



EUROPEAN UNION



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MISSIONS

RESTORE OUR OCEAN AND WATERS



EU Blue Parks Community

**1st event recap, Community membership
& support services**

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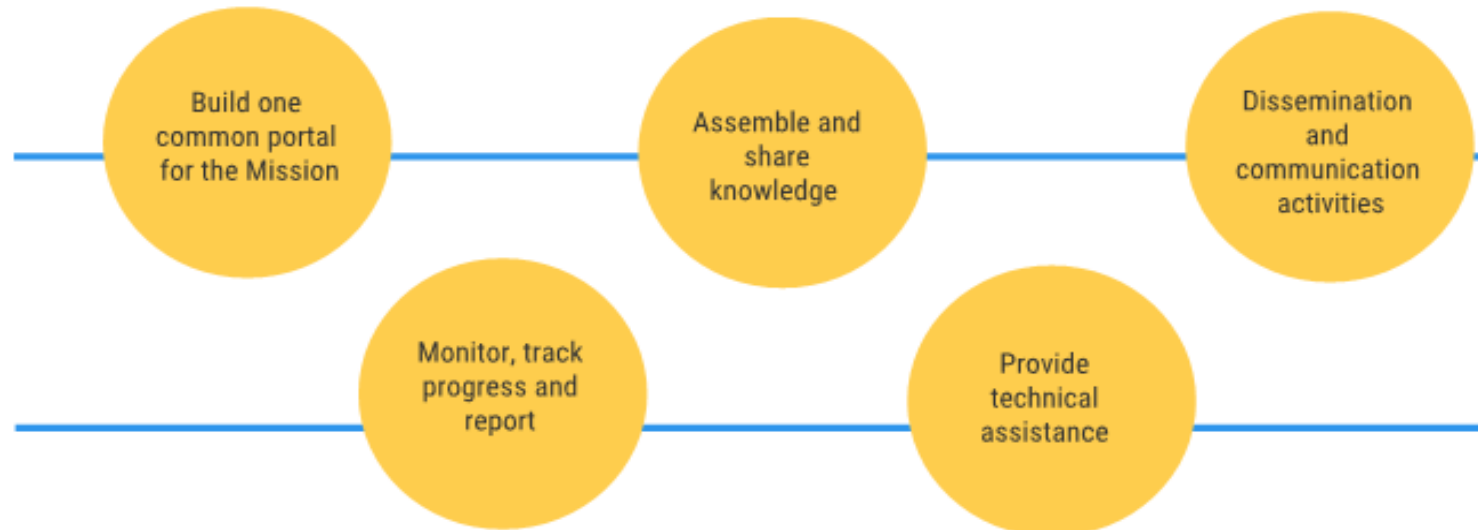
Mission Ocean Implementation Support Platform (MIP Ocean)



'Restore our ocean and waters by 2030'

Mission Implementation Platform, including the EU Blue Parks Community

One **single** platform providing multiple services:



Intended for Mission partners, regions, communities, citizens, stakeholders, investors and other actors



About the EU Blue Parks Community



- Open for organisations interested and actively working on EU Blue Parks
- Sharing knowledge on innovative approaches to marine protection and effective management



- Supporting EU Member States in meeting the 30/10 x 30 objectives
- Supporting the expansion, interconnectivity, and strengthening of MPAs and OECCMs in the EU

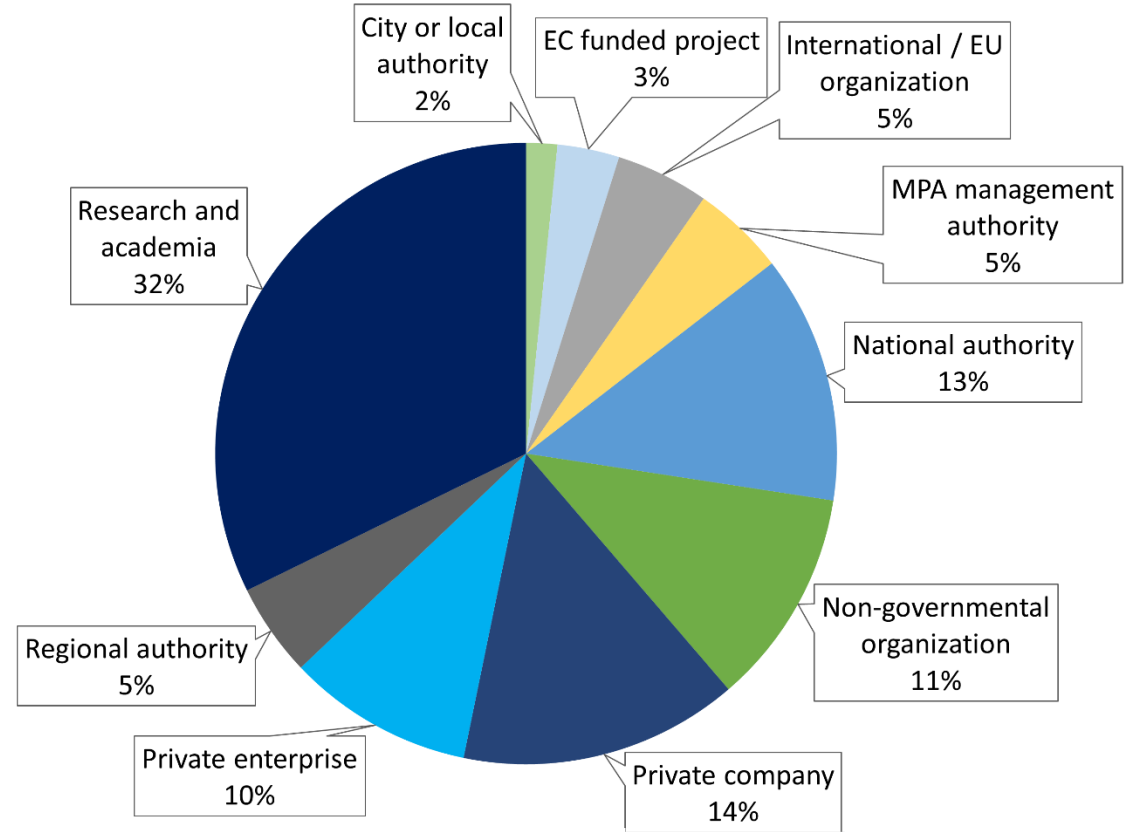
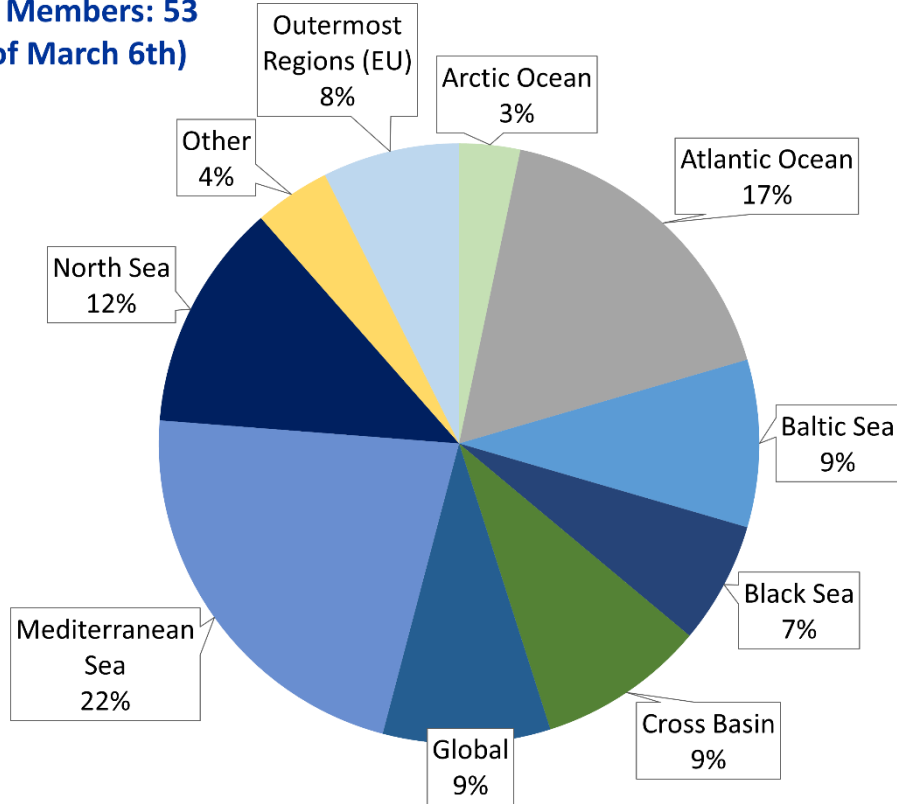


- Creating new opportunities for marine conservation



EU Blue Parks Community Membership

Total Members: 53
(as of March 6th)





EU Blue Parks Community Membership

- If you have not done it yet: [Join the EU Blue Parks Community today](#) by becoming a member



1st Workshop outcomes (6/12/23)

- Currently, 12% of EU seas are designated as protected, with less than 1% strictly protected
- Member States are urgently working to expand and enhance these areas, submitting pledges towards the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 targets for marine biodiversity protection

Key needs:

- **More effective management** of existing MPAs & sufficient spatial protection for **reducing pressures**
- **EU-wide system to evaluate MPA management effectiveness** needed
- **Coherent MPA networks** key to support broader ecological processes and secure positive biodiversity outcomes **across borders and sea basins**
- **Restoration efforts** hand-in-hand with protection
- **Knowledge sharing** and integration of decision-making tools in MPA management
- **Stronger cross-sectoral links** between various marine sectors, and their integration into MSP
- **Stakeholder involvement** in MPA design and management
- **Enhanced fisheries management** within MPAs
- **Climate-smart adaptive MPAs** to be established

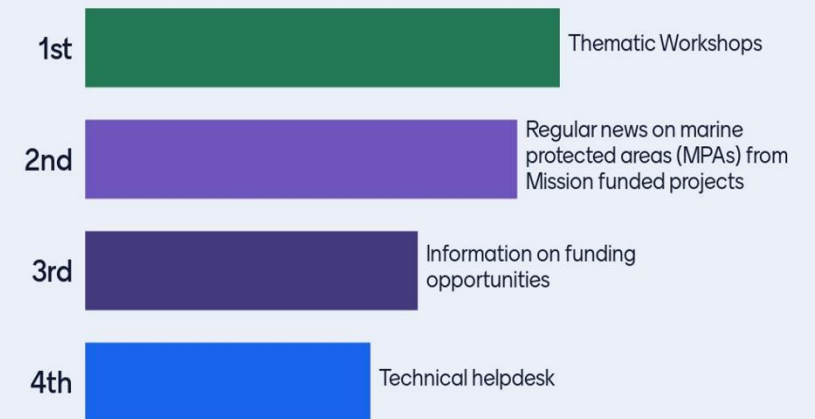


Survey 1st event

What are your top three expectations from the EU Blue Parks Community?



Which tools/services would you find most beneficial for the EU Blue Parks Community?





Support Services

Workshops

- Participate in **physical & virtual Community workshops**
- engage in a variety of relevant themes and share experiences

Helpdesk on EU Blue Parks



Stay informed and gain visibility as Member

- News regarding MPAs and OECMs in the **Mission Ocean and Waters newsletter** and on the **EU Blue Parks Community webpage**

➤ share your most recent work to eublueparks@ecologic.eu



Coming soon:

- **Special Mission Ocean and Waters Newsletter following EU Ocean Days** (incl. key outcomes and directions of this 2nd workshop)
- **Satisfaction/feedback survey** (to improve the design and organization of next events)

