MSP4BIO FINAL EVENT
2nd – 4th of July 2025, Venice, Italy |
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Date and location: 2nd – 4th of July 2025, Venice, Italy

Time: 9:00 am - 6:30 pm CET

Format: Hybrid, National Research Council – Institute of Marine Science (CNR-ISMAR), Arsenale Tesa 104, Castello 2737/F – 30122 Venice (Italy)

Event Summary

The MSP4BIO Final Event will take place in Venice from 2 to 4 July 2025 at the CNR ISMAR headquarters. This three-day gathering brings together key stakeholders, Communities of Practice, marine planners, MPA managers, policymakers and conservation experts for discussion and validation of project results, interactive sessions their exploitation and upscale, with keynote speeches, and hands-on workshops.

The event runs alongside MEDIGREEN's internal workshop and NESBp Multi-Use workshop on Maripark scenario building, offering extensive opportunities for cross-project dialogue and networking against the unique backdrop of Venice's historic Arsenale.
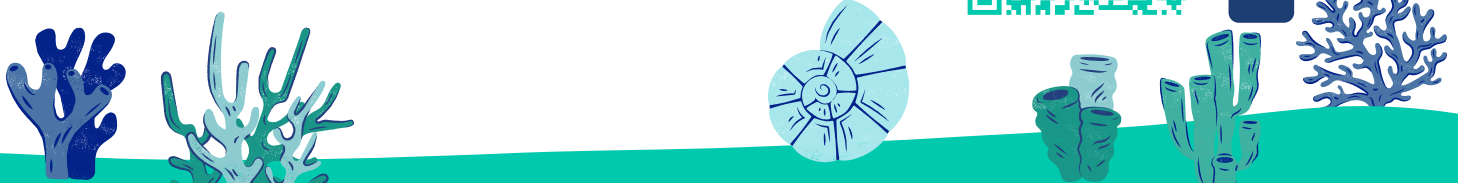
Key Takeaways

- **Latest Insights:** Discover cutting-edge tools and methodologies developed by MSP4BIO partners for biodiversity-inclusive Maritime Spatial Planning.
- **Expert Exchange:** Engage with international stakeholders—from DG MARE representatives to regional CoP members—and contribute to science-policy dialogues and policy-relevant discussions.
- **Collaborative Workshops:** Participate in co-design sessions on validation, upscaling and exploitation of project results, and help shape concrete uptake paths for MSP processes.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Forge new partnerships during reception events, boat tours and dinners at Torcello, enhancing synergies across EU-funded initiatives.

Registration

- **Until 25th of June 2025**
- **Secure your place now: Register here**

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Program   DAY 1 - July 2nd

09:00 - 13:00   **NESBp Multi-use workshop on Maripark scenario building, Blue Cluster**
Register here!

From 12:00   **Registration**
MEDIGREEN/NESBp partners joining the premises

13:00 - 14:30   Welcome lunch

Session 1: Introduction and Welcome

14:30 - 14:45   **Welcome (Lucia Bongiorni, CNR, Ivana Stojanovic, S.Pro)**

Session 2: Cross-fertilisation and knowledge transfer among MPA/MSP projects

14:45 - 18:00   Introduction to the session, **Mauro Randone, WWF MED**
Chair - Relevance of project synergies, **Ivan Conesa, DG RTD**

Keynotes:
Ute Jacob - BioAgora Marine Biodiversity Cluster coordination Team representative
Emiliano Ramieri, MSP4BIODIVERSITY project

Synergies between projects
Results of MSP4BIO Think tanks, **Mauro Randone, WWF MED**
Pitch presentations of the projects (MEDIGREEN, NESBp, BRIDGE-BS, ReMAP, Marine Plan, MPA Europe, BLUE4ALL, MSP Green etc)
Joint policy recommendations, **Kemal Pinarbasi, HELCOM**

Interactive session

- Follow up on the work done in MSP4BIO Science-Policy Think tanks and map and identify most transferable and impactful tools from the projects

- Recommendations: joint messages for the way forward

Reception

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Program   DAY 2 - July 3rd

Session 1: Formal Opening of the Final event

09:00 - 10:30   **Welcome and introduction**
·Opening remarks: **Mario Sprovieri** (CNR-ISMAR director), **Celine Frank** (DG MARE), **Victoria Beaz Hidalgo** (REA) and **Angela Schultz-Zehden** (S.Pro)

Setting the Scene - Context for MSP4BIO results
Panel discussion moderated by **Marina Markovic,** PAP/RAC

·**Panelists**: **Celine Frank**, DG MARE, **Anna Bobo Remijn**, DG ENV, **Martina Bocci**, CNR consultant, **Javier Garcia Sanabria**, UCA, **Jacek Zaucha**, GMU, **Stanislava Atanasova**, Ministry of regional development and public works of Bulgaria (CoP), **Jan Schmidtbauer Crona**, Senior Analyst at SwAM (CoP)

10:30 - 11:00   **Coffee break (poster presentation)**

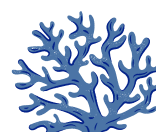## Session 2: Validation of MSP4BIO Results

11:00 - 13:15   **Objectives of the session:**
- Reflect on how project results can be exploited, reused, or scaled
- Validating transferability and upscale of results from test site to sea-basin level

Presentation of MSP4BIO results with Q&A:
- MSP4BIO data accessibility and availability (VLIZ) - 5 min
- ESE Framework (CNR) - 15 min
- Key facts on ESE modules (CNR/UTRATU, UAc, UCA, HELCOM) - 25 min
- Policy barriers and solutions (SYKE, HELCOM, WWF MED) - 10 min
- Results in test sites (CCMS, test site leads) - 25 min
- Stakeholder engagement and insights on the work with CoPs (CEREMA) - 10 min
- MPA/MSP integration framework (UAc) - 10 min
- ESE Framework live demo (CNR) - 5 min

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13:15- 14:30	Lunch break

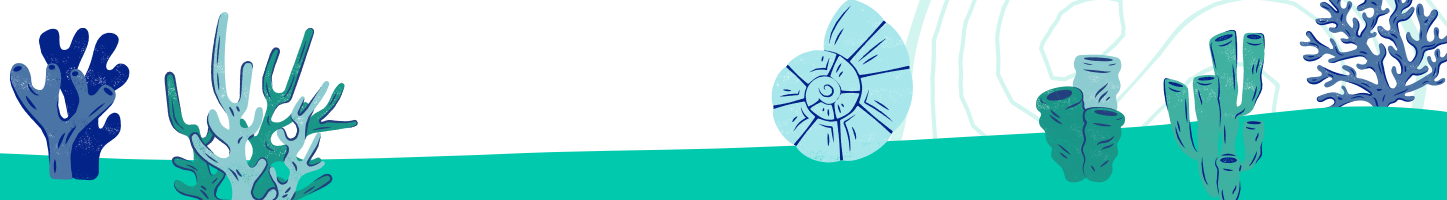## Session 3: Validation workshop

14:30- 17:30   **Feedback from CoPs, Advisory Board and participants**
- Invite feedback from planners, policymakers, regional actors, feedback from CoP members

- Upscale and transferability of MSP4BIO results (key recommendations), **Margarita Stancheva, CCMS**
- Exploitation roadmap of MSP4BIO results, **Ivana Stojanovic, s.Pro**

Interactive session

- **Structured feedback on key results, their exploitation and impact, transferability and scalability.**

- **Coffee served in the room during interactive session.**

- **Conclusions and next steps.**

Program   DAY 3 - July 4th

Session 1: Internal MSP4BIO event: Capitalisation and Next Steps

09:00 - 11:00 **Final Steps**
- Final report: preparation for financial and technical reporting; dates; actions, **s.Pro, PO, MSP4BIO project partners**
- Final dissemination and exploitation of the project outcomes, existing plans after project ends; final publications

Communicating Our Legacy
- What messages resonate? Who are the multipliers?
- Joint messaging check (e.g., for a policy brief)

Identify concrete uptake paths
- MSP processes, policy, industry, research
- Decide on eventual adaptations to be done in the final reports in line with validation workshop outcomes, **all partners**

11:00 - 11:15   **Coffee break**

11:15 - 12:45
- A follow up project? What next? Examples of real-world application or test site work continuing
- Reflections from project coordinator, PO

12:45 - 13:00 **Conclusions and Farewell**
Final reflections and closing words (**PO, MSP4BIO SC, s.Pro**)