.europa.eu/en/web/eu-law-and-publications/publication-detail/-/publication/672ddc53-fc85-11ea-b44f-01aa75ed71a1</a>
4	<b>Knowledge-based MSP: Formal education and training in MSP and Blue Economy.</b> <i>Identifying gaps in knowledge and capacity for MSP. What type of knowledge we need for effective MSP? What type of R&amp;I? Discussion on the aspects of capacity building that could benefit from a transboundary approach.</i>	Encourage research, innovation and capacity development in the marine and maritime domains, particularly regional knowledge on cumulative impacts, land-sea interactions and the effects of climate change.  <a href="#">Recommendations to promote knowledge exchange and transfer on MSP</a> , a guide from MSPglobal.	<i>Skills development and circulation (priority)</i>	SRIA and Implementation Plan (priority 6 in <a href="http://www.blumed-initiative.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/BlueMed-VF.pdf">http://www.blumed-initiative.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/BlueMed-VF.pdf</a> ) of Bluemed.  UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030) <a href="https://en.unesco.org/ocean-decade">https://en.unesco.org/ocean-decade</a>  <i>EU Programs supporting capacity building: Horizon Europe, Erasmus</i>

5	<p><b><i>Ocean literacy, public awareness and social media for an effective and inclusive participatory process in MSP.</i></b></p>	<p>Effort should be invested to (a) establish mechanisms to achieve active participation of users of the marine space and (b) educate them and the public about the benefits of MSP and the role of stakeholders within the MSP process through initiatives such as participatory sciences, educational marine areas, nature protection activities, etc.</p> <p><a href="#">Recommendations to promote knowledge exchange and transfer on MSP</a> , a guide from MSPglobal.</p>	<p><i>Marine and maritime knowledge (priority)</i></p>	<p>UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030)  <a href="https://en.unesco.org/ocean-decade">https://en.unesco.org/ocean-decade</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.cnr.it/it/news/9212/un-decade-of-ocean-science-for-sustainable-development-2021-2030-mediterranean-workshop-the-mediterranean-sea-we-need-for-the-future-we-want">https://www.cnr.it/it/news/9212/un-decade-of-ocean-science-for-sustainable-development-2021-2030-mediterranean-workshop-the-mediterranean-sea-we-need-for-the-future-we-want</a></p>
6	<p><b><i>Climate change mitigation and adaptation in MSP. Different perspectives to approach particularities of the Mediterranean.</i></b></p>	<p><i>Encourage research, innovation and capacity development in the marine and maritime domains, particularly regional knowledge on cumulative impacts, land-sea interactions and the effects of climate change.</i></p>	<p>Blue Growth, Smart and resilient blue economy (goal)</p> <p><i>Spatial planning and coastal management (and, therefore,</i></p>	<p>EU Green Deal  <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal_en">https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal_en</a></p> <p>Making MSP future proof by collaboration, adaptability, openness and involving</p>

			protection). [WestMED priority]	relevant business stakeholders (Baltic Forums <a href="https://vasab.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/WS_recap_session.pdf">https://vasab.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/WS_recap_session.pdf</a>  New MSP Call from EU: EMFAF-2021-PIA-MSP HORIZON EUROPE CANDIDATE PARTNERSHIP: A CLIMATE NEUTRAL, SUSTAINABLE AND PRODUCTIVE BLUE ECONOMY (Ref. Above)
7	<b><i>Cultural heritage, the importance and consideration of landscape (seascape) in MSP.</i></b> <i>Interaction with other activities.</i>	Promote and implement transdisciplinary approaches, integrating knowledge on social, cultural and economic processes together with ecological, biological, geological and physical processes, and frame these three recommendations in the context of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030).	Sustainable consumption and production (maritime transport, ports, maritime and coastal tourism, marine aquaculture)	UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030) <a href="https://en.unesco.org/ocean-decade">https://en.unesco.org/ocean-decade</a>  MSP Platform <a href="https://www.msp-platform.eu/faq/land-sea-interactions-msp">https://www.msp-platform.eu/faq/land-sea-interactions-msp</a>

			Spatial Planning and coastal management [WestMED priorities]	(link to MSP Blue Growth)
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Depending on the selected topic(s), speakers will be selected and informed beforehand of the content and structure of the needed presentation.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Any issue related to jurisdictions, politics and/or diplomacy matters are out of the scope of the MSPMED project, hence, will not be addressed in this event.

Participants: The target audience should be representatives of countries and regional/international institutions that work directly on the matters addressed.