



INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP ON MARINE STRATEGY FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE

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Background

The Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) is the first all-encompassing piece of European legislation specifically aimed at the protection of the marine environment. Its ultimate objective is to achieve a Good Environmental Status (GES) in all European waters by 2020 at the latest.

The Directive foresees the implementation of an ecosystem-based approach to the management of activities having an impact on the marine environment. Each Member State has to work to implement measures both at the national and regional scale, through marine strategies based on regional cooperation and the use, when appropriate, of existing Regional Sea Conventions such as HELCOM, BARCON, and OSPAR.

To ensure that human induced pressures are kept within levels compatible with the achievement of GES, while enabling the sustainable use of marine goods and services by present and future generations, methodological standards, criteria and indicators have been adopted to ensure consistency when Member States (MS) fulfil their obligations under the Directive. In determining their GES, 11 following qualitative descriptors were developed: Biological diversity, non-indigenous species, population of commercial fish / shell fish, elements of marine food webs, eutrophication, sea floor integrity, alteration of hydrographical conditions, contaminants, contaminants in fish and seafood for human consumption, marine litter, introduction of energy, including underwater noise.

Each MS, in cooperation with other MS and non-MS, should develop strategies for their marine waters. The marine strategies must contain a detailed assessment of the state of the environment, a definition of "good environmental status" at regional level and the establishment of clear environmental targets and monitoring programs. Each MS must develop a program of cost-effective measures. Prior to any new measure, an impact assessment which contains a detailed cost-benefit analysis of the proposed measures is required. Thus, the goal of the Marine Strategy Directive is in line with the objectives of the WFD.

The result of the preparatory phase shows that more efforts are urgently needed if the EU is to reach its goal.

An introductory workshop is foreseen to present and discuss MSDF objectives, steps toward its implementation, state of the art in selected MS, to facilitate selection of topics of a common interest for joint regional training and for one country select a specific topic for tailor made training on the key points of Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) and Marine Strategy Framework Directive implementation, as well as to inform on ongoing projects under MSFD for the Black Sea and Mediterranean Sea.

The introductory workshop should help to establish fruitful working environment, determine appropriate approach to enhance beneficiary capacities to implement MSDF and to encourage dialogue and coordination between beneficiaries' experts in the international context and improve international cooperation, as marine waters are international and marine strategies should be drawn up together with other Member MS and non-MS.

Aim of the meeting

The aims of the workshop are establishment of fruitful working environment for determining appropriate approach to enhance beneficiary capacities to implement MSDF and encouragement of dialogue and coordination between beneficiaries' experts in the international context, as marine waters are international and marine strategies should be drawn up together with other Member MS and non-MS.

Wider Objective:

- To build the capacities of the beneficiary countries in the area of ICZM and MSFD implementation;
- To exchange experience through the delivery of workshops and regional training on the synergy, overlaps and differences between WFD and MSDF as it would be very valuable to the Western Balkan countries, even though some of them are not marine countries.

Specific Objectives:

- To establish common understanding on main terms, definitions and principles of MSDF.
- To present and discuss a basic requirement of MSFD.
- To present and discuss synergy, overlaps and differences between WFD and MSDF.
- To present and discuss policy, institutional and organisational arrangements for implementing MSDF.
- To inform on ongoing projects under MSFD for the Black Sea and Mediterranean Sea.
- To propose and discuss the topics of a common interest and facilitate selection process.
- To propose and discuss the specific topic to be a subject of the tailor-made training for one country.
- To agree on next steps and work plan.

Expected Results of the meeting

The expected results are going through and concluding on all the points listed above.

Legislation to be covered

Directive 2008/56/EC of 17 June 2008 establishing a framework for community action in the field of marine environmental policy (Marine Strategy Framework Directive)

Beneficiaries:

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo*, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey, the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia

Day 1 : Thursday 25 September 2014

Topic: Task 2.3.4: WFD and Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD)

Chairs: Visnja Omerbegovic

Venue: Tirana, Albania

Start	Finish	Topic	Speaker	Output/Note
08:30	09:00	Arrival, informal discussion		
9:00	9:10	Address by EC	Ms. Marta Moren Abat, EC, DG environment	Welcome and introduction
9:10	9:20	Address by the representative of Albania	TBD	TBD
9:20	9:30	Introduction to the Activity 2.3.4	Ms Visnja Omerbegovic, ECRAN Water Management Working Group (WMWG) Coordinator	Brief recap on the Tasks 2.3.4 within Activity 2.3 Water Management
9:30	9:40	Introduction to the workshop	Ms Visnja Omerbegovic, ECRAN Water Management Working Group (WMWG) Coordinator	Presentation of the agenda, scope, objectives and expected results of the workshop Method : PPP Adoption of the Agenda Materials provided: Marine Strategy Framework Directive

Start	Finish	Topic	Speaker	Output/Note
9:50	11:00	<p>Summary on MSFD and CIS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms, definitions and principles of MSDF • Regional cooperation • Monitoring programmes • Programme of Measures • Reporting , public participation and information • Adaptation transposition and financing • CIS 	<p>Ms Cecilia Silvestri, Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA)</p> <p>Ms Gianna Casazza, Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA)</p>	<p>Presentation of and discussion on basic terms and principles recap of main articles of MSD; MSDF Common Implementation Strategy (CIS)</p> <p>Method : PPP</p> <p>Materials provided: Marine Strategy Framework Directive: Common Implementation Strategy: “Learning the lessons and launching a re-enforced phase of implementation”</p>
11:00	11:30	Coffee Break		
11:30	12:30	<p>MSDF interaction with other sectors' policies :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity, • Fishery, • Water and • ICZM-MSP 	<p>Ms Cecilia Silvestri, Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA)</p> <p>Ms Gianna Casazza, Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA)</p>	<p>Presentation of and discussion on synergy with other sectors' key legislations and policies directly relevant to the MSDF</p> <p>Method : PPP</p>
12:30	13:00	<p>Frameworks and arrangements for efficient implementation of MSDF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy • Institutional 	<p>Ms Cecilia Silvestri, Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA)</p> <p>Ms Gianna Casazza, Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA)</p>	<p>Presentation, example from selected MS; discussion</p> <p>Method : PPP</p>

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13:00	14:30	Lunch			
14:30	15:00	Frameworks and arrangements for efficient implementation of MSDF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisational • Financial 	Ms Cecilia Silvestri, Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA) Ms Gianna Casazza, Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA)	Presentation, example from selected MS; discussion Method : PPP	
15:00	16:00	Coffee Break			
16:00	16:45	Proposal of the candidates and selection of the topic(s) for regional training and specific topic for tailor-made training for one country	Ms Cecilia Silvestri, Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA) Ms Gianna Casazza, Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA) Ms Visnja Omerbegovic, ECRAN Water Management Working Group (WMWG) Coordinator	Presentation of and discussion on proposed topics for regional training and specific topic for tailor-made training for one country Method : PPP Materials provided: Overview of the proposed topics and specific topic	
16:45	17:00	Summary conclusions for 1 st day	Ms Visnja Omerbegovic, ECRAN Water Management Working Group (WMWG) Coordinator		

Day 2 : Friday 26 September 2014

Topic: Task 2.3.4: WFD and Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD)

Chairs: Visnja Omerbegovic

Venue: Tirana, Albania

Start	Finish	Topic	Speaker	Sub topic/Content
9:00	9:15	Recap of the main points from the 1 st day	Ms Visnja Omerbegovic, ECRAN Water Management Working Group (WMWG) Coordinator	
9:15	11:00	<p>The first phase of implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The state of implementation in the Mediterranean and Black seas • Main findings • Case: IT and RO • Next steps 	<p>Ms Cecilia Silvestri, Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA)</p> <p>Ms Gianna Casazza, Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA)</p> <p>Ms Otilia Mihail, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Romania</p>	<p>Presentation of the Results of the assessment t on the 1st phase of implementation of MSD; practical example from Italy and Romania. Discussion on the state of play in the beneficiary countries.</p> <p>Method : PPP</p> <p>Materials provided: The European Commission's assessment and guidance {SWD(2014) 49 final}</p>
11:00	11:30	Coffee Break		
11:30	13:00	Ongoing projects and programmes under MSFD for Mediterranean Sea	Ms Cecilia Silvestri, Institute for Environmental	Recap on ongoing projects under MSFD for the Mediterranean Sea; discussion on synergy and overlaps

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			Protection and Research (ISPRA) Ms Gianna Casazza, Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA)	Method : PPP Materials provided: Overview on ongoing projects
13:00	14:00	Lunch		
14:00	15:30	Ongoing projects and programmes under MSFD for Black Sea • Case: Romania	Ms Otilia Mihail, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Romania	Recap on ongoing projects under MSFD for the Black Sea; discussion on synergy and overlaps Method : PPP Materials provided: Overview on ongoing projects
15:30	16:00	Coffee Break		
16:00	16:30	Ongoing projects and programmes under MSFD for Black Sea (continuation)	Ms Otilia Mihail, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Romania Ms Visnja Omerbegovic, ECRAN Water Management Working Group (WMWG) Coordinator	Recap on ongoing projects under MSFD for the Black Sea; discussion on synergy and overlaps Method : PPP Materials provided: Overview on ongoing projects
16:30	16:40	Proposal of the further activities and schedule	Ms Visnja Omerbegovic, ECRAN Water Management Working Group (WMWG) Coordinator	To-do-list and work plan agreed.

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16:40		Summary conclusions and closure of the workshop	Ms Visnja Omerbegovic, ECRAN Water Management Working Group (WMWG) Coordinator	

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