



REACHING ACROSS SEA SPACES

***Results on MSP from the Bonus BALTS**PACE Project*

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Fewer conflicts, more investment, increased cross-border cooperation as well as protection of the marine environment - these are the goals that Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) and the associated directive 2014/89/EU pursue. As this list already suggests, MSP is about bringing together and reconciling different ends and perspectives.

The researchers of the BONUS BALTS

PACE project have for the past three years studied MSP processes in the Baltic Sea Region. In particular, they have analysed them for different types of integration mechanisms, i.e. policy and sector integration, integration across scales and boundaries, stakeholder integration as well as integration of the knowledge base. The researchers identified challenges as well as enabling conditions in MSP processes and developed approaches that support the work of maritime spatial planners.

At the project conference “Reaching across sea spaces – Results on MSP from the BONUS BALTS

PACE project”, the project partnership will present findings with particular focus on stakeholder and cross-border integration. Together with invited representatives from other regional seas contexts they will discuss challenges, opportunities and solutions for MSP.

We are looking forward to a stimulating discussion with Members of the European Parliament, scientists, maritime spatial planners as well as supporters and observers of MSP processes.

*Participants are kindly requested to register as soon as possible [here](#) in order to guaranty and organize the access to the EP. The day of the conference, Participants are kindly requested to present themselves from **14:45** onwards, in order to avoid delays.*



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15.00-15.10 - Welcome Addresses

- Ms **Gesine MEISSNER**, MEP, Chair of the Intergroup

15.10-15.20 - Status update on the implementation of the MSP Directive

- Mr **Felix LEINEMANN**, Head of Unit, Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

15.20-15.30 - Setting the scene: Integration and MSP

- Mr **Michael GILEK**, Södertörn University / BONUS BALSPACE

15.30-16.00 - Presentations on key findings from the BONUS BALSPACE project on stakeholder involvement and cross-border integration

Stakeholder integration:

- **Andrea MORF**, Swedish Institute for the Marine Environment / BONUS BALSPACE

Cross-border integration:

- Ms **Kira GEE**, Helmholtz-Zentrum Geesthacht / BONUS BALSPACE

Discussion with participants

16.00-16.40 - Panel Discssion

Moderation by Ms **Angela SCHULTZ-ZEHDEN**, s.Pro / BONUS BALSPACE and EU MSP Platform

- Ms **Ulrike RODUST**, MEP, Vice-Chair of the Intergroup
- Mr **Pierpaolo CAMPOSTRINI**, SUPREME & SIMWESTMED projects
- Mr **Jesse VERHALLE**, Marine Attaché of the Belgian Federal Public Services (FPS) Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment
- Ms **Renata BRIANO**, MEP, Member of the Intergroup

16.40-17.00 - Reflections of an MSP planner and an MEP

- Mr **Jacek ZAUCHA**, Maritime Institute in Gdansk / BONUS BALSPACE
- Mr **Sergio COFFERATI**, MEP, Vice-Chair of the Intergroup in charge of Maritime Industries