



EUROPEAN UNION

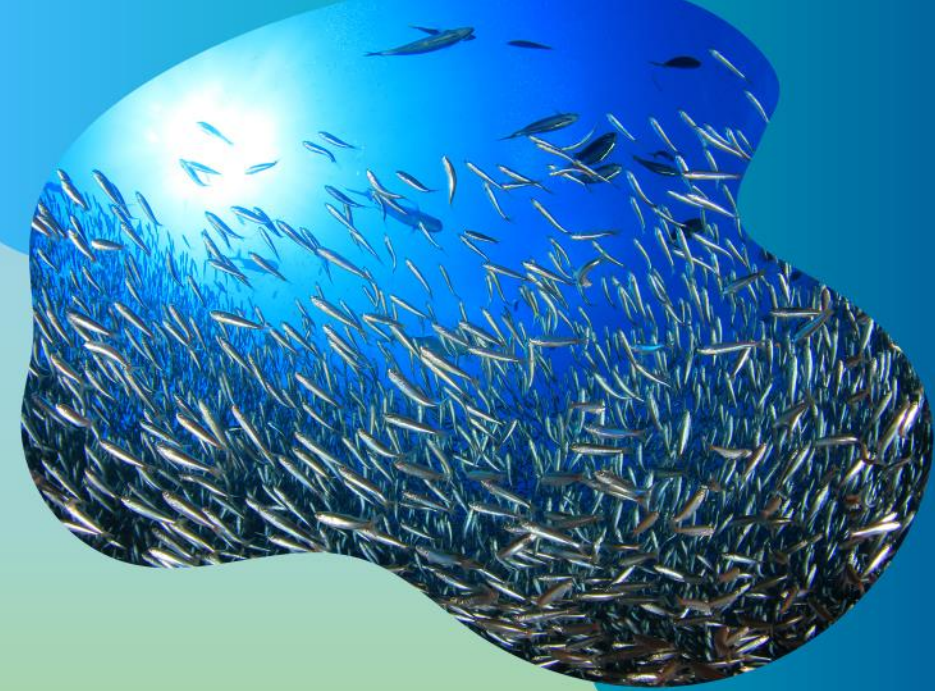


EU
MISSIONS

RESTORE OUR OCEAN AND WATERS

EU Blue Parks Community

1st WORKSHOP (Online) - 06/12/2023



BlueMissionBANOS: Lighthouse at the Baltic and North Seas

Mariana Mata Lara

SUBMARINER Network

mml@submariner-network.eu



***Inspire, engage and support
all relevant stakeholders across the
Baltic and North Sea
to make the Blue Economy carbon-neutral
& circular by 2030***

Project Overview

36 months |

December 2022 –
November 2025

17 partners

Budget: € 2,999,993

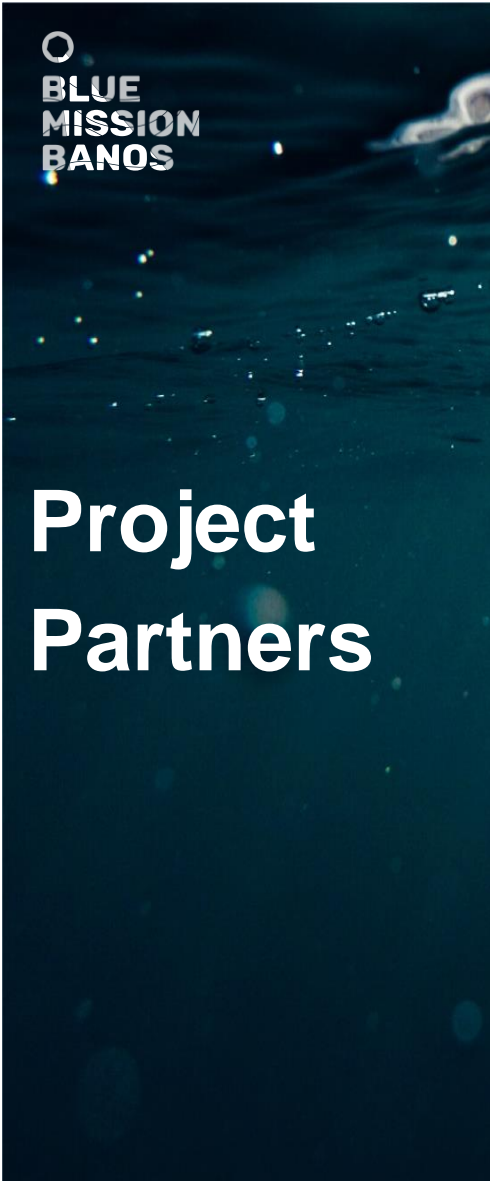


**Baltic & North Sea
CSA**

**CARBON-NEUTRAL &
CIRCULAR ECONOMY**

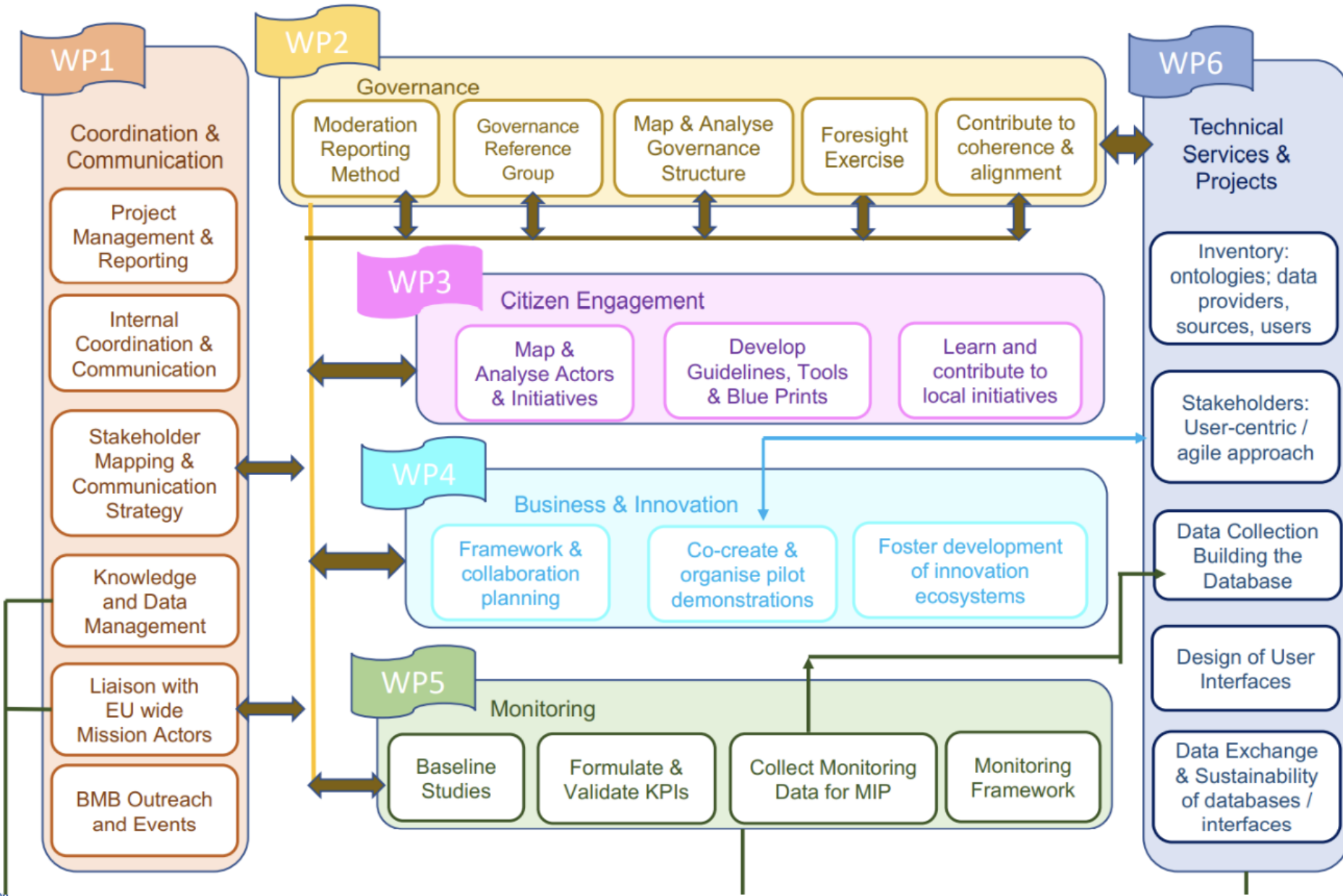


Funded by the European Union under Grant Agreement ID 101093845. Views and opinions expressed are however those of the author(s) only and do not necessarily reflect those of the European Union. Neither the European Union nor the granting authority can be held responsible for them.



MAIN PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- 
- Increase awareness
 - Develop a monitoring framework
 - Facilitate stakeholder collaboration
 - Optimise the deployment of resources
 - Explore synergies with other EU Missions
 - Accelerate the low-carbon and circular blue economy
 - Create a transparent, long-term governance structure





**BLUE
MISSION
BANOS**

November 14-16th, 2023
Gothenburg, SE

1st Mission Arena

Supporting the Mission Ocean Lighthouse
in the Baltic and North Sea Basins

[#MissionArenaBANOS1](#) / bluemissionbanos.eu



Funded by
the European Union

Action points

Out of the workshops at the
Mission Arena



Funded by the European Union under Grant Agreement ID 101093845. Views and opinions expressed are however those of the author(s) only and do not necessarily reflect those of the European Union. Neither the European Union nor the granting authority can be held responsible for them.

Main points/themes

1. To increase **sustainable blue biomass production**
2. To get more locally produced **sustainable blue products** on the market
3. To ensure more effective **marine protection**
4. To provide effective support to **local / regional sustainable blue businesses**
5. To increase availability of staff with **skills needed**
6. To bring **multi-use solutions** with offshore energy into reality
7. To increase the **buy-in of citizens**

DETAILED STEPS FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE ACTION POINTS AND EFFECTIVE DEPLOYMENT OF THE MISSION OCEAN COMING LATER THIS MONTH



Funded by the European Union under Grant Agreement ID 101093845. Views and opinions expressed are however those of the author(s) only and do not necessarily reflect those of the European Union. Neither the European Union nor the granting authority can be held responsible for them.

1st MISSION ARENA

14-16 November 2023
Gothenburg SE



Workshop

Topic: Marine Pollution/MPAs/Ocean
Regeneration

**Safeguarding Biodiversity:
Strengthening Marine
Protected Area Networks,
policy coherence and
community involvement.**

Register:



3) To ensure more effective **marine protection**

TARGETS

- Ensure that 30% of the Baltic and North Sea are effectively protected with clearly defined conservation objectives and measures.
- Achieve 10% of strict marine protection of the Baltic and North Sea by 2030.



3) To ensure more effective marine protection

ACTION POINTS

1. Providing sufficient funding for local implementation and management of MPAs
2. Start with 'something' – even small – tomorrow, rather than further wait for comprehensive solutions
3. Empower/devolve the establishment, management, and monitoring of MPAs to local communities (making use of any kind for good practices elsewhere)

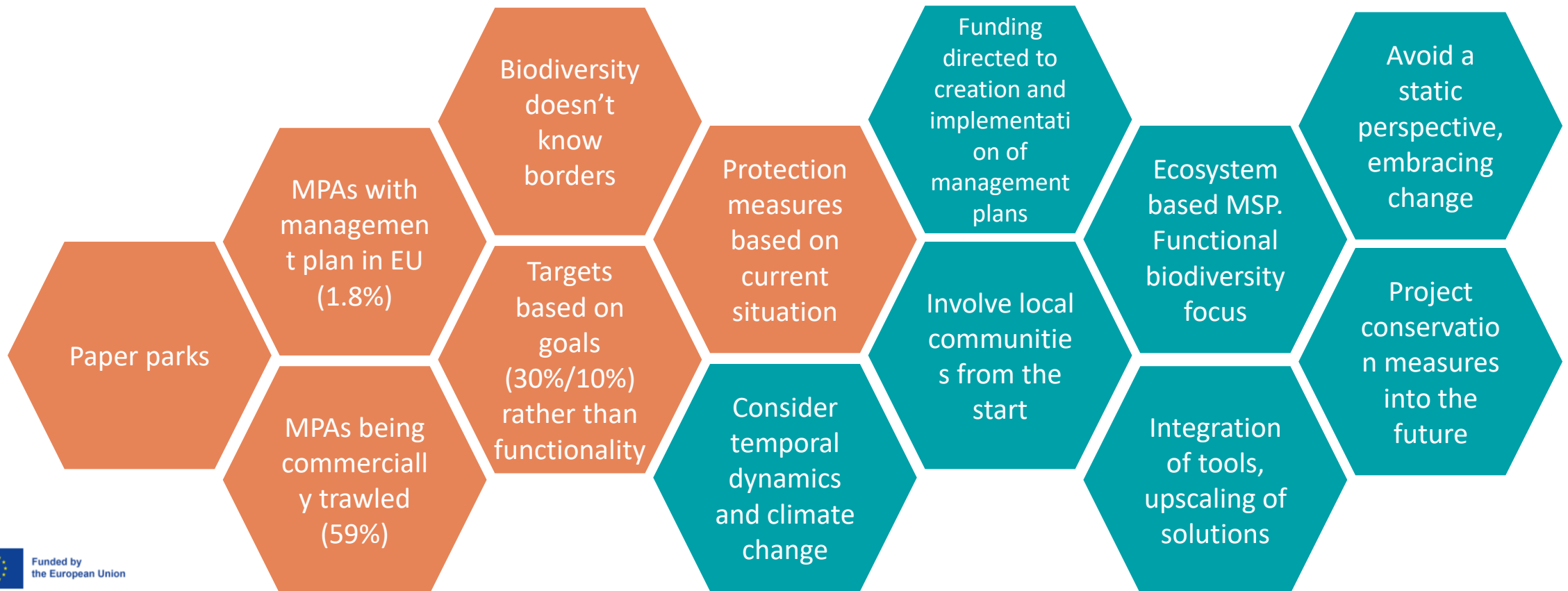
3) To ensure more effective marine protection

ACTION POINTS

4. Mainstream biodiversity protection into national / regional MSP and other sectoral policies
5. Upscale monitoring technologies to improve effectiveness of strictly protected areas
6. Use the transnational HELCOM framework to establish better connected and functional transnational/regional MPA networks, with proper Management Plans
7. Synthesize the variety of individual tools to help decision-making on MPAs and advise on how to use them

Linking challenges with solutions

- Reflecting on the major challenges in improving and expanding marine protection in the EU sea basins covered by the Mission CSA BlueMission Banos and how it is/will be addressing these issues.



Linking challenges with solutions

- Sharing insights on tackling regional challenges and developing effective solutions. This could also link well to the themes of our future workshops related to MPAs, such as governance, funding, connectivity, monitoring, strict protection, etc.
- MPA stewardship programs for local communities in the Baltic Sea, emphasizing that local communities often have a good understanding of their desires for an MPA.
- Upscale the Swedish framework to the Baltic region (Protect BALTIC)
- Share the existing tools produced in various projects for more effective management (BLUE4ALL)

Linking challenges with solutions

- Sharing insights on tackling regional challenges and developing effective solutions. This could also link well to the themes of our future workshops related to MPAs, such as governance, funding, connectivity, monitoring, strict protection, etc.
- Mapping out existing activities out there → Creating working groups → Developing guidelines (WP3 BMB)
- Mission Arenas → What in the region is contributing to the overall goal? What is still lacking to make it happen? (WP4 BMB)
- KPIs to show progress (mission-relevant actions) and KPIs to measure impact (how these actions lead to decarbonization of BuE?) + Monitoring framework (WP5 BMB)
- Dashboard of projects and outputs (WP6)

Cooperation and networking

- What we **expect** and what could we **give**.

Expectations:

- That the BlueParks Community is foremost a **platform for connecting MPA managers**

Offer:

- Our key exploitable results

BMB Key Exploitable Results ...

- **BMB 'Who is Who'** showing relevant policy groups, citizen engagement organisations, clusters & industry players, public & private service/data providers
- Alignment and **synchronisation of actions** with and across all EU Mission initiatives; coordination/cooperation within the BANOS area through regular meetings of reference groups
- BMB **governance structure agreed**, showing roles and responsibilities for Mission Ocean deployment

- Co-created **tools/instruments and guidelines** on how to improve Mission Ocean **citizen engagement** (i.e. through better involvement of policy, industry, and research);
- **Support** to concrete citizen engagement actions in BE/PL/DK, based on local needs analysis
- **Collaboration with the IA and other relevant projects** to synchronise approach towards citizen engagement and exchange of good practices, support tools and assessment methods

BMB Key Exploitable Results ...

- **Innovative concepts and demonstrators** on decarbonizing maritime activities in the BANOS area identified and accessible.
- **Tools to evaluate innovative solutions' sustainability and market potential** and their contributions to Mission Ocean's objectives.
- **Public-private partnerships** initiated for Mission Ocean relevant investment projects through 5 innovation Mission Arenas organised in collaboration with other relevant initiatives
- Relevant **service providers identified** and catalogued to support Mission Ocean deployment projects.
- **Research & innovation gaps identified**, to be taken up in future calls.

- **Baseline report** on the Sustainable Blue Economy in the BANOS area, incl. current assessment practices regarding carbon neutrality and circularity
- **Credible KPIs to assess progress towards carbon neutrality** of blue economy activities developed and assessed
- A blueprint for a **consistent monitoring framework** ensuring relevant data & information gathering post-project to measure progress for the set of agreed KPIs

THANK YOU!



#bluemissionbanos



bluemissionbanos.eu



info@bluemissionbanos.eu

mml@submariner-projects.eu

