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**MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING (WORKING GROUP, AD-HOC
MEETING OF THE MEMBER STATE EXPERT SUB-GROUP ON MSP)**

Tuesday, 24 April 2012,

Venue: DG MARE Rue Joseph II 99, Brussels – Room 00/53 (ground floor)

10.00 – 16.30

AGENDA

10.00 -12.30 Morning session, coffee break included

- (1) Opening and welcome by the Chair of the meeting, Mr Haitze Siemers, Head of Unit MARE E.1, including a short overview of historical developments of Maritime Spatial Planning at EU level**
- (2) Working arrangements, objectives and terms of reference of this working group**
 - a) Informal presentation by the Commission on the basis of the attached concept paper
 - b) Discussion

14.00- 16.30 Afternoon session

- (3) Funding of MSP related topics under the financial Regulation of the IMP**
 - Short overview by the Commission on future funding possibilities for MSP related topics
 - Discussion
- (4) Initial discussion on some of the key topics for MSP at EU level**
 - a) Introduction by the Commission
 - b) Discussion on the basis of attached document 'MSP in the EU'
- (5) Closing and any other business**
 - The setting of priorities and key topics for future meetings

The next meeting is tentatively foreseen in Gothenburg on 22 May 2012 (in conjunction with the Meeting of the MS National High Level Focal Points for the IMP)

MSP in the EU

Elements for Discussion

One of the main questions relative to the discussion of MSP in a cross-border context concerns the practical elements concerning development and application of MSP in a sea basin context. Cross border and transnational questions were also raised as particularly relevant in a web based stakeholder consultation on Maritime Spatial Planning organised by the Commission in 2011.

The questions below were originally circulated for the Member State Expert Group on the Integrated Maritime Policy on 13 December 2001, but was not discussed in full detail due to lack of time. These questions are therefore resubmitted for renewed discussion at this juncture, and is intended as a point of departure of the substantive discussions in this group.

1. What do we need MSP for?
2. What objectives for MSP – environment protection, economic development, sustainable growth?
3. What vision do we have for MSP implementation in European sea basins in 15-20 years from now? Is the approach taken in the BaltSeaPlan appropriate and could serve as an indicative example?
4. What are the shortcomings of today's situation on MSP compared to this vision and objectives? Lessons learnt from ongoing pilot projects?
5. What are the main issues encountered in implementing MSP at national level?
6. Where is cross border co-operation necessary?
7. What would be the best tools for effective cross border co-operation?
8. How do we ensure the necessary data for effective cross border co-operation. Does EMODNET fulfil these needs?
9. How can cross border co-operation on licensing requirements be improved?
10. What role could regional bodies (e.g. RSCs) play in this regard?
11. How do we ensure coherence with ICZM?
12. How do we get there?
13. What about the high seas?