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Conference

“Challenges and opportunities for maritime spatial planning of the Black Sea in Romania and Bulgaria”

Final Conference of the project MARSPLAN BS



Venue: Bucharest, 11th of January 2018, 10³⁰ - 17³⁰
Hotel Marshal Garden, 50B Dorobanților Street, Sector 1, Panoramic Conference
Room

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Agenda

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Registration

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Welcoming remarks

Ciprian Lucian ROȘCA, Secretary of State, Ministry of Regional Development, Public Administration and European Funds, Romania

Adriana PETCU, Secretary of State, Ministry of Water and Forests, Romania

Juan RONCO ZAPATERO, Policy Officer, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Unit A2 - Blue Economy Sectors, Aquaculture and Maritime Spatial Planning

Greta BORG, Project adviser, Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, Unit A.3 - European Maritime and Fisheries Fund

Tsvetelina ATANASSOVA, Head of Strategic Planning and Contracting Department, Directorate General Strategic Planning and Regional Development Programmes, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works, Republic of Bulgaria

Simion NICOLAEV, General Director, National Institute for Marine Research and Development “Grigore Antipa”, Romania, MARSPLAN BS Project partner

Moderator: Anca GINAVAR, Head of the Department for territorial and urban planning, Ministry of Regional Development, Public Administration and European Funds, Romania

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Press conference/Coffee break/Map exhibition

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FIRST SESSION

Maritime spatial planning in response to the need for an integrated approach of the maritime activities

Moderator: Liviu BĂILEȘTEANU, Director, Department for Policy and Strategy, Ministry of Regional Development, Public Administration and European Funds

Theme # 1.1: Contribution of the project MARSPLAN-BS to the implementation of the Directive 2014/89/UE establishing a framework for maritime spatial planning

Diana ȚENEA, General Director, Project manager, General Directorate for Regional Development and Infrastructure

Gheorghe CONSTANTIN, Director, Ministry of Waters and Forests, Directorate for the Management of Water Resources, MARSPLAN BS Project partner

Theme # 1.2: Institutional framework for maritime spatial planning, Bogdan GHINEA, Coordinator, Unit for policies and strategies for sustainable development, Policy and Strategy Department

Theme # 1.3: The experience in the implementation of the maritime spatial planning in EU states, Angela SCHULTZ-ZEHDEN, Director, European MSP - PLATFORM

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Lunch break

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17⁰⁰

SECOND SESSION

Strategic vision and policy recommendations for cross-border maritime spatial planning for the Black Sea in Romania and Bulgaria

Moderator: Ph.D. Margarita STANCHEVA, Institute of Oceanology, Academy of Sciences - BAS, Bulgaria

Opening of the session: The MARSPLAN BS experience - short interventions on the experience of the implementation of the project.

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Part I

Theme # 2.1: Major challenges and opportunities of the maritime spatial planning for Romania and Bulgaria: A case study approach

Aim: Presentation of the Case Study Approach of MARSPLAN-BS as good practise, of the results and short presentation on the five case studies by each responsible partner (main results and lessons learned with points for discussion on challenges and opportunities). Presentation of the MSP major challenges, opportunities.

- **Case study on Eforie area and Case study Aquaculture and fisheries**, Ph.D. Laurența ALEXANDROV, Senior Researcher, National Institute for Marine Research and Development "G. Antipa" (RO)
- **Case study on ship routing system**, Peter KIROV, Chief Secretary, Executive Agency "Maritime Administration", (BG)
- **Case study Sfântu Gheorghe**, Iulian NICHERȘU "Danube Delta" National Institute for Research and Development (RO)
- **Case study Burgas: Land - Sea Interactions**, Ph.D. Margarita STANCHEVA, Institute of Oceanology - BAS (BG)

Feedback: participants are welcomed and encouraged to share ideas and ask questions on the presentations.

Theme # 2.2: Strategic vision for maritime spatial planning in Romania and Bulgaria

Aim: presentation of the Mangalia - Shabla cross-border approach, pilot spatial plan, public consultation, similarities and differences, scenarios, vision)

Constantin CHIFELEA, Researcher, National Institute for Research and Development in Construction, Urban Planning and Sustainable Development URBAN INCERC, (RO)

Feedback: participants are welcomed and encouraged to share ideas and ask questions on the presentations.

Theme # 2.3: Importance of the participation of the relevant stakeholders and authorities in the development of the cross-border maritime spatial plan for the Black Sea.

Professor Mihai GÎRȚU, Ph.D. Vice-Rector, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, (RO)

Feedback: participants are welcomed and encouraged to share ideas and ask questions on the presentations.

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Coffee break & Map exhibition

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Part II

Theme # 2.4: Main public policy recommendations for maritime cross-border maritime spatial planning for the Black Sea in Romania and Bulgaria

Bogdan GHINEA, coordinator, Unit for policies and strategies for sustainable development, Policy and Strategy Department

Theme # 2.5: Next steps - From MARSPLAN project to MSP (the elaboration of the maritime spatial plan at the national level)

Anca GINAVAR, Head of the Department for territorial and urban planning, Ministry of Regional Development, Public Administration and European Funds, Romania

Maria GEORGIEVA, Chief expert, Directorate General Strategic Planning and Programmes for Regional Development, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works, Bulgaria

Feedback: participants are welcomed and encouraged to share ideas and ask questions on the presentations.

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Conclusions of the conference

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CONTEXT FOR MARSPLAN BS PROJECT

MARSPLAN-BS “Cross-Border **MAR**itime **Spatial PLAN** for the **Black Sea** - Romania and Bulgaria”).

MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING AT THE EU

At the European Union level it was highly recognized the importance of the sea and the need to establish a framework for maritime spatial planning.

A crucial step in this respect was made with the adoption of the **Directive 2014/89/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 establishing a framework for maritime spatial planning**.

According to the Directive **maritime spatial planning** means a process by which the relevant Member State’s authorities analyse and organise human activities in marine areas to achieve ecological, economic and social objectives.

Each Member State shall establish and implement maritime spatial planning taking into account land-sea interactions. The resulting plan or plans shall be developed and produced in accordance with the institutional and governance levels determined by Member States. According to the Directive each Member State shall establish and implement maritime spatial planning as soon as possible, and at the latest by 31 March 2021.

The main benefits of maritime spatial planning are:

- Reduce conflicts between sectors and create synergies between different activities.
- Encourage investment - by creating predictability, transparency and clearer rules.
- Increase cross-border cooperation - between EU countries to develop energy grids, shipping lanes, pipelines, submarine cables and other activities, but also to develop coherent networks of protected areas.
- Protect the environment - through early identification of impact and opportunities for multiple use of space.

When establishing maritime spatial planning, Member States shall have due regard to the particularities of the marine regions, relevant existing and future activities and uses and their impacts on the environment, as well as to natural resources.

ABOUT THE PROJECT MARSPLAN BS

In order to support the implementation of the Directive 2014/89/EU, the European Commission approved a grant for the implementation of the project **Cross-Border MARitime Spatial Plan for the Black Sea - Romania, Bulgaria MARSPLAN-BS**.

The **objectives** of the project MARSPLAN - BS are:

- Supporting the implementation of the directive on EU maritime spatial planning;
- Creating an institutional framework for Romania-Bulgaria cross-border maritime spatial planning;
- Developing the cooperation with all states in the Black Sea marine region for maritime spatial planning in the Black Sea region;
- Consolidating the cross-border cooperation and exchange of information between Romania and Bulgaria on issues related to maritime area;
- Setting out the vision and strategic goals for Black Sea region relevant for maritime spatial planning, while also taking into consideration the land-sea interaction;
- Elaborate the maritime spatial plan for the cross-border area Mangalia-Shabla;
- Contributing to a wider dissemination of all the information gathered on MSP, Black Sea region and best practices to all stakeholders in the Black Sea maritime area.

Partners involved in the project

Project partner institutions are:

- Ministry of Regional Development, Public Administration and European Funds (RO) - Lead Partner
- Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works, (BG)
- Ministry of Waters and Forests, (RO)
- National Institute for Marine Research and Development “Grigore Antipa”, (RO)
- “Danube Delta” National Institute for Research and Development, (RO)
- National Institute for Research and Development in Construction, Urban Planning and Sustainable Development URBAN INCERC, (RO)
- “Ovidius” University of Constanta, (RO)
- Institute of Oceanology - Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, (BG);
- Executive Agency “Maritime Administration”, (BG)
- Bulgarian Ports Infrastructure Company, (BG).

Implementation period and budget of the project

The project will be finalizing on the 13th of February 2018 and has an implementing period of 30 months and a budget of 2.048.921 Euro.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

In the context of the project finalization it has been organized the Conference “Challenges and opportunities for maritime spatial planning of the Black Sea in Romania and Bulgaria”, to be held in Bucharest, Romania.

Aim

The aim of the final conference is to contribute to the capitalization of the results of the project MARSPLAN-BS in the future national activities to be performed for the elaboration of the maritime spatial plan in Romania and Bulgaria. Also the conference has the objective to disseminate to the relevant actors good MSP practices.

Map exhibition

During the conference the participants are invited to participate to a **map exhibition** with the aim to bring into the spotlight the most relevant results of the project.

The **map exhibition** of relevant maps elaborated within the project on the following themes:

- maritime spatial plan for cross-border area Mangalia - Shabla (analysis of the current situation - main maritime uses, assessment of the conflicts and synergies of the marine areas, development scenario);
- ship routing system in territorial sea of Romania and Bulgaria,
- marine fishery and aquaculture under MSP,
- Sfântu - Gheorghe Land - Sea Interactions (Sketch Map methodology),
- Burgas Land - Sea Interactions.

The exhibition is organized near the Panoramic Conference Room.

Date of the Conference

11th of January 2018, 10³⁰ - 17³⁰

Venue

Bucharest, Hotel Marshal Garden, 50B Dorobanților Street,
<http://www.hotelmarshalgarden.ro>
Panoramic Conference Room, Fifth floor.

Reimbursement of the travel expenditure

The travel expenditure may be reimbursed from the budget of the project including accommodation for participants located out of Bucharest (2 nights' accommodation) and transport.

Practical info

Translation in Romanian, Bulgarian and English will be ensured.

Confirmation

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We are hoping that the event will raise a significant interest around the themes of the conference and that will ensure the participation of the relevant stakeholders and authorities, at an early stage, in the development of the national maritime spatial plans for the Black Sea in Romania and Bulgaria.