



European
MSP Platform

Stakeholder Consultation in Maritime Spatial Planning

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Enabling Marine Spatial Planning

This survey is part of research commissioned by DG MARE.

We want to hear from stakeholders who took part or wanted to take part in Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) in EU countries.

We may want to quote what you say in this or potential follow-on research, but it will not be attributed to you, your organisation or country.

Responding to this survey

1. This survey will take approx. 10 minutes to complete,
2. The survey contains a mix of open and closed questions,
3. This survey is available until midnight on July 5, 2024,
4. You can look through the survey before responding, return to earlier pages without losing your work, and complete it in more than one session.

If you have technical difficulties completing this survey, please alert the Assistance Mechanism of MSP at info@maritime-spatial-planning.ec.europa.eu.

* Consenting

This research is being conducted by Dialogue Matters (DM) - a neutral third party that designs, facilitates, and evaluates participation.

Your participation is based on voluntary, informed, and fluid consent. You are free to withdraw the information you have provided at any time, without having to give justification. If you wish to withdraw your responses, please email info@maritime-spatial-planning.ec.europa.eu.

Your responses may be quoted in reporting to DG MARE but will not be attributed - unless you specify you are willing to have your information attributed to you. You will be able to consent to this at the end of the survey.

Once passed to DM, the information from this survey will be held in secure file storage with two-factor authentication on password protected devices. Data will be stored for a maximum of six months after the completion of the research and will then be destroyed. Only the Assistance Mechanism of MSP (European MSP Platform) and Dialogue Matters will have access to the raw data. DG MARE will be provided with processed and anonymised data in reporting.

The information you provide may be used by DG MARE to consider how best to support good practices in participation related to Marine Spatial Planning.

You can view DM's privacy notice [here](#).

Do you consent to participate in this survey, given the information above?

Maximum 1 selection(s)

Yes

No

About You

* Your name?

MEDAC Secretariat

* Your occupation?

MEDAC Secretariat

* Organisation?

MEDAC

* The country of the organisation?

EU Mediterranean MS

*** The country of the organisation?**

- Austria
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czechia
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Netherlands
- Other
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovak Republic
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden

*** Email address:**

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*** Organisation type:**

- Private sector/Industry
- Ongoing marine or maritime initiative/programme
- Scientific entity/Academia
- Public Authority/Body (local, regional, national, international)
- Civil Society
- NGOs
- Private individuals

How were you able to participate in the creation of the MSP?

How were you able to input your views (tick all that apply)?

*** Through face-to-face methods:**

- Drop in events/open days
- Chaired public meetings
- Facilitated deliberative workshops
- 1:1 interviews
- Focus groups/topic groups
- Surveys/questionnaires/face to face
- A multi-interest negotiation of the same people across several workshops
- Other

Other (please specify):

MEDAC WG3 on Green Deal: the coordinator sent a survey to the MEDAC members on their involvement in the MSP process

*** Through online or written methods:**

- Online deliberative workshops
- Online surveys/questionnaires
- Sending in comments on documents
- A multi-interest negotiation of the same people across several online workshops
- Writing letters

*** How was what you said used and who by?**

MEDAC members raised up the following specific requests:

1. Initiate a dialogue with MEDAC members' representative organizations to foster collaboration in MSP processes.
2. Establish mechanisms to ensure active participation of MEDAC members in national and EU-funded MSP initiatives.
3. Incorporate the knowledge and expertise of MEDAC members in the decision-making processes related to MSP.

(https://www.med-ac.eu/files/documentazione_pareri_lettere/2024/06/113_medac_letter_dgmare_dgenvi_results_questionnaire_msp_processes.pdf)

What would say about how you were able to participate:

I believe:

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
* We could provide our views easily	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* We were heard and made a difference to the outcome	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* We are satisfied they had been able to participate effectively	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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In any participatory dialogue process:

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
* There was sufficient and credible information for dialogue, choice and informed decisions	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* There was time and space to weigh options, develop common understanding with other stakeholders and appreciate respective roles and responsibilities	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify):

Most of the MEDAC members complained about MSP processes in their countries

*** What worked well?**

The EU web site on MSP is clear

*** If it was possible to start again, what would you suggest was done differently?**

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*** What were the barriers and challenges for effective participation?**

MEDAC members representatives have not been actively involved or consulted in the decision-making processes of national MSP initiatives or EU-funded MSP projects.

*** What were the enablers for effective participation?**

This lack of engagement has left MEDAC members, as primary stakeholders in the maritime sector, feeling marginalized and disregarded in matters that directly impact their livelihoods, their values and the natural resources they depend on.

*** To what extent do you feel the process complied with MSP Directives ask for 'effective participation'?**

No MEDAC members reported active engagement in national MSP processes.
None of felt their opinions were taken into account or adopted in the decision-making process related to MSP.

How are participants involved in the implementation of the MSP?

* Have you been involved in MSP implementation?

- Yes
 No

If yes, how have you been involved?

Finish

* Thank you very much for taking the time to do this survey.

We may quote what you say in research outputs but will do this in a way that cannot be attributed to you, your organisation, or your country unless you provide consent here:

- I am happy for you to attribute my information if that is helpful
 I would want you to check any text with me before publication
 I want my information to remain anonymous

Contact

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