



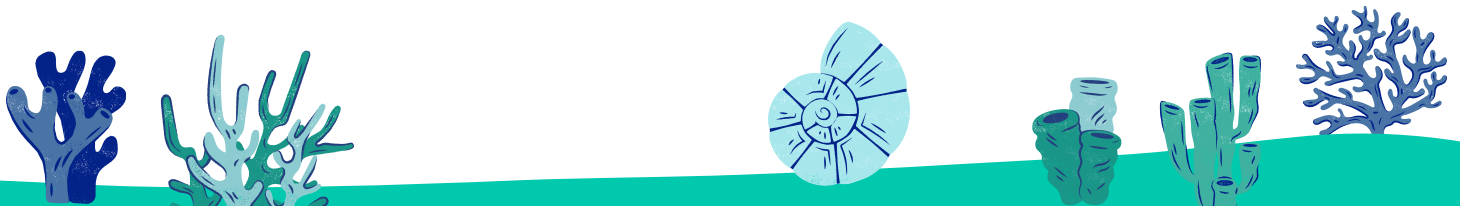
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HOW CAN MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING HELP REACH EUROPE'S 30x30 TARGETS?



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Theme: MSP and biodiversity targets

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Webinar Summary

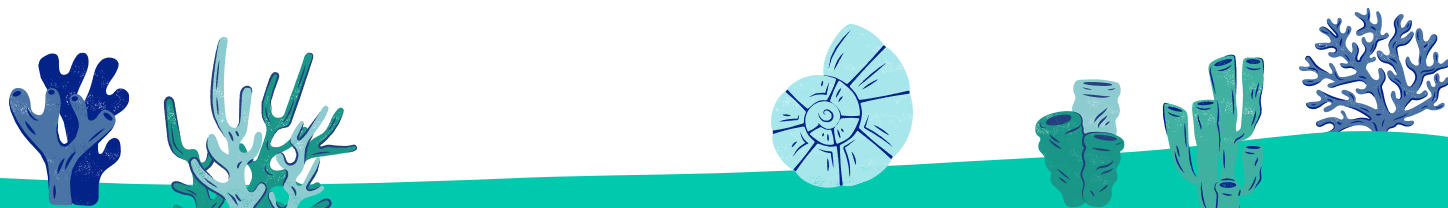
This edition of the MSP4Bio webinar series will explore the crucial role of Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) in advancing the 30/30 marine conservation targets in Europe. The webinar will provide an overview of the current status of conservation measures across the region, spotlighting both achievements and ongoing challenges. Participants will hear about strategies for overcoming barriers to mainstreaming biodiversity through MSP, alongside practical experiences and lessons learned from different national contexts. The webinar will also present the MSP4BIO project's policy recommendations for enhancing conservation outcomes through MSP, and discuss the next steps for the EU MSP Directive in supporting ambitious nature protection goals. Whether you're a policymaker, researcher, or conservation professional, this webinar will provide fresh perspectives and actionable insights on how MSP can accelerate the path toward effective marine conservation.

Key Takeaways

- An overview of protection and restoration measures in Europe
- Insights into barriers and opportunities for integrating biodiversity in EU MSP policies and plans
- Policy recommendations and successful factors for effectively integrating conservation measures within MSP across various governance levels and ecosystems

Registration

-  <https://shorturl.at/BZxCn>
- Open until 5 June 2025



AGENDA

Session 1: Setting the scene: Marine protection in Europe

12:00 - 12:10 **Welcome and objectives**

Ivana Stojanović, s.Pro & Marina Marković, PAP/RAC

Opening remarks and an overview of the webinar's goals



12:10 - 12:30 **Area-based conservation measures**

Martina Bocci, National Research Council of Italy (CNR)

Where do we stand today? A snapshot of progress and challenges

Q&A

Session 2: Preserving biodiversity through MSP

12:30 - 12:40 **Barriers and opportunities for mainstreaming biodiversity through MSP**

Päivi Haapasaari, Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE)

Insights into policy levers and barriers at EU, regional, and national levels

12:40 - 13:00 **Lessons learned and future needs for MSP and MPA integration**

Helena Maria Gregório Pina Calado, University of the Azores

A look at practical experiences in the EU, achievements, and gaps in implementation

Q&A

Session 3: From strategy to policy: Shaping the future of marine conservation

13:00 - 13:10 **Policy recommendations for enhancing conservation in MSPs**

Kemal Pinarbasi, HELCOM & Mauro Randone, WWF-Mediterranean

Key takeaways and actionable guidance for stronger conservation outcomes

13:10 - 13:30 **Next steps for the MSP Directive and marine protection**

Celine Frank, DG MARE - European Commission

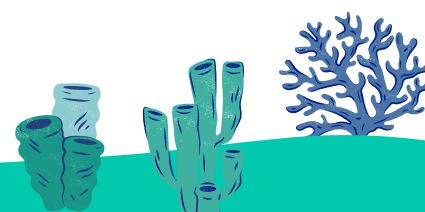
Presenting the perspectives for meeting EU spatial goals

Q&A

13:30 - 13:40 **Closing remarks**

Marina Marković, PAP/RAC

Final reflections and highlights



MEET THE SPEAKERS



Martina Bocci
Research consultant for
the National Research
Council of Italy (CNR)

Holding a PhD in ecology, she specializes in marine and coastal studies, planning and management, marine protection and the promotion of circular economy in coastal areas. Owner and CEO of t-Elika.



Päivi Haapasaari
Senior Research Scientist
at Finnish Environment
Institute (SYKE)

Marine social scientist (PhD, Associate Professor [Docent] at the University of Helsinki) whose research focuses on social-ecological systems, risk and decision analysis, and marine and freshwater governance.



Helena Maria Gregório Pina Calado
Assistant Professor at the
University of the Azores

With a PhD in geography and environmental planning, her expertise spans environmental and spatial planning, GIS, environmental law and politics, and marine spatial planning.



Kemal Pinarbasi
Project Coordinator at
HELCOM

Holding a PhD in marine spatial planning, his work focuses on regional policies, decision support tools, marine conservation, and ecosystem services.



Mauro Randone
Regional Projects Manager
at WWF-Med

Marine biologist and sociologist with extensive experience in international cooperation, integrated ocean management and sustainable blue economy. Coordinator of the WWF-Mediterranean's Regional Sustainable Blue Economy Programme.



Celine Frank
Policy Officer at DG MARE
- European Commission

With a background in marine and coastal management research, she has been working on various EU policies related to offshore renewables, aquaculture, and maritime spatial planning since 2016 at the Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries.

