

Integrating the ecosystem-based approach in maritime spatial planning: developing a practical method and toolbox

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Workshop Registration Form

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25 March 2021 – 09h00 to 11h15 CET (online)

The framework established under the Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) Directive (2014/89/EU) aims at promoting the sustainable growth of maritime economies, the sustainable development of marine areas and the sustainable use of marine resources” (Art. 1(1)). In preparing and implementing their plans, Member States should apply “an ecosystem- based approach” (Art. 5(1)) so the functioning of ecosystems and biodiversity are well accounted for.

Today, experiences in the application of ecosystem-based approaches (EBA) in MSP are growing but are not yet well documented. In this context, the Executive Agency for SMEs (EASME), on behalf of DG MARE of the European Commission, has established a service contract for a study on the concrete application of EBA in MSP. Its main objective is to assess the state of play in the practical application of EBA in MSP and to develop a practical method and toolbox that can support the application, monitoring and evaluation of EBA in MSP.

The study is carried out by a team that brings together Milieu Consulting, ACTeon, the Baltic Environmental Forum and Wageningen University, supported by Fresh Thoughts Consulting and GRID-Arendal. Key steps in the work have included literature review, interviews with practitioners in the field and case studies in Europe’s regional seas.

The role of this workshop

This workshop will provide an early review of key elements of the study’s work on the practical method and toolbox. It will give the opportunity for MSP officials, practitioners, experts and stakeholders to contribute to the development of the practical method and toolbox in addressing the following questions:

- Are we addressing the main operational challenges to make EBA in MSP a reality? If not, which ones should receive further attention in the practical method and toolbox?
- Are the elements and information presented in a sufficiently operational way to guide MSP experts to do it in practice?

- Are we presenting it in the right format – and if not, what should we change to make it more readily accessible and understandable?

Participants will be invited to draw on the recent experience preparing maritime spatial plans and to provide examples of good practice and note key challenges encountered.

Details

The workshop will take place on **25 March 2021, from 09h00 to 11h15.**

Organised online, the workshop will combine presentations and interactive discussions among participants. Up to four breakout sessions will be organised for discussion on individual topics.

The workshop is being organised by the team preparing the EBA/MSP study. It will be hosted by ACTeon (France). Wageningen Research will lead the presentation of the draft practical method. Other partners of the consortium, including the Baltic Environmental Forum and Milieu Consulting will help to lead breakout sessions.

* First and Last name

* Name of the organisation you will represent

* Job Title

Country you are from

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