

MARINE STRATEGY FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE (MSFD) Regional Training

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Results and outputs

1st Introductory Workshop on MSFD Sep 2014



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Structure of the presentation

Task 2.3.4. WFD and Marine Strategy Framework Directive - objectives, synergies and approaches

Approach and the results of the 1st Introductory Workshop

Proposed actions

Challenges of implementing MSFD



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Task 2.3.4: WFD and Marine Strategy Framework Directive (1)

Approach

- Training on how to apply MSFD throughout initial assessment steps (data availability, selection of MSFD indicators and areas for assessment, etc.)
- Selection of one country specific theme related to the key points of the MSFD and ICZM
- Selection the topic for regional training
- Regional Introductory workshop on MSFD, 25 – 26 September 2014, Tirana, Albania



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Task 2.3.4: WFD and Marine Strategy Framework Directive (2)

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Two general topics supporting the implementation of MSFD with several sub-topics have been proposed:

1) National approaches to Initial Assessment (IA), GES and Target determination

- A survey of the available data / information relevant for the initial assessment.
- Analysis of data and their possible aggregation. Identification of data gaps.
- Selection of the MSFD indicators that can be populated with the available data.
- Approaches to integrate assessments across indicators and descriptors.
- Selection of the areas for initial assessment.
- Facilitating the progress of integration among sectors within the coastal/marine environment and realisation of a common goal focused around sustainability.



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Task 2.3.4: WFD and Marine Strategy Framework Directive (3)

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2) Methodologies for monitoring and assessment of specific descriptor:

- Arranging common monitoring survey in order to share and minimize costs.
- Synergies between monitoring for different purposes to establish integration across descriptors and indicators, and across states.
- Monitoring survey methods, standardised sampling, and laboratory analysis for collection of data in a comparable way.
- Assessment and classification of the marine area.
- Estimation of primary and secondary indicators, options for statistical analysis for GES assessment for time-series based indicators; and options for statistical analysis for GES assessment for time-series based indicators.



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Task 2.3.4: WFD and Marine Strategy Framework Directive (4)

For the training, two general topics have been proposed:

1) Streamlined procedure for development of PoM:

- Basic principles for the establishment of PoMs under the MSFD
- Technical specification of environmental targets as a basis for measures
- Gap analysis and identification of possible new measures, Implementation of planning
- Coordination with marine regions

2) Landlocked countries: The role and approach to implementation of MSDF.



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Task 2.3.4: WFD and Marine Strategy Framework Directive (5)

Results

- Clarity on main terms, definitions and principles of MSDF achieved.
- Synergy, overlaps and differences between MSDF and other Directives need to be further discussed
- Issues on policy, institutional, organisational and other supporting frameworks of MSDF are more understandable
- Overview of ongoing MSFD related projects

Proposal

- Due to complexity of MSDF, in future, 3 days should be foreseen for trainings.

Next steps

- The regional training is scheduled for May 2015.
- The country specific theme for tailored-made training shall be identified.



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Proposed actions (1)

MSFD - very complex, important to avoid duplication with WFD implementing efforts, integration issues essential!

- Learning by doing - **practical application of various analysis** for implementing MSFD
- Enhanced understanding on the need of **establish a comprehensive database** that can meet a wide range of requirements for Initial Assessment and reporting
- Prepare national input for the discussion
- **Analysis, synthesis and presentations of the countries inputs**
- Evaluation of the presented methodologies



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Proposed actions (2)

How we will do it?

- Careful documentation of the topics, reference materials available, follow on EU developments
- Training materials: **written materials**, in preparation of the meetings, **handouts** with key points to guide the discussion
- Ensure **continuation in representation** of the target audience.



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Major challenges in the MSFD implementation

- To accomplish the necessary **scientific knowledge** on the state of the marine environment
- To strengthen the **co-operation between all countries** sharing marine waters and transboundary water catchment areas, including countries that are not MS, to ensure effective protection of all waters and of the marine environment, in line with the strategic orientations of MSFD and with WFD requirements!
- Guaranty efficient **communication with the stakeholders** on the value of the marine environment as a source of development
- Prepare **methodologies** for economic improvement of marine environmental goods and services
- Ensure **long-term planning** to achieve and maintain GES.



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