

MEDREGION

Activity 3 & Activity 7 workshop with MSFD Competent Authorities

20th April 2021,
Venue: tele-meeting

Draft Agenda

- 09:30 – 09:40 Welcome & Introduction to the workshop
K. Pagou, HCMR
- 09:40 – 09:50 **Activity 5** – Integrating GES assessments across
criteria/descriptors: an application in Malta.
A. Borja, AZTI

Activity 7 - Operational assessment of GES setting at sub-regional level Pilot analyses of processes, alternatives and implications: Adriatic Sea and Western Mediterranean Pilots

- 09:50 – 10:05 Activity 7 - Operational assessment of GES setting at sub-regional
level: pilot analyses of processes, alternatives and implications –
Adriatic Sea and Western Mediterranean Pilots. Introduction
S. Raicevich – ISPRA
- 10:05 – 10:30 Presentation of results: Pilot Activities on Biodiversity cluster (D1,
D4)
F. Ronchi (ISPRA), I. Alvarez (IEO)
- 10:30 - 10:55 Presentation of results: Pilot Activities on Pollution cluster (D5,
D10)
M. Giani (OGS-CORILA), C. Silvestri (ISPRA)
- 10:55 – 11: 30 Discussion and planning towards the Deliverable 7.3: lessons learnt
from Pilot studies

11:30 – 12:00 *Comfort break*

Activity 3 - Presentation of results and Q/A with participants on specific issues associated to the tasks

12:00 – 12:30 Subtask 3.2.1 Quantifying the effects of measures from a policy, legislative, and biological perspective

Nadia Papadopoulou, HCMR

12:30 – 13:00 Subtask 3.2.2 Discussion with participants on difficulties encountered in conducting social and economic analysis of (programmes of) measures.

Lina Tode, Plan Bleu

13:00 – 13:30 Task 3.3 Achieving coherence between MSFD and MSP

Theodora Paramana, NKUA

End of Workshop

Scope:

The scope of the workshop is to present the results of the work performed under Activity 3 and Activity 7 to the Competent Authorities, with the aim to discuss with them challenges encountered and furthermore to perform surveys to collect their feedbacks, needs and experiences.

Activity 3 of MEDREGION project is developing results for better effectiveness assessment of current PoMs, more coherent next generation of PoMs in the Mediterranean region, better integration of MSFD with other policy frameworks, especially MSP, and better regional cooperation.

Activity 7 is developing pilot activities in two subregions, in order to investigate consistency to GES at subregional level aiming also to lessons to be learnt to guide future effort towards a coordinated GES in the Mediterranean and its subregions in a series of selected Descriptors/Criteria. The workshop will also allow CAs to highlight specific needs or interests to be addressed in the context of project Deliverable 7.3. (Report on “Practical implementation guidance to GES assessment: lessons learnt from exploring approaches at sub-regional level (Adriatic Sea, WMS)).

Further information:

ACTIVITY 3 of the MEDREGION project contributes to better assessment of current PoMs, more coherent next generation of PoMs in the Mediterranean region, and better regional cooperation. Subtask 3.2.1 of Activity 3 tackles the challenge of determining whether the proposed measures/actions are effective in maintaining or achieving GES. The effectiveness methodology developed in MEDCIS is being further upgraded and adapted during MEDREGION to biodiversity related measures. Subtask 3.2.2 focuses on the measures' interactions with human activities and well-being and therefore, supports the socio-economic component of the effectiveness assessment methodology. As MSFD enters into the second cycle of implementation, it is also expected that integration with other policy frameworks in the marine realm will be established, particularly with Maritime Spatial Planning Directive (MSP), as they are both covered under the EU's Integrated Maritime Policies, as well as the RSC relevant policies. Task 3.3 of the Activity 3 deals with the conceptual relations between the MSFD and MSP, while considering ecosystem approach as well as integration of the ICZM Protocol of Barcelona Convention and EcAp.

ACTIVITY 7 of the MEDREGION project is aiming to providing guidance to MSs for enhancing the consistency in the approach to GES at subregional and regional level by developing case studies in two sub-regions (Adriatic Sea and WMS). The session will illustrate the results of several pilot activities implemented in MEDREGION. A comparative analysis of elements and criteria considered/reported by MSs in the GES assessment (2018) will be shown for a sub-set of descriptors related to Biodiversity and Pollution clusters.

In particular, for the Biodiversity cluster the most relevant considerations that emerged from three technical workshop held with Mediterranean experts of marine Birds, marine Mammals, and Reptiles, will be illustrated. The implications of alternative approaches to quantitative setting of indicators will be shown for selected indicators of D1 and D4.

For the Pollution cluster, a synthesis of results for Descriptor 5 and 10 will be also documented, in particular in relation to the theme of threshold settings and integration of data at subregional level.

Based on the general results, and taking into account also recent developments at RSC level (e.g. by SPA/RAC) the discussion will facilitate the identification of specific interests from CAs and participants in relation to the last step of the Activity and Deliverable 7.3 in particular, which will integrate lessons learnt from pilot studies.