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Project acronym and number:	MSP-GREEN — 101081314																								
Summary <i>(max 100 words)</i> <i>Explain the quintessence of the project. Mention the topic, the type of project as well as the expected results.</i>																									
<p>The MSP-GREEN project contributes to align Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) to the ambition of the European Green Deal (EGD) by creating a framework for plans as marine enablers of the EGD. The framework will provide a cross-cutting approach to EGD key topics relevant for marine environment and maritime activities: climate change, circular blue economy, marine biodiversity, marine renewable energies, sustainable sea-food provision. Recommendations on how to strengthen the EGD ambition of European MSP plans will be prepared. The sea basins' dimension will be promoted by considering environmental, socio-economic, and cultural specificities also, via dedicated Ocean Literacy driven communication.</p>																									
Context <i>(max 100 words)</i> <i>Describe the background of the project and its link to EU maritime and fisheries policy. What is the problem/challenge addressed by this project? Why?</i>																									
<p>Based on the provisions of the MSP Directive, Member States delivered, or are in the process of finalising, their MSP plans. However, the elaboration of plans started years ago. In the meanwhile, environmental and socio-economic targets have changed. The MSP Directive recognizes that healthy marine ecosystems, if integrated in planning decisions, can deliver substantial benefits and sustainable blue economy can be developed. In 2019 the EU launched the EGD and in 2021 the Communication COM/2021/240 was adopted, defining an agenda for the green transition of maritime sectors and evidencing the need to promote the achievement of EGD goals in the marine domain.</p>																									
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Activities (max 100 words) <i>What were the main activities carried out and how were they carried out?</i>	
<p>We will start analysing the national MSP plans of the participant countries by identifying the components in line with the various elements of the EGD actions. Moving forward, we will identify, describe and exchange among partners valuable practises about EGD integration within MSP, and identify, design and start to develop new actions that can improve the plans towards EGD objectives. Finally, recommendations will be prepared, addressed to EU MSP Authorities, on how to use MSP in fostering the achievement of the EGD, considering the needs arising from different types of MSP plans and national settings.</p>	
Results achieved (max 100 words) <i>Describe the outcomes and results achieved by the project. What is the benefit to the participants and the main stakeholders? What is the expected improvement and impact on the ground (on the economy, society, environment etc.)?</i>	
<p>The specific objectives of the project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assess whether and how MSP plans have considered the EGD objectives ▪ Assess what are the major gaps, challenges and trade-offs in mainstreaming EGD into MSP, ▪ Identify and exchange valuable practises of incorporation of EGD elements in MSP plans ▪ Identify, design and start implementing additional actions to strengthen the implementation of EGD-related objectives ▪ Provide recommendations to EU countries on how to use MSP in fostering the achievement of the EGD goals ▪ Engage regional sea communities – including non-EU countries – in a dialogue on the EGD ambition and the role of marine planning for a Sustainable Blue Economy 	
Policy contribution (max 100 words) <i>Does the project contribute to a specific EU policy? If so, which one and how?</i>	
<p>The project is specifically designed to improve tool, including policies, at EU and national level. It will analyse the interactions between MSP plans and EGD, hence identifying opportunities for enhancement of MSP and maritime EU regulations. The concept applies also to the policies currently existing to allow the development of sustainable blue economy (especially transport, fisheries and aquaculture) and adaptation to future changes, including decarbonization, by means of pilot cases on offshore renewable energy and circular economy.</p>	
Synergies with other EU funding (max 100 words) <i>Are there synergies with other EU-funded projects. If relevant, please name projects.</i>	
<p>MSP-GREEN assumes and complements the results or ongoing activities of several EU-funded projects in which the partners were or are involved, in both the following two categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Projects directly related to MSP, in different EU seas (i.e. SUPREME, SIMNORAT, SIMWESTMED, MSPMED, SIMAtlantic, Baltic Scope and Pan Baltic Scope, eMSP NBSR, MARSPLAN-BS II, Remap, REGINA-MSP, MSP4BIO, Marine Plan) b) Other programs (Interreg, Life) on topics related to MSP (i.e. Land-Sea-Act, Capacity4MSP, LIFE REEF) and on EGD, Climate Change, decarbonization, biodiversity, etc. (Adriadapt, Adriaclim, Framesport, EcoMED, Cascade, BIODIVERSEA LIFE-IP, MPA Europe, etc.). 	
Other (max 100 words) <i>Are there any other elements about the project relevant for being mentioned, including possible risks of not achieving its original objectives?</i>	

PARTICIPANTS

Participants

Who is behind the project?

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MSP-GREEN has been conceived as a pan-basin proposal. The motivations are the ambition to contribute with results valuable at EU level; the opportunity to exchange experiences among different countries and sea-basins, strengthening mutual learning and minimising duplication of effort; the interest in exchanging reflections at regional level on EGD challenges and opportunities offered by Sustainable Blue Economy and support efforts of joint work towards coherent MSP.

Besides having all wide experience in MSP and being directly involved in national MSP processes, the consortium partners provide a cluster of complementary competences: project coordination and research frameworks definition (CORILA), communication (MoEPRD, CORILA, IUAV, FI RCSW), sea-basin strategies, governance and stakeholder engagement (CEREMA, FI FI RCSW, MoEPRD), maritime sectors and environmental compatibility (CSIC, CNR, IFREMER, University of Brest), Sustainable Blue Economy (FI FI RCSW, CCMS, CEREMA).

RESULTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Results and achievements

List the project results.

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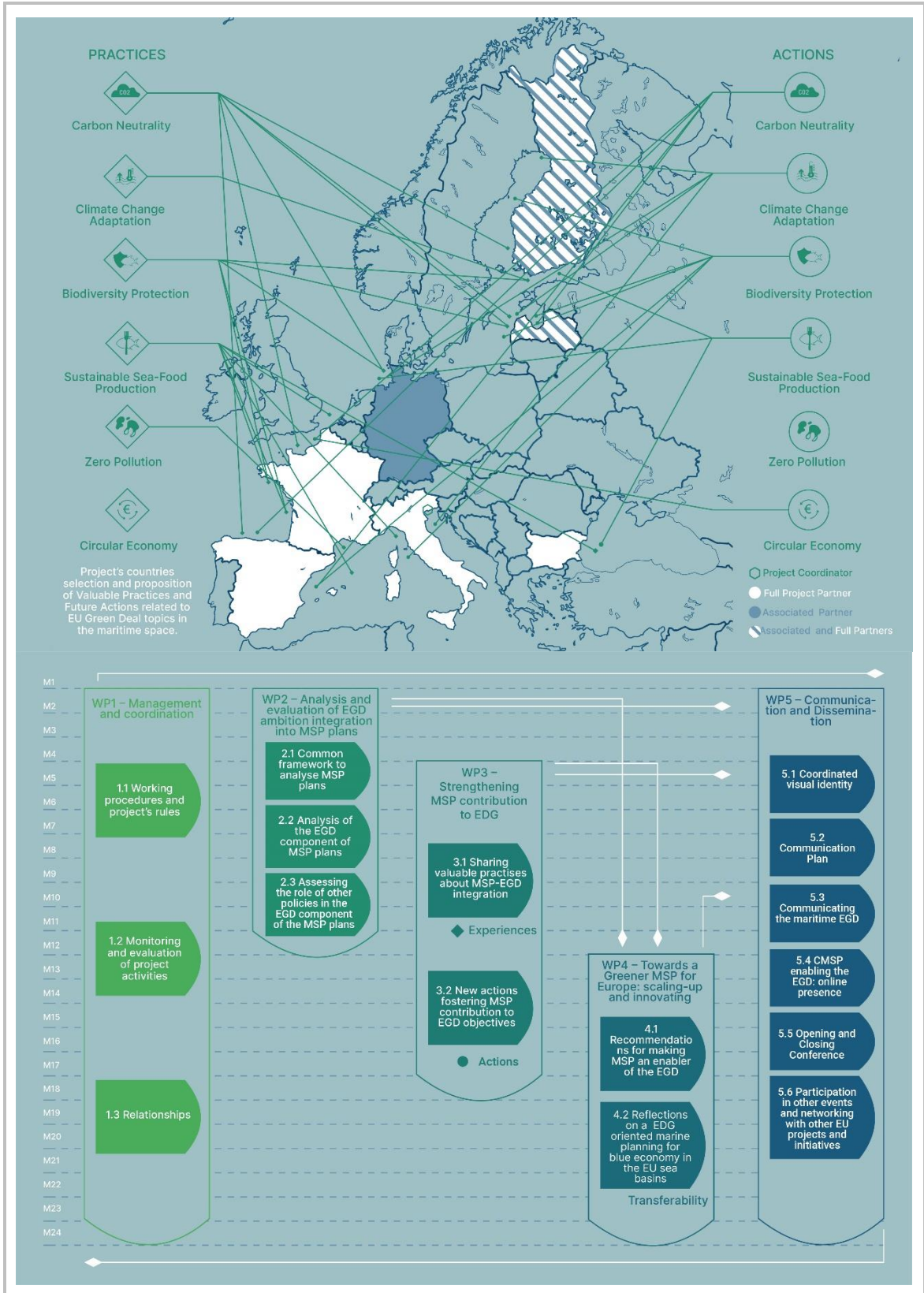
- Repository of best practises and lessons learnt
- Co-generated EU and sea basin level recommendations to ensure that MSP plans are coherent with respect to EGD objectives.
- Policy recommendations and identify concrete actions to boost the EGD components of MSP plans
- Policy briefs including elements of "policy feedback"(possible improvement of the MSP Directive and MSP policies at sea basin level
- Reach out coastal and maritime stakeholders and make them aware of EGD ambitions,
- Share EGD ambitions and the way they can be integrated within MSP with non-EU countries, in the frame of sea basin cooperation mechanisms

PHOTOS AND VISUALS

Photos and visuals

Illustrate the project with visual supports, such as pictures of events, illustrations, infographics, visual arts or videos.

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