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2nd EU Blue Parks Community Workshop

7 March 2024



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‘Effective management of marine protected areas

(and the land-sea interface including coastal zones)’

*This workshop, part of the **EU Blue Parks Initiative** under **the EU Mission "Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030"**, aims to foster a comprehensive understanding of the effective management of EU Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), including the crucial coastal zones and the dynamic land-sea interfaces. The workshop will bring together experts and stakeholders to discuss and share insights on the challenges and opportunities in marine and coastal biodiversity protection and restoration. Through presentations, case studies, and interactive discussions, the workshop will highlight key EU funded projects and research innovations in effective marine management, delve into policy development needs, and explore participatory approaches from EU Member States, regional, and local stakeholders.*

Why join: *Be a part of this insightful event to contribute to and learn from discussions on research and policy developments focused on effectiveness of marine protection across Europe. This is the second event of the series of workshops of the EU Blue Parks Community, and we invite you to become an active member of this Community.*

7 March 09:00-16:30 CET – physical attendance in The Square (Mont des Arts), Brussels

(Moderators: Eduardo Carqueijeiro DG RTD B.4 and Marcin Sadowski DG MARE A.1)

AGENDA

09:00 **Opening statement** by *Andreea Strachinescu-Olteanu DG MARE HEAD of Unit A1*

1st Session – Exploring EU funded projects and R&I on effective marine management

09:15 **EU Blue Parks Community:** 1st Event recap, Community membership & Support services

Gregory Fuchs, Researcher, Ecologic Institute / MIP Ocean

09:25 **Overview of EU funded projects on MPAs and Marine Ecosystems (LIFE and Horizon Europe)**

Alberto Zocchi, CINEA C.C1.2

09:40 EU Research & Innovation on effective marine management:

Horizon Europe Mission Ocean Work Programme – EU Blue Parks projects

- BLUE4ALL, facilitating the Blue Parks Community
Steven Degraer, Project Coordinator, Institute of Natural Sciences
- EFFECTIVE - Enhancing social well-being and economic prosperity by reinforcing the eFFECTIVENess of protection and restoration management in Mediterranean MPAs
Iván Felis, Head of the R&D department, CTN-Marine Technology Centre
- PROTECT BALTIC - Ensuring sufficient protection and restoration in the Baltic Sea's marine environment
Jannica Haldin, Project Coordinator, HELCOM
- OCEAN CITIZEN - A multidisciplinary approach integrating science and society in Marine Forests regeneration for ocean management and protection
Lorenzo Bramanti, Researcher, LECOB-CNRS

10:40 Coffee break

11:00 LIFE projects on effective marine management

- LIFE MareNatura on enlarging the Greek MPA network to adequately protect marine megafauna
Panagiotis Kasapidis, Project Coordinator, Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR)
- LIFE Delfi and LIFE TartaLife: On the coexistence between professional fishing and protected species within MPAs
Alessandro Lucchetti, Project Coordinator, National Research Council Italy (CNR-IRBIM)

11:30 Q&A of the 1st session

2nd Session - Pledging towards 30x30, state of play and next steps

11:45 State of play

Vedran Nikolić, Team leader, Nature Conservation Unit, DG Environment

12:00 Member State testimonies

- Marine Protected Areas in Portugal: status, challenges, and case studies
Nuno Banza, President of the Board, ICNF, National Authority for Nature Conservation and Biodiversity
- Marine Protected Areas in Belgium: status, challenges, and case studies
Gizem Poffyn, Marine Policy Officer, FPS Public Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment
- Awaiting confirmation: Additional Member State contributions

12:45 **Q&A of the 2nd session**

13:00-14:00 **Lunch break & Networking**

3rd Session - Sharing case studies and good practices

14:00 Governance & community-led initiatives

- IUCN green list and effective management of MPAs
Jean-François Sys, Marine Biodiversity Project Leader, IUCN French Committee
- The Living Baltic Sea: towards community-led conservation'
Ville Wahlberg, Managing Director, Baltic Sea Action Group (BSAG)
- From government leadership to community-based approaches - Case studies for effective marine protection
Emanuel Gonçalves, Chief Scientist, Executive member of the Board, Oceano Azul Foundation
- Marine nature restoration in Vejle Fjord. Restoration of degraded coastal habitats: the Vejle Fjord case study
Rune Christian Husted Steinfurth, Postdoc, University of Southern Denmark (SDU)

15:00 Q&A

15:15 Innovation and good practices

- CLIMAREST. Coastal restoration in the Atlantic and Arctic Lighthouse: case studies from Svalbard to Madeira
Ida Beathe Øverjordet, Project Leader, SINTEF
- SUBMON's Collaborative Regional Approach to Marine Conservation
Tecla Maggioni, Project Technician, and Juanita Zorrilla, Project Manager, SUBMON
- Artificial habitats with ecological connectivity. Conservation and restoration of marine habitats: the added value of artificial structures
Etienne Abadie, Project Manager, and Alexandre Belly, Ecological Engineering Apprentice, Ecocean

16:00 Q&A

16:20 **Closing statement by** *Elisabetta Balzi, HEAD of Unit Ocean and Waters, DG RTD*