

mspmed Map

The MSP-MED -Towards the operational implementation of MSP in our common Mediterranean Sea- project ran from 2020 to 2022, involving partners from Italy, France, Spain, Greece, Slovenia and Malta. The project was created to help harmonize MSP practice in the Mediterranean and favour plans for its implementation. Two years after its beginning, significant progress was achieved for MSP in the Mediterranean, the involved countries have had the opportunity to advance their national plans, some reaching their official implementation.

At basin level, knowledge and cooperation have been strengthened: data has been harmonized and gaps filled, Key Enabling Factors shared, issues of common concern have been identified and studied.

Many things need yet to be done but one important drop was added to the Mediterranean MSP. This infographic offers a synoptic overview of some of the project's achievements.

- Identified issues of common concern 1/2:
- Italy-France (Spain and Monaco): *PSSA proposal in the Western Mediterranean.*
 - Spain-France-Italy: *Underwater noise and cetacean protection in the Western Mediterranean*
 - Monaco-France-Italy: *Maritime Surveillance in the Western Mediterranean*
 - Pan Western Event: *WestMED Community of Practice, EBA in Med MSP, climate change and blue economy in the mediterranean.*

256.555* km²
Spain Mediterranean maritime surface

111.031* km²
France Mediterranean maritime surface

548.666* km²
Italy maritime surface

213.2 km²
Slovenia maritime surface

- Maritime sectors included in planning, per country
- Aquaculture
 - Fisheries
 - Exploration non-living resources
 - Maritime transport
 - Military/ Defense areas
 - Nature protection
 - Scientific research
 - Cables and Pipelines
 - Tourism
 - Landscape and UCH
 - Others.

France	Greece	Italy	Malta	Slovenia	Spain
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Compare and share:
The project offered a space to compare national approaches and share knowledge, for instance on which maritime sectors have been identified and how they were considered.

Enhanced National MSP Plans:
The involved countries saw their plans improved during a crucial phase of development to meet the 2021 deadline for implementation. Governance study and test, ecological studies, measures and objectives writing, data filling and portals development are some of the key aspects that were possible thanks to the MSP-MED project.

- 27
- International meetings
- 6 Key Enabling Factors Workshops
 - 5 Steering Committees and General Assemblies
 - 4 Technical Meetings
 - 1 Pan-Eastern Event
 - 1 Pan-Western Event
 - 1 Trilateral Event Monaco-France-Italy
 - 1 Trilateral Event Spain-France-Italy
 - 1 Trilateral Event Spain-Morocco-Algeria
 - 2 Technical Workshops
 - 1 Bilateral event Italy-Greece
 - 1 Bilateral event Italy-Malta
 - 1 Bilateral event Slovenia-Italy
 - 1 Bilateral joint event with the MSP Platform
 - 1 Final Conference

75.475* km²
Malta maritime surface

- Identified issues of common concern 2/2:
- Italy-Slovenia: *Maritime Transport and Nature protection in the Northern Adriatic*
 - Pan Eastern Event, Italy-Greece and Italy-Malta: *Landscape, Seascape and U Cultural Heritage relevance in Mediterranean MSP*

~1.425.143 km²
Total maritime surface involved in MSP-MED

- Kick-off meeting
- Final conference
- Steering committees
- Trilateral meeting
- Pan-Western Event
- Pan-Eastern Event
- Bilateral meetings

- Potential MSP area considered by the project
- Other countries involved in experience sharing***
- Project Involved countries

*Official national claims
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***Experts from the Islamic Republic of Mauritania took part in sharing event. Turkish experts were invited but could not attend due to personal impediments.