



MaPSIS 2017 Conference Summary and Conclusions

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WORKSHOPS

Five separate workshops were also held as part of the MAPSIS event, with active participation of the conference attendants in a lively atmosphere, which resulted in a pro-active and constructive attitude towards the specific challenges presented in each workshop.



PLASMAR open workshop was delivered at University Rectorate forecourt area

Blue Growth VS Good Environmental Status - PLASMAR open workshop

Delivered by Dr. Yaiza Palacios and Dr. Andrej Abramic, ECOQUA University Institute @ University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain

As part of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) (Directive 2008/56/EC), which is the environmental pillar of the EU Integrated Maritime Policy, the PLASMAR Project “Bases for the Sustainable Planning of Marine Areas in Macaronesia” funded by Interreg under the MAC 2014-2020 programme, was initiated and will be running until end of 2019.. One of its main activities includes the establishment of methodologies that allow the development of maritime sectors with criteria of sustainability and in balance with the ecosystems approach.

The objective of the workshop was to analyse the relationship between specific maritime sectors and the application of the 11 qualitative descriptors that determine the good environmental status (GES) according to the MSFD. The work will be done in groups, in such a way that a number of maritime activities (or even coastal activities that affect the marine space) will be chosen.

The information provided to participants will include general information on the MSFD and details of the qualitative descriptors and related monitoring parameters that describe what the environment will look like when GES has been achieved.

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In the last part of the workshop each group will present their results and general conclusions will be drawn to identify the synergies and barriers of the maritime sectors from an ecosystem approach in relation to the application of common environmental legislation.

Learning objectives will include the analyses of sectors key to Blue Growth, the implementation of MSFD and practical application of the 11 qualitative descriptors with regards to specific maritime activities for the achievement of GES, and the identification of barriers and synergies between marine and coastal activities.

Co allocation of Maritime Uses - Eastern Atlantic Sea Basin (MUSES project)

Delivered by Dr. Helena Calado, Faculdade de Ciência e Tecnologia, Universidade dos Açores, Ponta Delgada - Açores, Portugal

The workshop dedicated to the MUSES project (<https://muses-project.eu/>), funded by the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme (Grant Agreement No. 727451), reviewed existing processes, used across the EU, for marine and coastal development to ensure they are sufficient for the sustainable multi-use of the marine environment. The project will build knowledge of the appropriate techniques to minimize barriers, impacts and risks, whilst maximizing local benefits and reducing gaps in knowledge to deliver efficiencies through integrated planning, consenting processes and other techniques.

MUSES project will analyse five European sea basins (Baltic Sea, North Sea, Eastern Atlantic, Mediterranean Sea and Black Sea), however the workshop will be focused on the Eastern Atlantic.

Regarding the Eastern Atlantic sea basin, the objectives of the MAPSIS workshop are: (i) the identification and validation of current and potential multi-uses and (ii) the identification/validation of drivers, barriers, added values and impacts for each multi-use identified.

The Workshop was an occasion to present an introduction to MUSES project by Prof^a Helena Calado (Multi-uses, definitions and concepts) followed by round tables and discussion groups, participants debate around (i) main challenges and (ii) potentialities for Multi-uses in the Eastern Atlantic maritime space. The learning objectives were to Improve understanding on maritime multi-uses.

Reference list on marine habitats in Spain: Classification and relation to other lists

Delivered by Dr. Concepcion Rey & Dr. Victoria Palacios, TRAGSA TEC, MADRID, SPAIN

At present, the Spanish Inventory of Marine Habitats (IEHM) has focused on the elaboration of the Reference List of Marine Habitat in Spain -involving the participation of Scientific Experts-, and their hierarchical classification and the establishment of relationship with other existing habitats classifications.

This Reference List was developed with the intention of defining a common framework of understanding between experts, regardless of spatial scope, in order to establish a common management tool for habitats management.



MaPSIS Conference group picture, 27 April 2017