



The interlink between the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD 2008/56/EC) and the Maritime Spatial Planning Directive (MSP 2014/89/EU)

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The event is organised in the frame of two projects:

LIFE+ Biodiversity project “LIFE MARMONI” – Innovative marine biodiversity indicators and monitoring and assessment of conservation status of nature values in the Baltic Sea, and

Estonia-Latvia Programme project “Coastal and maritime spatial planning in Pärnu Bay area in Estonia and coastal municipalities of Latvia”



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The frame: LIFE MARMONI project

“Innovative approaches for marine biodiversity monitoring and assessment of conservation status of nature values in the Baltic Sea”

Duration: 10/2010 - 03/2015

The project is acting in the Baltic Sea in territorial waters and EEZ of Estonia, Latvia, Finland and Sweden

Co-funded by: LIFE Nature & Biodiversity, as well as governments and partners from EE, LV, FI, SE



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Main Activities of MARMONI

- To elaborate innovative and ecosystem based monitoring and assessment approaches based on a joint set of marine biodiversity indicators for assessment of conservation status of species and habitats and impacts of human activities;
- To test these integrated assessment technique and biodiversity indicators as well as special techniques and equipment for monitoring and apply them in pilot demonstration cases;
- To develop criteria and demonstrate how nature conservation and land use in marine areas can be balanced in a senseful way.



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Main Activities of MARMONI (2)

- To assess results from the test monitoring activities and demonstration cases and draw a conclusion about applicability & effectiveness of the proposed monitoring measures;
- To develop recommendations for national monitoring programmes based on the above mentioned conclusions;
- To promote findings and concepts internationally at EU and especially to Baltic Sea Region level.



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MARMONI has achieved by now:

- We do have a 'boiled-down' list of indicators published at our web site, no changes to be expected anymore. Final report published on 09/2014 at project web site.
- We have tested them in the field and have some findings about their functionality and about new methods. Final report published on 09/2014 at project web site.
- We applied the indicators for specific assessments
 - Newly developed Biodiversity Assessment Tool
 - Favourable Conservation Status Assessment
- Currently we try to integrate the indicators into **monitoring concepts** and refer **policy recommendations** to them.



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MSFD & MARMONI

- During project implementation we follow the discussion on the MSFD implementation challenges and the implementation schedule at our target EU member states LV, EE, FI and SE – and the Directive impacts our work (e.g. descriptors and our indicator work)
- MARMONI tried in several seminars to highlight the different aspects of the MSFD and facilitate experience exchange from different member states;
- The Initial Assessment and the Monitoring Programme proposals are accompanied by our work and support the four project target countries.
- We take up new issues derived from MSFD implementation and surrounding marine and maritime policies on board of the project and provide discussion fora for it.



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MSP & MARMONI

- In MARMONI we also work with stakeholders involved in implementation of MSFD, marine BD monitoring and data collection
 - maritime spatial planning is an issue where stakeholders are directly involved,
 - where they need to provide data and cooperate with others
 - where they have a big interest: in THEIR marine space;
- Therefore the new MSP Directive for us is a tool to approach stakeholders – and a very actual one:
 - Maritime Spatial Planning and its new Directive 2014/89 are the key issues currently marine and maritime policy is speaking about in EU
 - it is said it will be THE tool to implement MSFD, it is fully in line with the ecological targets of MSFD and fully interlinked;
 - Is it THE tool for stakeholder cooperation, for sharing data and for jointly implementing the ecological goals of the MSFD?



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Today's workshop has the goal

- To identify and analyse the relationships between MSP and MSFD as well as to assess if MSP can function as a tool to implement MSFD;
- To listen to first experiences and considerations for an integrative approach of implementation of the two directives by institutional setup in MS;
- To highlight differences and similarities for data and information needs in MSFD and MSP;
- To discuss the role of stakeholders in data and information supply and management for MSFD and



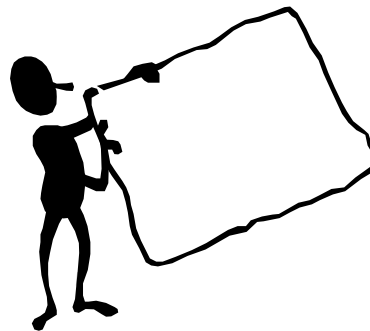
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The Agenda



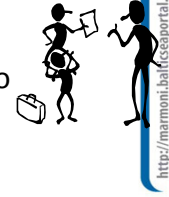
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We are glad to welcome

- Two speakers from EC DG Environment and DG Mare to highlight the interlink of the two Directives
- Representatives from Germany and Sweden to share experience when implementing this link
- Three researchers (FI, SE, UK) to present their critical analysis if the MSP supports or not supports MSFD implementation (and which parts exactly)
- Four case studies and MSP examples referring to data and information needed and the role of stakeholders in data and information supply for MSFD and MSP.
- All (!) competent authorities dealing with MSFD and MSP in EE & LV and some from FI, SE, LT....
- Our MARMONI project team ☺



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We take care also for your well-being
Have a good event!



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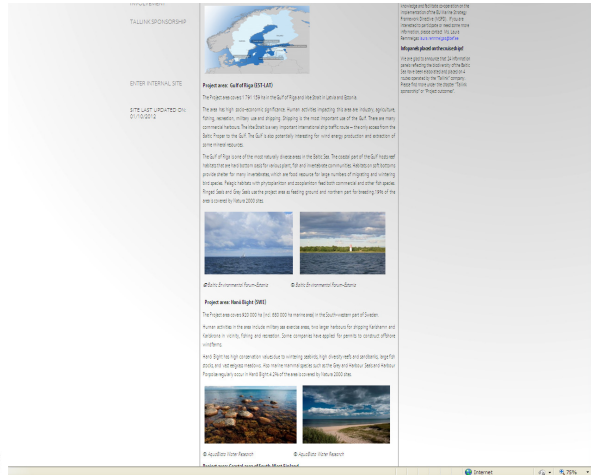


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