

MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING IN THE EU



41M€ under EMFF/EMFAF direct management (2014-2023)

A **pro-active** and **engaged** MSP stakeholder community is developing in the EU, providing a **point of reference** for best practice in MSP

19 Maritime Spatial Plans by Member States in 2023

30 regional and cross-border projects under EMFF/EMFAF direct management since 2014

WHAT IS MSP?

Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) is a fundamental tool for a development of the Sustainable Blue Economy. It allows us to sustainably manage the use of our seas and oceans, to reduce conflicts, create synergies between human activities and ensure they take place in an efficient and safe way.

WHAT'S NEXT?

The next generation of EU MSPs will have a key role in:

- Becoming 'Climate-Smart', in line with the European Green Deal.
- Increasing offshore wind capacity in Europe to at least 111GW by 2030.
- Establishing protected areas on 30% and restore at least 20% of the EU's sea areas.
- Identifying optimal sites for seaweed farming and multi-use.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Check the European MSP Platform | (europa.eu)



Establishment of Member States Expert Group on MSP

Adoption of the MSP Directive (MSPD)

Launch of European MSP Platform

Creation of Technical Group on Data for MSP

Implementation of MSP Directive through the Adoption of National Plans

Publication of Commission report on MSPD Implementation

Launch of the Blue Forum: stakeholder dialogue between users of the sea

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Achieving the European Green Deal objectives

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