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# eMSP Learning Strands and Communities of Practise

- Summary of sessions -





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# CoP on Ecosystem-based approach in MSP



Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management &  
Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission (HELCOM)

## Main takeaways

- It would be relevant to discuss with OSPAR and its committees eg case-study issue in North Sea
- MSP and ecosystem-based management are not the same thing. But ecosystem-based management through MSFD should be considered in MSP. Could compare with the Norwegian example with focus on ecosystem-based management vs MSP.
- To open up scope of "spatial protection" to maritime sectors as well as for marine environmental protection. Need to work closely with Blue Economy strand.
- Look at results from previous projects and build on that eg Pan Baltic Scope projects *Ecosystem-Based Approach in MSP – a SEA Inclusive Handbook* available at the PBS-website.
- How to ensure a balance between the different factors to ensure sustainability in light of strong blue economy development?
- Cumulative effects should be the basis for ecosystem-based management and planning
- Legal and practical bottlenecks when using MSP for protected areas when considering impacts of climate change, where shifting conditions may cause issues with spatial planning?
- We should try to show how EBA in MSP can contribute to the objectives of protection under the Biodiversity Strategy



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# CoP on Ocean Governance



Danish Maritime Authority

## Main takeaways

**Overall aim:** To identify and define ...

- key concepts
- transboundary issues related to ocean governance across the land-sea and other boundaries
- governance and stakeholder structures and tools needed to implement the Green Deal and climate policies in MSP.

**Tentative questions for the learning strand:**

1. What are the gaps between land and sea-water management and marine planning?
2. What are the cross-sector/cross boundary interactions and how do we manage them (i.e. co-existence/multi-use)?
3. How have different policies been applied with and between MSP and management?

**Takeaways:**

During the round of discussion, many relevant suggestions for topics and perspective were shared, incl.:

- What is good governance?
- Who benefits from MSP and ocean governance – who are we governing for?
- Separate concepts of governance from desired governance outcomes (why vs how)
- The 4 overarching OG topics could be cut with the 3 questions.
- Interlinkages with other CoP and what can be taken from there for Ocean Governance
- Micro vs macro governance - What works best where? At which scale does one best manage?



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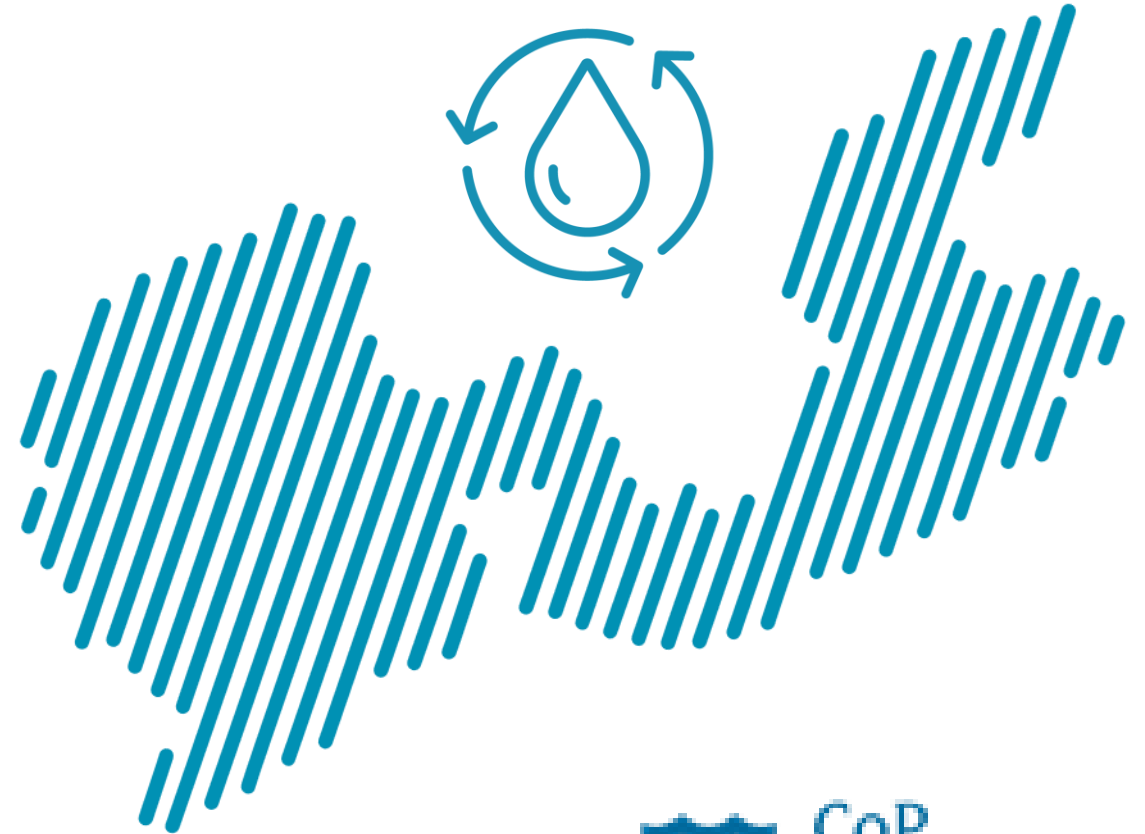


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# CoP on Sustainable Blue Economy



The Blue Cluster

 **CoP  
Noordzee**

## Main takeaways

- SBE is greening the current blue economies and fitting the new sustainable blue economies.
  - The focus on SBE will be on energy, food and nature (e.g. nature inclusive design). 22/3 about sustainable food production & the social acceptance of SBE/Brussel; Dec '22 about renewable energy/NL; May '23 about ecosystem impacts/Sweden and Sept '23 about multi-use/Denmark
  - Key product: recommendations how MSP can stimulate SBE with real life practices of entrepreneurs/industry.
  - Most important learning questions are:
    - ➔ How to maximise space for sustainable blue growth while maximizing the positive impact on marine ecosystems.
    - ➔ How can sustainable blue economy contribute to mitigation and adaptation strategies for climate change?
- What are the bottlenecks of the SBE in practice?
- ➔ Positive and negative impact on marine environment as sea bassins and
  - ➔ Permitting procedures & administrative complexity



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# CoP on Monitoring and Evaluation



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Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency (Germany) &  
Gdynia Maritime University (Poland)



## Main takeaways

- M&E LS has a clear structure: different dimensions of Monitoring and evaluation (plan, sectors, environment, ...) are important to assess separately
- we have a strong base of science, projects and reports already. Bring that together and come to a solution oriented deliverable.
- but still lots of open questions we can contribute to – the more deep you go the more difficult it became.
- The approach need to be more people focused. The dialogue with sectors is very important.
- Consider the report prepared for EC on monitoring and evaluation - one year after „MPSD deadline” report in March to include M&E.
- Discuss on what is a minimum level of coherence? How do we know that the level of coherence is good enough?
- One of the cross-Learning Strands topic could be coherence between MSP and EBA
- Consider – to create guidelines for the EU how to strengthen the coherence between the MSP with regards to EBA?



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# CoP on Data Sharing, information and communication technology serving MSP



French Hydrographic and Oceanographic Office

## Main takeaways

- Identified points are coherent with participant needs

### Which of these three parameters did you have the most difficulty with?

1. Standardization and consistency of the data format



2. Spatial continuity aspects (cross-border, spatialization, what scale, symbology)



3. Understanding (of terms used, names and definitions)



- Planning, environmental impacts and supporting policy making
- Different possibilities (digital twin)
- Link to register : [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc\\_ue92YOQDcXjzT0n-ns6Ge2Nob-LT\\_Tz9LiqTXSpKFhSeaw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc_ue92YOQDcXjzT0n-ns6Ge2Nob-LT_Tz9LiqTXSpKFhSeaw/viewform)