Blue4All

Facilitating the Blue Parks Community

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Key message Blue4All (contribution to) facilitating the EU Blue Parks Community



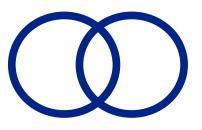
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Share knowledge on innovative approaches to marine protection and effective marine protection management.



Support the expansion, interconnectivity, and strengthening of Marine Protected Areas in the EU.





About the EU Blue Parks Community

A platform for EU MS authorities, practitioners, researchers and other stakeholders

The EU Blue Parks Community goals are:

- · to collaborate on marine protection,
- to identify challenges
- · to share tools, solutions and good practices, and
- to promote innovative approaches
- to push forward <u>progress</u> in marine protection



The EU Blue Parks Community is invited:

- to gather annually for physical and virtual workshops, and
- the results of which will be the subject of regular reports and newsletters.



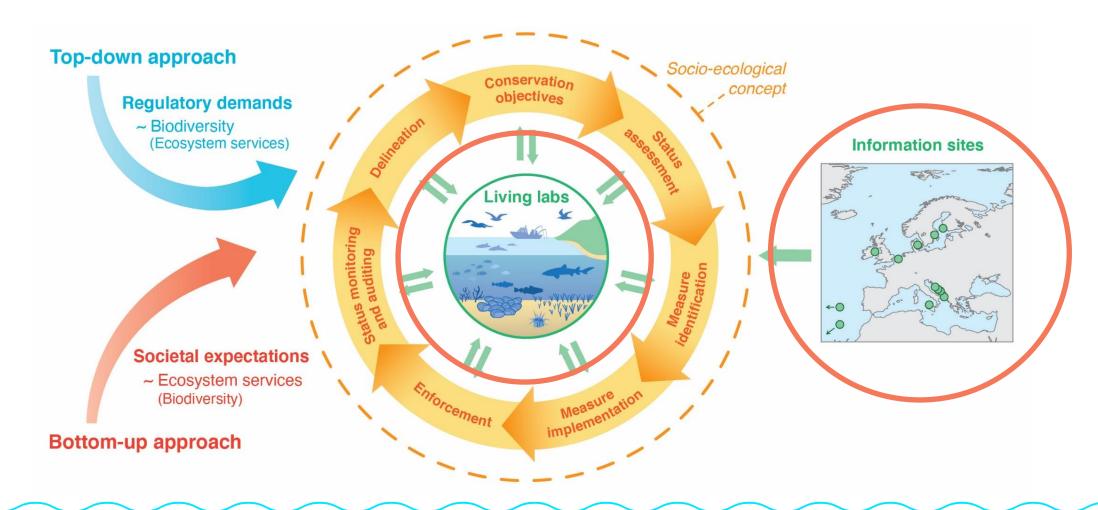
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About the Blue4All project

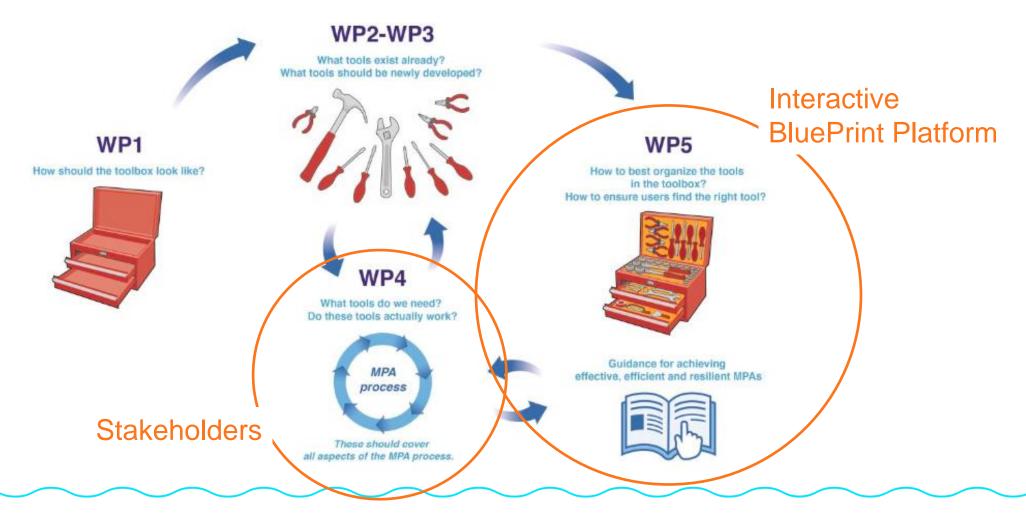
From 'paper parks' to efficient and effective MPAs and MPA networks





About the Blue4All project Stakeholder driven solutions for MBAs

Stakeholder-driven solutions for MPAs and MPA networks







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Platamuni, Katič and

Capo Carbonara | IT

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Engaging MPA managers and stakeholders

LIVING LABS

NORTH EAST

ATLANTIC

- Irish MPA network expansion | IRL

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Danish Wadden Sea | DK

- SBZ 1-3 | BE

MPA Otranto Leuca | IT

Torre Guaceto | IT

- Area Naturale Marina Protetta Capo Gallo -Isola delle Femmine | IT
- Vlaamse Banken | BE
- French Network Natura 2000 Channel



About the Blue4All projectAdvantages of collaborating with MPA managers and stakeholders

- Issue focus and solutions
- Diverse insights
- Wide-ranging expertise
- Dialogue and innovation
- Tool for co-creation and co-ownership

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About the Blue4All project Develop and accelerate MPA networking

- Mapping the key influential actors
- Meeting and online exchange within and across the test sites
- DEMO sessions be organized (1 for each Living Lab and one EUwide session)
 - Webinars
 - Conference/Events
- MPA Network Knowledge Transfer Platform: from initial networking and exchange among the Living labs to a Europe wide MPA Networking



About the Blue4All project Blue4All MPA Networking and Knowledge Transfer Platform

- Linking up with other knowledge hubs and existing MPA communities
- Ensuring effective stakeholder engagement by
 - Ensuring benefits flow both ways,
 - Engaging at all levels of governance and involvement
 - Establishing long-lasting engagement and interaction
- Developing and supporting a **community of MPA practitioners** using the BLUE4ALL Blueprint Platform
- Building a world-wide community
 - through the UN Ocean Decade group
 - ensuring synergies with newly funded projects
 - by extending the geographical scope of the platform the cover EU outermost regions







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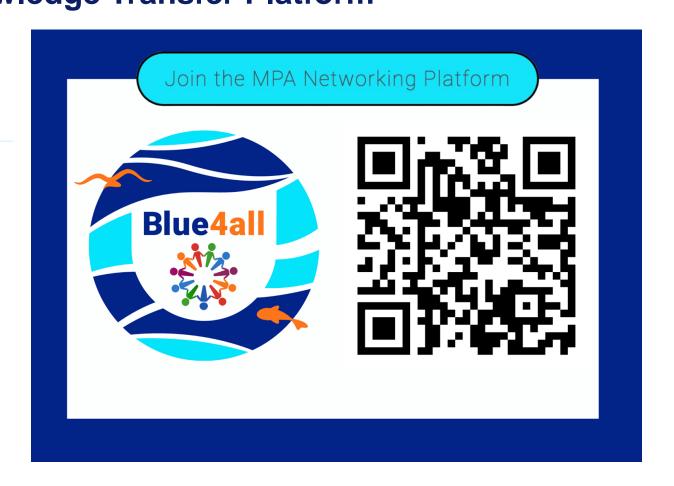
BLUEPRINT PLATFORM

NETWORKING PLATFORM

MPA Networking Platform

Join the MPA Networking Platform





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Shared goals: stakeholder engagement and interaction, issues and solutions

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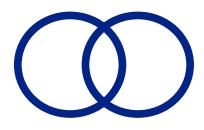
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