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MSP Plans in MSPMED:
main facts

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Acronyms

CP	Continental Platform
CS	Coastal Strip
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
EPZ	Ecological Protected Zone
FMCZ	Fisheries Management Conservation Zone
HD	Habitats Directive
ICZM	Integrated Coastal Zone Management
IIM	Hydrographic Institute of the Navy (Italy)
ISTAT	National Institute of Statistics (Italy)
IW	Internal Waters
MSFD	Marine Strategy Framework Directive
MSPD	Maritime Spatial Planning Directive
NBSAP	Malta's National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan
NGO	Non-governmental organization
PA	Planning Authority
POEM	Planes de Ordenación del Espacio Marítimo (Spain)
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment
SID	Sistema informativo del Demanio marittimo - Portal of the Sea (Italy)
SIMM	Système d'Information sur le Milieu Marin (France)
SPED	Strategic Plan for Environment and Development (Malta)
TS	Territorial Sea
UNEP MAP	United Nations Environment Program - Mediterranean Action Plan
WFD	Water framework Directive

1. Context

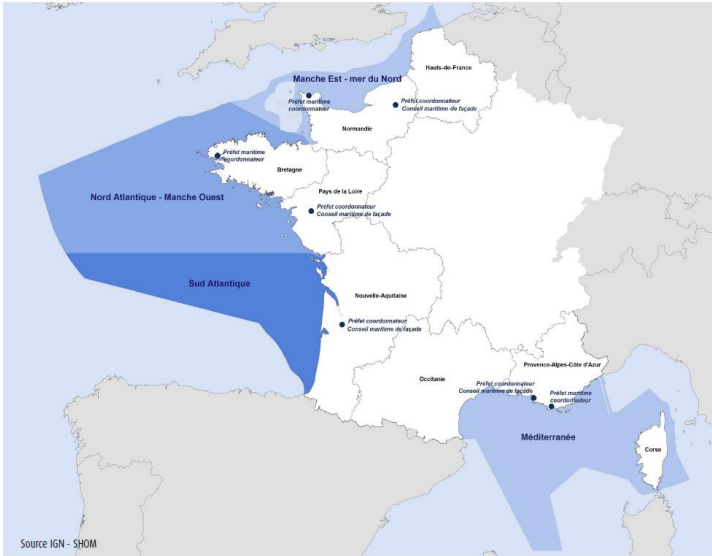
The aim of this report is the creation of comparison factsheets of the national MSP plans from the MSPMED partner countries in order to detect common points and principal differences between them. This document offers a common layout that can make easier the comparison of plans regarding governance, stages/phases, stakeholders' involvement/engagement, etc., in a synthetic and practical way.

The methodology conducted to develop this work consisted in a systematic review of national MSP plans' information of the MSPMED countries available in their official websites or in resources' portals as MSPglobal (<https://www.mspglobal2030.org/>) and the EU MSP Platform (<https://maritime-spatial-planning.ec.europa.eu/>). This first collection of information was afterwards complemented with a direct consultation to MSPMED partners.

The information is organized in six factsheets created for each of the countries participating in the project. To ease the contrast of the different national MSP Plans, there are several issues for which specific multi-option answers have been established (*Annex I*).

Thanks to the categorization of the answers, it is possible to make an effective comparison through a final matrix that has been created for this purpose, containing the information of the six MSPMED partner countries.

2. Factsheets

FRANCE	
GOVERNANCE	
MSP COMPETENT AUTHORITY	Sectoral ministry Ministry of Marine Affairs together with the interministerial body: General Secretary for the Sea.
MSP WORKING GROUP (if exists)	Yes. Working group involving Ministries, regions and public agencies.
SCALE	
PLANNING AREA	TS-EEZ
NATIONAL MARINE SUBDIVISIONS (if exists)	<p>Yes. Four maritime regions in France (not including overseas territories).</p> 
LEGAL FRAMEWORK	
MSP NATIONAL POLICY	<p>Law No 2010-788 (12 July 2010) on the national commitment to the environment introduced the concept of integrate coastal zone management (ICZM) into the environmental code.</p> <p>Art. 123 of Law n° 2016-1087 for the “reconquest of biodiversity, nature and landscapes”. The modalities for implementing Art. 123 are further elaborated through the Decree n°2017-724 adopted on 3rd May 2017.</p> <p>Decree No 2017-222 (23 February 2017) - National strategy for the sea and the coastline.</p> <p>Environment code (Article R219-1 details the Sea Basin strategic component content and the methodologies and tools to use and Article L219-4 states that public policies for the marine environment and plans should be consistent with the Strategic Sea Basin Document).</p>
COHERENCE WITH OTHER PROCESSES/POLICIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) • Water framework Directive (WFD) • Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) • Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

MSP PLAN		
STATUS	Not approved	
MSP FUNDING	National budgets with the support of EU funds.	
UPDATE OF THE PLAN	Every 6 years.	
MARITIME SECTORS INCLUDED IN PLANNING	Aquaculture.	X
	Fisheries	X
	Exploration/Exploitation of non-living resources	X
	Maritime transport	X
	Military/Defense areas	X
	MPA	X
	Scientific research	X
	Cables and Pipelines	X
	Tourism	X
	UCH	X
Others	Leisure, Maritime financial services, artificialization of coastal territories, agriculture industries and shipping construction.	
MSP PILOT PROJECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSPMED • SIMWESTMED • SIMAtlantic • SIMNORAT • SIMCelt • SEANSE • MSP-OR • eMSP NBSR 	
DATA SOURCES	Data collected from national authorities and public operators.	
AVAILABLE DATA	Information Sharing System on the Marine Environment (Système d'Information sur le Milieu Marin – SIMM), which aims to facilitate sharing and dissemination of data regarding the marine environment	
STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT		
STAKEHOLDERS' ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY	<p>Formal and informal consultation.</p> <p>There were two ways of engaging stakeholders:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Formal consultation. SEA and two public consultation processes 2. Consultation Co-construction: co-elaboration through permanent consultation bodies called “sea basin council”, grouping the all the stakeholders (state, local governments, economic organizations; syndicates, NGOs and citizen organizations). <p>Methods/ tools for both consultations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerning the formal consultation, the consultation platform www.merelittoral2030.gouv.fr • Events: Ex: citizen workshops organized all along the French coast (upstream consultation), and webinars (downstream; 2021). 	
TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION		
TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION FOR THE MSP PROCESS	<p>Yes</p> <p>Consultation on the draft strategies was also extended to neighboring countries in the Mediterranean Sea (Spain, Italy), in the Channel (UK and Ireland) and in the North Sea (Belgium).</p>	

GREECE		
GOVERNANCE		
MSP COMPETENT AUTHORITY	Ministry of Environment Ministry of Environment and Energy - General Secretariat of Spatial Planning and Urban Environment/ Directorate of Spatial Planning	
MSP WORKING GROUP (if exists)	Yes. Involving Ministries. The Ministry of Environment and Energy cooperates with the Ministry of Maritime Affairs & Insular Policy (in accordance with the Memorandum of understanding) and co-competent Ministries.	
SCALE		
PLANNING AREA	TS-CP-EEZ	
NATIONAL MARINE SUBDIVISIONS (if exists)	Yes. Four marine subregions. The four regions are a proposal so the map is not ready yet.	
LEGAL FRAMEWORK		
MSP NATIONAL POLICY	Law 4546 (GG 101/A/12-June-2018) transposes the EU MSP Directive (2014/89) into the Greek legal system and Law 4759/2020 (GG 245/A/9-12-2020) amending the previous one through Chapter 2.	
COHERENCE WITH OTHER PROCESSES/POLICIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) • Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) • Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) • Action plan for an integrated maritime policy European Commission [COM (2007) 575 final] • The European Green Deal. Communication from the European Commission [COM (2019) 640 final] • EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030. Bringing nature back into our lives Communication from the European Commission [COM (2020) 380 final] 	
MSP PLAN		
STATUS	Not approved	
MSP FUNDING	The National Recovery and Resilience Plan "Greece 2.0". National and EU funds.	
UPDATE OF THE PLAN	Every 10 years	
MARITIME SECTORS INCLUDED IN PLANNING	Aquaculture	X
	Fisheries	X
	Exploration/Exploitation of non-living resources	X
	Maritime transport	X
	Military/Defense areas	X
	MPA	X
	Scientific research	X
	Cables and Pipelines	X
	Tourism	X
	UCH	X
Others	-	
MSP PILOT PROJECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSP-MED • ADRIPLAN • ΘΑΛ-XQP 1 (THAL-CHOR 1) • ΘΑΛ-XQP 2 (THAL-CHOR 2) • SUPREME 	

DATA SOURCES	Ministry of Environment and Energy coordinates the data collection, provided from ministerial bodies and regional authorities.
AVAILABLE DATA	The Geospatial Database with information about environmental conditions and uses in the marine areas and the GEOPortal for Maritime Spatial Planning, additionally in the online interactive MSP platform http://msp-greece.eu/ .

STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT

STAKEHOLDERS' ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY	<p>Formal and informal consultation</p> <p>Maritime Spatial Planning is opened to consultation with sectoral ministries, regional authorities and the public and to the opinion/advice from the National Council of Spatial Planning, which represent regional and local authorities, economic stakeholder organizations, professional chambers, employee organizations, NGOs, Associations of Engineers/Planners and Scientists.</p> <p>Additionally, and specifically for the MSP consultation, economic stakeholder organizations, Professional Chambers, Employee organizations, Research Institutions related to the sea activities (shipping, aquaculture, fishing, etc.) were invited.</p> <p>The National Maritime Strategy and Maritime Spatial Plans will be open to mandatory public consultation online, using the national portal www.opengov.gr.</p> <p>Informal tools used to foster participation: Workshops at national and regional level and online interactive MSP platform.</p>
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TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION

TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION FOR THE MSP PROCESS	<p>Yes</p> <p>Cross-border MSP projects described previously, involving cooperation with neighboring and Mediterranean countries.</p>
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ITALY

GOVERNANCE

MSP COMPETENT AUTHORITY

Sectoral Ministry

Ministry of Sustainable Infrastructures and Mobility – General Directorate for Port Authorities, Port Facilities and Maritime and Waterways Transport.

MSP WORKING GROUP (if exists)

Yes. Working group involving Ministries, regions and public agencies.

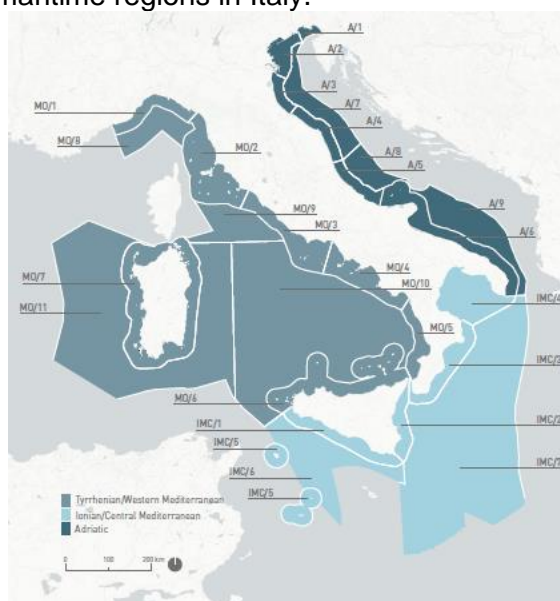
SCALE

PLANNING AREA

IW-TS-EPZ-CP

Yes. Three maritime regions in Italy.

NATIONAL MARINE SUBDIVISIONS (if exists)



LEGAL FRAMEWORK

MSP NATIONAL POLICY

The EU MSP Directive was transposed into the Italian legislation with the Legislative Decree 17 October 2016, n. 201.

COHERENCE WITH OTHER PROCESSES/POLICIES

- Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD)
- Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM)
- Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

MSP PLAN

STATUS

Not approved

MSP FUNDING

General State Budgets and the support of MSP EU projects' budgets

UPDATE OF THE PLAN

Every 10 years (max)

MARITIME SECTORS INCLUDED IN PLANNING

Aquaculture	X
Fisheries	X
Exploration/Exploitation of non-living resources	X
Maritime transport	X
Military/Defense areas	X
MPA	X
Scientific research	X
Cables and Pipelines	X
Tourism	X

	UCH	X
	Others	Cruises/ferries, Coastal erosion, Safety of navigation and surveillance and renewable energies.
MSP PILOT PROJECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSPMED • SIMWESTMED • ADRIPLAN • BLUEMED-CSA • CAMP • COASTGAP • CO-EVOLVE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecoast • Ritmare • MUSES • PORTODIMARE • SHAPE • SUPREME
DATA SOURCES	At the Italian national level, the different ministries and the regions have provided a detailed picture of the current marine and coastal state. In addition, other levels of information have been collected by ISTAT (National Institute of Statistics) and IIM (Hydrographic Institute of the Navy).	
AVAILABLE DATA	SID, portal of the sea, currently under implementation both for data integration and accessibility for the general public.	
STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT		
STAKEHOLDERS' ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY	<p>Formal and informal consultation</p> <p>Italy used a top-down approach, as all the administration levels have been involved in order to enlarge stakeholders' participation. At a regional administration level, 15 coastal regions were involved in the MSP process where bilateral meetings were conducted to set visions, specific objectives and drawing measures + creating synergies between all the identified conflicts. Trilateral meetings (Region, Superintendencies, Technical committee) haven been performed as well. Some Regions involved coastal municipalities to implement information and planning decision. Workshops and conferences have been held included in some MSP pilot projects.</p> <p>There is an ongoing formal consultation process for MSP in connection with the SEA procedure.</p>	
TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION		
TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION FOR THE MSP PROCESS	<p>Yes</p> <p>There is an informal consultation process promoted by MSPMED project, while a formal consultation process is ongoing in the framework of the transboundary SEA procedure.</p>	

MALTA

GOVERNANCE

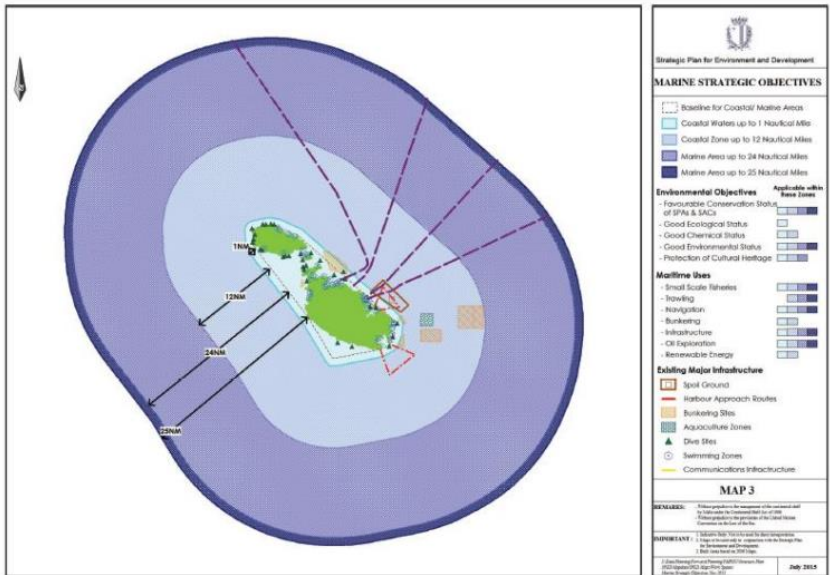
MSP COMPETENT AUTHORITY **Planning Department**
 The competent authority for MSP implementation is the Planning Authority (PA), falling within the remit of the Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects.

MSP WORKING GROUP (if exists) **Yes.** Working group involving Ministries, regions and public agencies.

SCALE

PLANNING AREA IW+TS+CS+Continental Shelf+FMCZ
 The coastal zones and marine areas are defined as one spatial unit within the National Spatial Framework of the Strategic Plan for Environment and Development (SPED). This spatial unit for the purpose of MSP extends to the marine waters up to the 25 nm limit of the Fisheries Management Conservation Zone.

NATIONAL MARINE SUBDIVISIONS (if exists) **No**



Map: Strategic Plan for the Environment and Development (SPED) – marine objectives

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

MSP NATIONAL POLICY The MSP Directive has been transposed into Maltese legislation through subsidiary legislation (S.L.552.27) under the Development Planning Act of 2016 (Cap.552) which states that the SPED, and any replacement spatial strategy, shall constitute the Maritime Spatial Plan for Malta.

- COHERENCE WITH OTHER PROCESSES/POLICIES**
- Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD)
 - Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM)
 - Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)
 - Habitats Directive (HD)
 - Malta's National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)

MSP PLAN

STATUS **Approved.** Plan for Environment and Development (SPED 2015-2020). Under revision for the second phase (2021-2026), in accordance with the MSP Directive.

MSP FUNDING	National State Budgets. Current review is assisted through EU Funds and UNEP MAP framework.	
UPDATE OF THE PLAN	At least every 10 years . In full not before five years.	
MARITIME SECTORS INCLUDED IN PLANNING	Aquaculture	X
	Fisheries	X
	Exploration/Exploitation of non-living resources	X
	Maritime transport	X
	Military/Defense areas	-
	MPA	X
	Scientific research	-
	Cables and Pipelines	X
	Tourism	X
	UCH	X
	Others	Renewable Energy, Infrastructure.
MSP PILOT PROJECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSPMED • SIMWESTMED • CAMP • COASTGAP • CoCONET • CREAM • MEDPAN • MEDTRENDS • MESMA • PEGASO 	
DATA SOURCES	The datasets used for the preparation of the SPED were gathered from the existing data sources including reports and approved plans and policy documents available at the time, and in several instances also translated into map form to support spatial analysis and interpretation.	
AVAILABLE DATA	For the purpose of the SPED no new data was generated by the MSP process, apart from the strategy maps in the plan which are available online.	
STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT		
STAKEHOLDERS' ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY	<p>Formal and informal consultation Dedicated meetings with NGOs and representative bodies were held. Formal consultation on the Draft plan and draft SEA has been done online.</p> <p>The preparation of the SPED was based on several plans and policies subjected to their respective stakeholder and public consultation processes. The draft was then subjected to public consultations where stakeholders were invited to submit their views on the documents available online. The public is informed of a development application through notification in government gazette, local newspaper and onsite notice (or onshore) and online on the PA website.</p>	
TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION		
TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION FOR THE MSP PROCESS	<p>No ad hoc transboundary consultation The approach for review of the current plan is expected to consider transboundary elements. Cooperation is carried out through EU included funded projects and UNEP MAP Regional Seas Convention Framework.</p>	

SLOVENIA

GOVERNANCE

MSP COMPETENT AUTHORITY

Ministry of Environment

Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning – Spatial Planning - Construction and Housing Directorate.

MSP WORKING GROUP (if exists)

Yes. Working group involving Ministries, regions and public agencies. The members of the Working group are stakeholders at the state level who are responsible for carrying out individual activities on the sea and key stakeholders from the local and regional level.

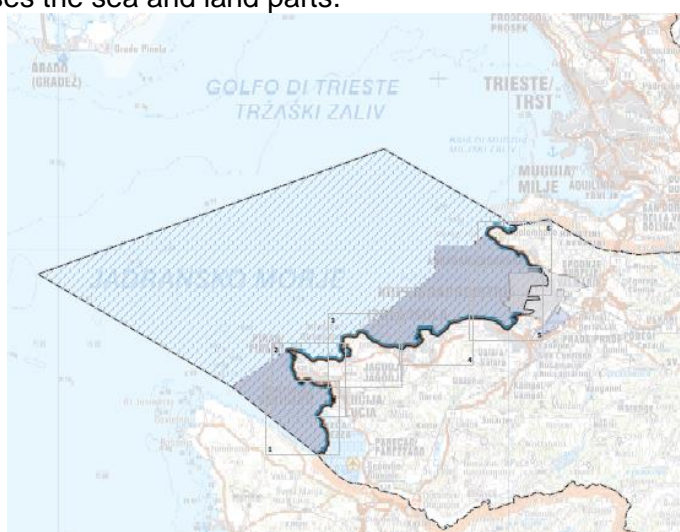
SCALE

PLANNING AREA

IW+CS+TS

No. There is one planning region at sea (territorial and internal sea), and one coastal strip, divided in 38 Spatial Planning Units, which comprises the sea and land parts.

NATIONAL MARINE SUBDIVISIONS (if exists)



LEGAL FRAMEWORK

MSP NATIONAL POLICY

Spatial Planning Act adopted in 2017 (OG no. 61/17 –ZUreP-2), which requires the MSP plan to be prepared in the form of an Action Program for the implementation of the Slovenian Spatial Development Strategy at sea.

COHERENCE WITH OTHER PROCESSES/POLICIES

- Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD)
- Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM)
- Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

MSP PLAN

STATUS

Approved (2021)

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MSP FUNDING

General State Budgets and the support of MSP EU projects' budgets.

UPDATE OF THE PLAN

Every 10 years.

MARITIME SECTORS INCLUDED IN PLANNING

Aquaculture	X
Fisheries	X
Exploration/Exploitation of non-living resources	X
Maritime transport	X
Military/Defense areas	X

	MPA	X
	Scientific research	X
	Cables and Pipelines	X
	Tourism	X
	UCH	X
	Others	Shipbuilding and repair, cruises.
MSP PILOT PROJECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSPMED • CRPPPN • CAMP • SHAPE • ADRIPLAN • SUPREME • PHAROS4MPAs • PORTODIMARE • BLUEMED-CSA • MSP-LSI 	
DATA SOURCES	<p>The Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning prepared a study – overview of spatial information considered important for the MSP process, as well as the evaluation of the availability and gaps of related data (Geodetic Institute of Slovenia, Cartographic and geoinformatics basis for the MSP. Information Sharing System on the Marine Environment has been established in the framework of some EU Projects (SHAPE, PEGASO, ADRIPLAN, PORTODIMARE), in which participated also Slovenia.</p>	
AVAILABLE DATA	<p>Slovenia has developed a Cartographic and Geo-information Support for Maritime Spatial Planning, which consists of preliminary actions for the preparation of the cartographic basis for MSP.</p>	
STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT		
STAKEHOLDERS' ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY	<p>Formal and informal consultation</p> <p>The process of preparing the MSP was designed in a progressive, inclusive way. Mechanisms and tools in place for the procedures of stakeholder involvement are meetings, workshops and public consultation events at the national and local level.</p> <p>Coastal local municipalities, the relevant economic actors of different sectors and business support organizations, universities and research institutions and NGOs (civil organizations) also participated in this process. Stakeholders participated in the debate.</p> <p>A public consultation and a public debate on the draft MSP and Environmental Report were carried out.</p> <p>Stakeholder involvement went beyond the mere formal requirements prescribed by law. Intensive communication with stakeholders was also established outside the formal procedure.</p>	
TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION		
TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION FOR THE MSP PROCESS	<p>Yes. Slovenia has participated in several cross-border MSP projects. The Ministry also carried out a cross-border consultation procedure with Croatia and Italy in relation to the MSP plan.</p>	

SPAIN

GOVERNANCE

MSP COMPETENT AUTHORITY

Ministry of Environment

Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge - General Directorate of the Coast and the Sea.

MSP WORKING GROUP (if exists)

Yes. Involving Ministries, regions and public agencies.

Various ad-hoc working groups related to previously identified key topics, involving competent authorities at a national and regional (subnational) level (Ministerial Departments and Governments from Autonomous Communities).

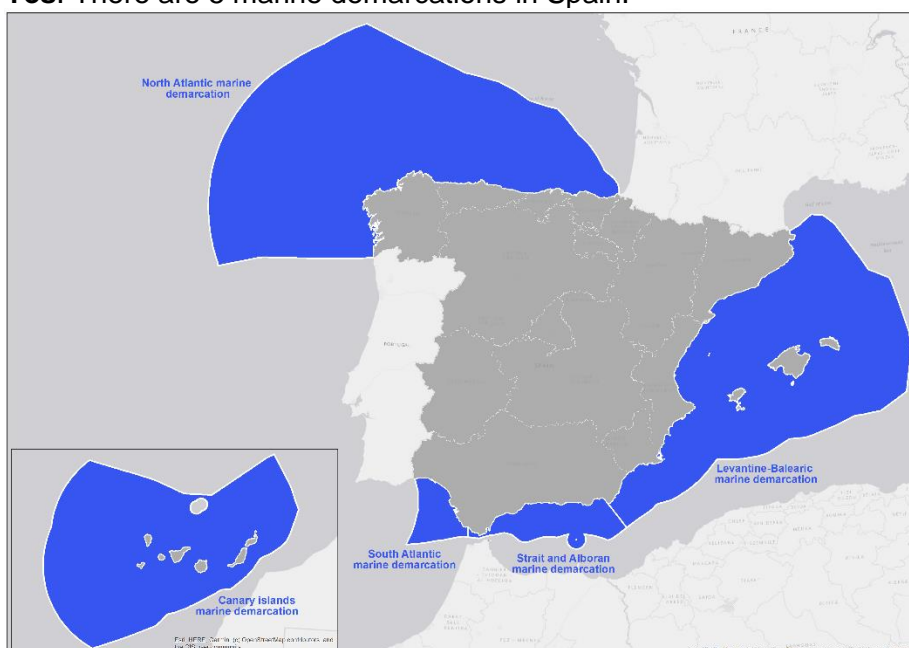
SCALE

PLANNING AREA

TS + EEZ + CP

Yes. There are 5 marine demarcations in Spain.

NATIONAL MARINE SUBDIVISIONS (if exists)



* The limits of the marine demarcations do not correspond to the jurisdictional limits of the Spanish marine waters. Thus, they should not be considered as an official delimitation of the borders with neighboring countries.

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

MSP NATIONAL POLICY

The Royal Decree 363/2017, of 8th April, establishes a framework for Maritime Spatial Planning. This Royal Decree is subject to the Law 41/2010, related to the marine environment protection that transposes the Marine Strategies Framework Directive because in Spain the Law is over the Royal Decree.

COHERENCE WITH OTHER PROCESSES/POLICIES

- Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD)
- Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM)
- Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

MSP PLAN

STATUS

Not approved

MSP FUNDING

General State Budgets and the support from MSP EU projects' budgets.

UPDATE OF THE PLAN

Every 6 years (in alignment with the update of the Marine Strategies).

MARITIME SECTORS INCLUDED IN PLANNING

Aquaculture	X
Fisheries	X

	Exploration/Exploitation of non-living resources	X
	Maritime transport	X
	Military/Defense areas	X
	MPA	X
	Scientific research	X
	Cables and Pipelines	X
	Tourism	X
	UCH	X
	Others	Port activity, Renewable energies, monitoring and maritime safety, water quality (including bathing water), supply of fresh water.
MSP PILOT PROJECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TPEA project • MSPMED • SIMWESTMED • MarSP • PLASMAR • SIMAtlantic • SIMNORAT • MSP-OR • BLUEMED-CSA 	
DATA USED	Data obtained from the Marine Strategies and sectorial and regional administrations.	
AVAILABLE DATA	All the geographical information related to the MSP process is in the geoportal: http://www.infomar.miteco.es	
STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT		
STAKEHOLDERS' ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY	<p>Formal consultation</p> <p>The stakeholders' identification started through the MSFD strategy; TPEA, SIMNORAT and SIMWESTMED projects also led to the increase in the proper stakeholder database. Three main tools used in the stakeholder identification: meetings, workshops and mandatory public consultations.</p> <p>Three public consultations (SEA and POEM drafts).</p>	
TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION		
TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION FOR THE MSP PROCESS	<p>Yes</p> <p>Through the mandatory cross-border consultations to the neighboring countries within the strategic environmental assessment of the plans, but also through other important tools such as informal meetings with Italy, Portugal and France, and by participating directly and indirectly in the above mentioned cross-border MSP projects.</p>	

3. Comparison matrix

COUNTRY		FRANCE	GREECE	ITALY	MALTA	SLOVENIA	SPAIN																																																																																															
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GOVERNANCE	MSP COMPETENT AUTHORITY	Sectoral Ministry	Ministry of Environment	Sectoral Ministry	Planning Department	Ministry of Environment	Ministry of Environment																																																																																															
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	NATIONAL MARINE DEMARCATIONS	Yes. Four.	Yes. Four.	Yes. Three.	No	No	Yes. Five.																																																																																															
LEGAL FRAMEWORK	MSP NATIONAL POLICY	Law n° 2016-1087 for the "reconquest of biodiversity, nature and landscapes", Decree n° 2017-724, integrating MP and the action plan for the marine environment in the MSP document. Decree No 2017-222 (23 February 2017) - National strategy for the sea and the coastline.	Law 4546 (GG 101/A/12-June-2018) transposes the MSPD and Law 4759/2020 (GG 245/A/9-12-2020) amending the previous one.	Legislative Decree 17 October 2016, n. 201.	Subsidiary legislation (S.L.552.27) under the Development Planning Act of 2016 (Cap.552) which states that the Strategic Plan for Environment and Development (SPED), and any replacement spatial strategy, shall constitute the Maritime Spatial Plan for Malta.	Spatial Planning Act adopted in 2017 (OG no. 61/17 –ZUreP-2)	The Royal Decree 363/2017, of 8th April																																																																																															
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		Others	Leisure, Maritime financial services, artificialization of coastal territories, agriculture industries and shipping construction.	Others		Others	Cruises/ferries, Coastal erosion, Safety of navigation, maritime and surveillance, Renewable energies.	Others	Renewable Energy, Infrastructure.	Others	Shipbuilding and repair, cruises.	Others	Port activity, Renewable energies, monitoring and maritime safety, water quality, supply of fresh water.	
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	DATA SOURCES	Data collection from ministries and public operators.	Data collection provided from ministerial bodies and regional authorities.	Ministries, regions, national Institute for Statistic and Hydrographic Institute of the Navy.	Existing datasets (reports, plans and policy documents).	Study - overview of spatial information considered important for the MSP process, as well as the evaluation of the availability and gaps of related data	Marine Strategies + Sectoral and regional administrations							
	AVAILABLE DATA	Information Sharing System on the Marine Environment (Système d'Information sur le Milieu Marin – SIMM)	Geospatial Database, the GeoPortal for MSP and the online interactive MSP platform http://msp-greece.eu/ .	SID, portal of the sea, currently under implementation both for data integration and accessibility for the general public.	Just strategy maps. No new data was generated.	Cartographic and Geo-information Support for Maritime Spatial Planning	Geoportal: http://www.infomar.miteco.es							
	STAKEHOLDERS' ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY	Formal and informal consultation	Formal and informal consultation	Formal and informal consultation	Formal and informal consultation	Formal and informal consultation	Formal consultation							
	TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION FOR THE MSP PROCESS	Yes	Yes	Yes	No (for the current plan, but it is thought to be developed for the revision)	Yes	Yes							

4. Conclusions

The purpose of this section is to perform an analysis of the information collected with regards to the MSP national processes of the six partners of the MSPMED project.

To start, it is interesting to stress that the **MSP authority** is established in a Ministry of Environment for half of the countries and that only France has a specific Ministry for the Maritime Affairs, due to the importance and the magnitude of the marine space for this country.

France, Italy, Greece and Spain have divided their respective marine space within **subregions** with respect to the marine planning, while Malta and Slovenia are executing the plans by the zoning of their jurisdictional waters as a whole. These differences are clearly due to the differences in magnitudes of jurisdictional waters extensions for the different countries.

The six partners **transposed** appropriately the European Commission's Directive on Maritime Spatial Planning – MSP Directive (Directive 2014/89/EU) into the national legislation during or before 2018.

Only Slovenia and Malta have **approved** already their MSP Plans, Slovenia in 2021 and Malta in 2015. Malta approved this plan before the transposition of the MSP Directive so, currently it is under revision in order to adequate it to the MSP Directive. The rest of partner countries of MSPMED are about to finish their MSP plans, most of them plan to have them ready before the end of 2022.

An issue on which all countries agree is the **funding** source. All of them provide funds for MSP from national budgets with the support of European Union funds, for example, by EU MSP calls from the European Maritime Fisheries Funds for MSP transboundary projects to implement MSP Directive by Member States. It should be noted that only Malta has named UNEP MAP as an additional funding source for MSP.

Except for France and Spain which have set in 6 years the **update** of the plan to make it in concordance to the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD), the rest of the partners have set this date at a maximum of 10 years as it is established in the Maritime Spatial Planning Directive (MSPD).

With the exception of Malta which, due to the anticipated approval of the plan, lacks two of the **maritime sectors** included in in the MSPD, the other five countries have included all the sectors from the Directive and some additional ones, according to the main activities and uses performed in each particular country.

All the countries' partners have participated in several **MSP related projects** and most of them have developed **data** related to MSP that will be accessible for the public soon.

In relation to the **stakeholder's engagement** strategy, all countries have conducted different kinds of formal and informal consultations except for Spain that conducted them mainly within the

mandatory consultations in the framework of the SEA, due in part to the situation created by the pandemic of COVID-19.

Lastly, it is relevant to stress that **transboundary cooperation** processes have been performed by every partner for each MSP national process. Malta did not include this cooperation in the first plan but these processes will be included within the updating of the plan and the adequation to the MSPD actions. In this aspect are of particular relevance the cooperation platform provided by EU funded MSP pilot projects as MSPMED.

Essential references used for this report

MSPglobal (<https://www.mspglobal2030.org/>)

EU MSP Platform (<https://maritime-spatial-planning.ec.europa.eu/>).

MSPMED ([Maritime Spatial Planning in the Mediterranean Sea | MSP MED](#))

GéoLittoral - Le portail de la mer et du littoral ([Documents - English version - GéoLittoral \(developpement-durable.gouv.fr\)](#))

Ministry of Environment (Malta) [sea \(gov.mt\)](#)

Strategic Plan for the Environment and Development (Malta) ([Planning Authority \(pa.org.mt\)](#)).

Maritime Spatial Plan of Slovenia ([MSP_Slovenia.pdf \(gov.si\)](#)).

MSP en España ([La ordenación del espacio marítimo \(miteco.gob.es\)](#)).

ANNEXES

ANNEX 1: Template information for Factsheets

This model example of factsheet contains the possible answers for each section for the sake of the better understanding of the document and the different countries' factsheets.

COUNTRY	
GOVERNANCE	
MSP COMPETENT AUTHORITY	Ministry of Environment Sectorial Ministry Planning Authority
MSP WORKING GROUP (if exists)	Yes/No Working group involving Ministries, regions and/or public agencies *1.
SCALE	
PLANNING AREA	IW (Internal Waters), CS (Coastal Strip), TS (Territorial Sea), CP (Continental Platform), EPZ (Ecological Protected Zone), EEZ (Exclusive Economic Zone).
NATIONAL MARINE SUBDIVISIONS (if exists)	Yes/No. If Yes: How many Map of Marine planning units.
LEGAL FRAMEWORK	
MSP NATIONAL POLICY	Means of implementing the MSP Directive at a national level.
COHERENCE WITH OTHER PROCESSES/POLICIES	Processes/policies that have been considered in the process of implementing MSP in the country.
MSP PLAN	
STATUS	Approved (date) /not approved (date planned for the approval)
MSP FUNDING	Source of the MSP budgets.
UPDATE OF THE PLAN	Every how many years it is planned to update the plan.
MARITIME SECTORS INCLUDED IN PLANNING	In case the sector is included in the MSP process, an X will be added in the right column. In the "Others" section, all the sectors that do not appear previously, will be enumerated.
	Aquaculture
	Fisheries
	Exploration/Exploitation of non-living resources
	Maritime transport
	Military/Defense areas
	MPA
	Scientific research
	Cables and Pipelines
	Tourism
UCH	
Others	
MSP PILOT PROJECTS	MSP projects in which the country has participated.
DATA SOURCES	The origin of the data used to develop the MSP process.
AVAILABLE DATA	The data released in the national process.
STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT	

STAKEHOLDERS' ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY	Formal and informal consultation or only formal. Brief description of the process.
TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION	
TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION FOR THE MSP PROCESS	Yes/No In case of Yes, brief description of the process.

*1 Public agencies: Public agencies include public research institutions, museums and other technical centers.