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Brussels,  
*By email*

**Subject: Invitation to the 2<sup>nd</sup> joint Member State Expert Group on Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) and Integrated Coastal Management (ICM)**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are delighted to invite you to the second meeting of the joint Member States Expert Group on MSP and ICM, which will take place on 2 July 2013 starting at 09:00h.

The meeting will take place in the offices of the Directorate General for the Environment at Avenue de Beaulieu 5/Beaulieulaan 5, 1160 Bruxelles/ Brussels.

This meeting will continue to focus on the links between integrated coastal management and maritime spatial policy by outlining a number of initiatives supported by Member States and the Commission, including an update on the progress of the MSP/ICM Directive.

A key part of the day will be an interactive session to consider three questions relating to the use of MSP and ICM to address climate change issues. We ask you, therefore, to give some thought to the following questions before the meeting:

- What barriers have you identified in your country in implementing maritime spatial planning and integrated coastal management?
- In your country, how are climate change adaptation activities addressed in the context of MSP and ICM? Which sectors are involved? Which measures have already been discussed?
- On which topics would you like to see a guidance document focus?

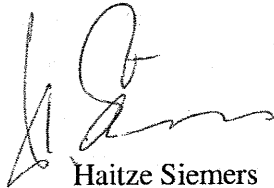
The draft agenda is attached to this invitation.

**Please note that the Commission will not reimburse travel/hotel costs for this meeting.**

We would be grateful if you could please confirm your participation by sending an email with your name and contact details to both Hana Zahradkova

(hana.zahradkova@ec.europa.eu) **and** Gaëlle Deswaef (gaelle.deswaef@ec.europa.eu) by  
21 June 2013.

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosure:        Draft Agenda