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Governance and technology for a sustainable blue economy in WestMED
PA 1: TRANSBOUNDARY MSP
Guidance on transboundary MSP
Transboundary projects in WestMED & SE Pacific / 3rd International Conference

PA 2: SUSTAINABLE BLUE GROWTH
MSP and Blue Growth Studies and Conferences at global and regional scale

PA 3: ECOSYSTEM-BASED MSP
Knowledge and capacities on environmental pressures

PA 4: CAPACITY BUILDING
Training the trainer for planning our ocean in line with Agenda 2030 targets

PA 5: MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING
International Fórum of experts and joint communication actions

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COASTAL AND MARINE ECOSYSTEM-BASED MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING (ICZM & MSP) INCLUDING SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY AND LARGE MARINE ECOSYSTEMS

COASTAL AND MARINE HAZARDS ADAPTATION AND PREPAREDNESS THROUGH EBM/AREA-BASED MANAGEMENT TOOLS

COASTAL AND MARINE DATA, INFORMATION AND DECISION SUPPORT TOOLS
Towards a sustainable blue economy

Blue Economy

- Marine Science and Technology Development
- Governance/Institutional Framework (EBM,MSP)
- Investment/Financing
- Stakeholders
- Research
- Monitoring, Control and Surveillance
MSP & ICZM & Climate change
Cumulative stressors

ICZM vs. MSP

- Similarities (in theory):
  - Ecosystem approach
  - Land-Sea Interaction
  - Integrative (multi-sectorial) approach
  - Sustainable use and management
  - Stakeholder participation

In practice, similarities, differences and overlaps are results of the policy framework of each country!
Example: Mediterranean

- **Barcelona Convention** -> ICZM Protocol
- **Mid-Term Strategy 2016–2021**: recommended to strengthen activities on MSP as part of ICZM
- **Conceptual Framework for MSP (2017)**: developed to facilitate the introduction of MSP under the Barcelona Convention and linked to the ICZM Protocol

➢ **Challenges**: different authorities for ICZM and MSP + unbalanced distribution of experiences between EU and non-EU countries

MSP as the main ‘tool’ to implement ICZM in the marine domain

**OBS 1**: Geographical overlap of the ICZM Protocol and the EU MSP Directive: both include the Territorial Sea.

**OBS 2**: Some MED countries have not claimed/agreed its EEZ yet.

(Ramieri et al., 2019; UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.23/23)
Objectives

02 Building synergies to promote the integration of ocean-related hazards and climate change adaptation within coastal and marine management and planning tools to improve preparedness and resilience of coastal communities

- **Coastal cities adaptation and preparedness**
  - In collaboration with Member States

- **Coastal and Marine Risks**
  - In collaboration with IOC/TSU, MSPglobal & Member States

- **Resilience of coastal communities**
  - In collaboration with Large Marine Ecosystems and Member States

- **Scenarios for MSP and Blue Economy**
  - In collaboration MSPglobal, Sweden and European Commission
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- Promoting ecosystem-based approaches at global and regional scale through internationally accepted guidance on **Marine Spatial Planning and Sustainable Blue Economy**