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Chair and moderator: **Dr. Athena Mourmouris**

08.00-09.00 REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE

09.00-09.30 1. OPENING SESSION

The opening session will frame the day's debates and introduce the opportunities and challenges that arise in Maritime Spatial Planning in light of the ecosystem approach and in the wider context of marine environmental legislation.

Karmenu Vella, European Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
Welcoming remarks

Charles Ehler, President Ocean Visions
Perspective on Maritime Spatial Planning & Environment

09.30-10.45 2. LINKING THE MARINE STRATEGY FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE AND THE MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING DIRECTIVE

This session explores the relation between Maritime Spatial Planning and the Marine Strategy Framework Directive, the compatibility of their objectives and how Maritime Spatial Planning can be used as a delivery tool to achieve Good Ecological Status of all European waters by 2020.

Linda Rosborough, Director Marine Scotland
General compatibility of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive and the Maritime Spatial Planning Directive

Ann Dom, Deputy Director Seas at Risk
Synergies in processes of public participation and consultation between the Marine Strategy Framework Directive and the Maritime Spatial Planning Directive

Jan-Bart Calewaert, Head of Secretariat EMODNET
Existing tools and systems for data for Maritime Spatial Planning

10.45-11.15 COFFEE BREAK

11.15-12.30 3. MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING AND MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

This session will explore the specific issues related to the inclusion of Marine Protected Areas in Maritime Spatial Planning with a focus on the potential opportunities for sustainable marine economic development. The session will also reflect on the use of maritime spatial planning as a support tool for an ecologically representative and well connected system of MPAs and the sound management of marine protected areas.

Jochen Lamp, Head of Baltic Sea Office WWF Germany
Using MSP to support healthy seas with well managed MPA networks

Marie Romani, Executive Secretary MEDPAN Network of Managers of MPAs in the Mediterranean
The network of Marine Protected areas in the Mediterranean: experiences and challenges

Pim Visser, Chief Executive VisNed
Marine Protected Areas in the High Seas and fisheries

12.30-14.00 LUNCH BREAK

14.00-15.15 4. THE ECOSYSTEM APPROACH IN PRACTICE

In this session, the stakeholders will evaluate some recent examples of the ecosystem approach within Maritime Spatial Plans that have proven to successfully manage and combine several marine economic activities, whilst safeguarding the protection of the marine environment.

Manfred Vollmer, Managing Director Common Wadden Sea Forum
Ecosystem Approach and stakeholder involvement in the Wadden Sea

Carla Kuhmann, German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation
German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation: Ecosystem Approach Project

Jan Schmidtbauer Crona, HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group/Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management
Maritime Spatial Planning: the Baltic Experience

Pierpaolo Campostrini, Managing Director CORILA
AdriPlan: Maritime Spatial Planning in the Mediterranean

15.15-15.30 COFFEE BREAK

15.30-17.00 5. THE ROLE OF REGIONAL SEAS CONVENTIONS IN MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING

The session will focus how the Regional Seas Conventions have assisted Member States with the implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive and how they contribute to the implementation of Maritime Spatial Planning.

Monica Stankiewicz, Executive Secretary HELCOM
The role of Regional Seas Conventions in MSP: Presenting HELCOM

John Mouat, Deputy Secretary OSPAR Commission
How can Regional Seas Conventions coordination of MSFD implementation support MSPD?

Gaetano Leone, Coordinator Barcelona Convention
Case Study: The Ecosystem Approach and the Protocol on Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Mediterranean

Leo de Vrees, Senior Advisor Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment
A Member State View on the Role of the Regional Sea Conventions in Maritime Spatial Planning

Eugene Nixon, Section Manager Marine Spatial Planning, Marine Institute
The Mandate of the Regional Seas Conventions versus the Neutrality of Maritime Spatial Planning

17.00-17.15 CLOSING SESSION

Bernhard Friess, European Commission, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
Director Atlantic, Outermost Regions and Arctic & Acting Director Baltic Sea, North Sea and Landlocked Member States

Marianne Wenning, European Commission, DG Environment
Director Quality of Life, Water and Air

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