

MSP GREEN

Maritime Spatial Planning as enabler of the European Green Deal

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The project

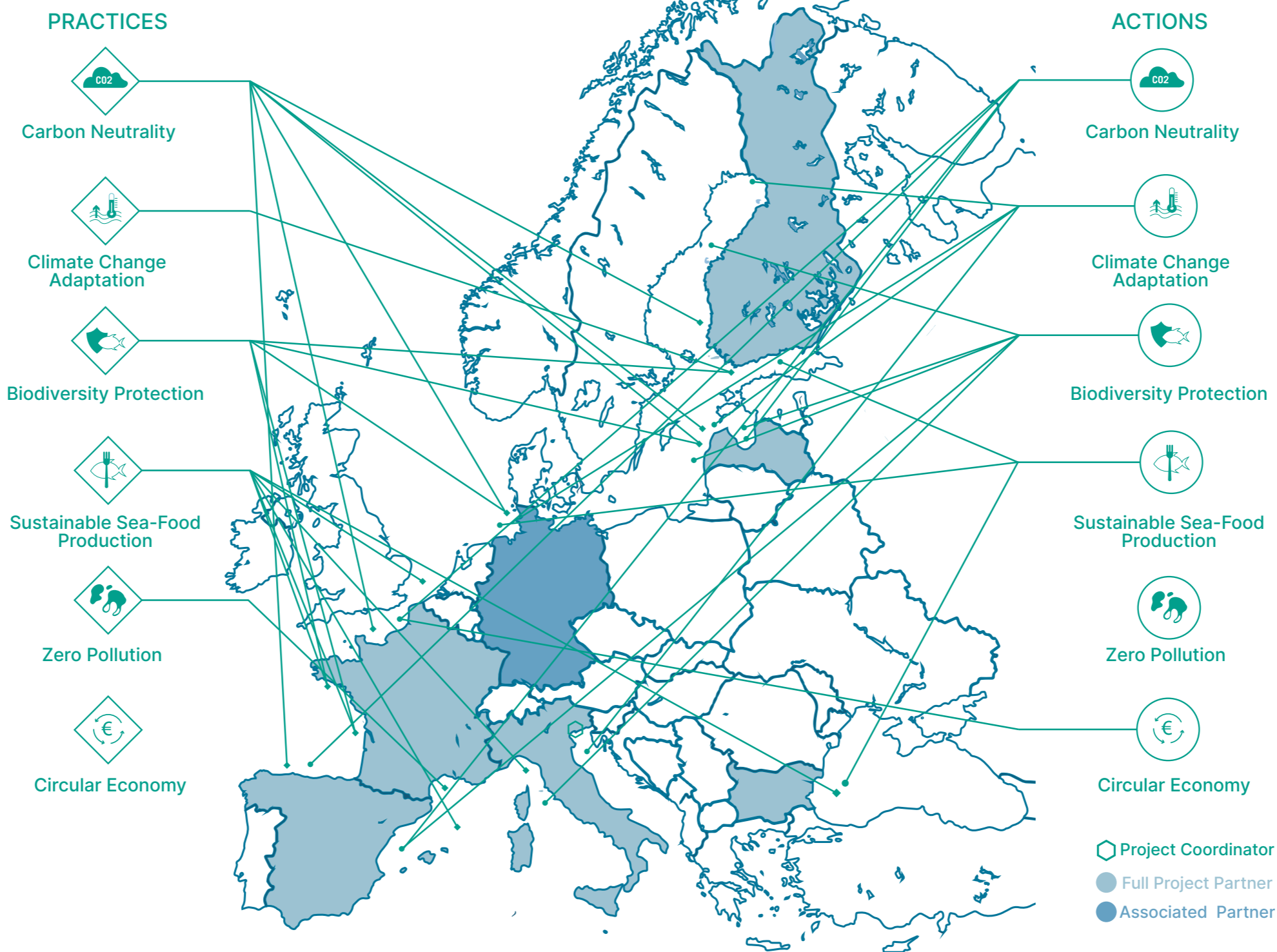
The new project MSP-GREEN contributes to align maritime spatial plans to the ambition of the EGD by creating a framework for plans as marine enablers of the EGD. The framework will provide a cross-cutting approach to the EGD key topics relevant for marine environment and sustainable transition of blue economy: climate change, circular blue economy, marine biodiversity, marine renewable energies, sustainable food provision.

Recommendations on how to strengthen the EGD ambition of EU 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.

The project will run from November 2022 to November 2024.

The total budget of the project, co-funded at 80% by the European Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund is of: **1 933 490.03 €**

Project's countries selection and proposition of Valuable Practices and Future Actions related to EU Green Deal topics in the maritime space.



Topics

Based on a cross-cutting approach, MSP-GREEN will systematically investigate the **most relevant key marine and maritime pillars of the EGD:**

Carbon neutrality, including production of marine renewable energy, contribution of maritime sectors to climate change mitigation and protection and restoration of blue habitats

Climate change adaptation of ecosystems and maritime and coastal activities

Sustainable sea-food production (i.e. through aquaculture, incl. macroalgae production, sustainable fisheries etc.)

Biodiversity and ecosystem protection, including marine habitat restoration

Circular economy in the diverse maritime sectors

Zero pollution

Additional, horizontal components of the EGD as just, fair and inclusive transition will be addressed across all the analysed topics.

The project considers five sea basins: the Mediterranean Sea, the Black Sea, the Atlantic Ocean, the North Sea and the Baltic Sea.

Objectives

The specific objectives of the project are :

- ◆ 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

Structure and scope

The project is structured around five Work packages:

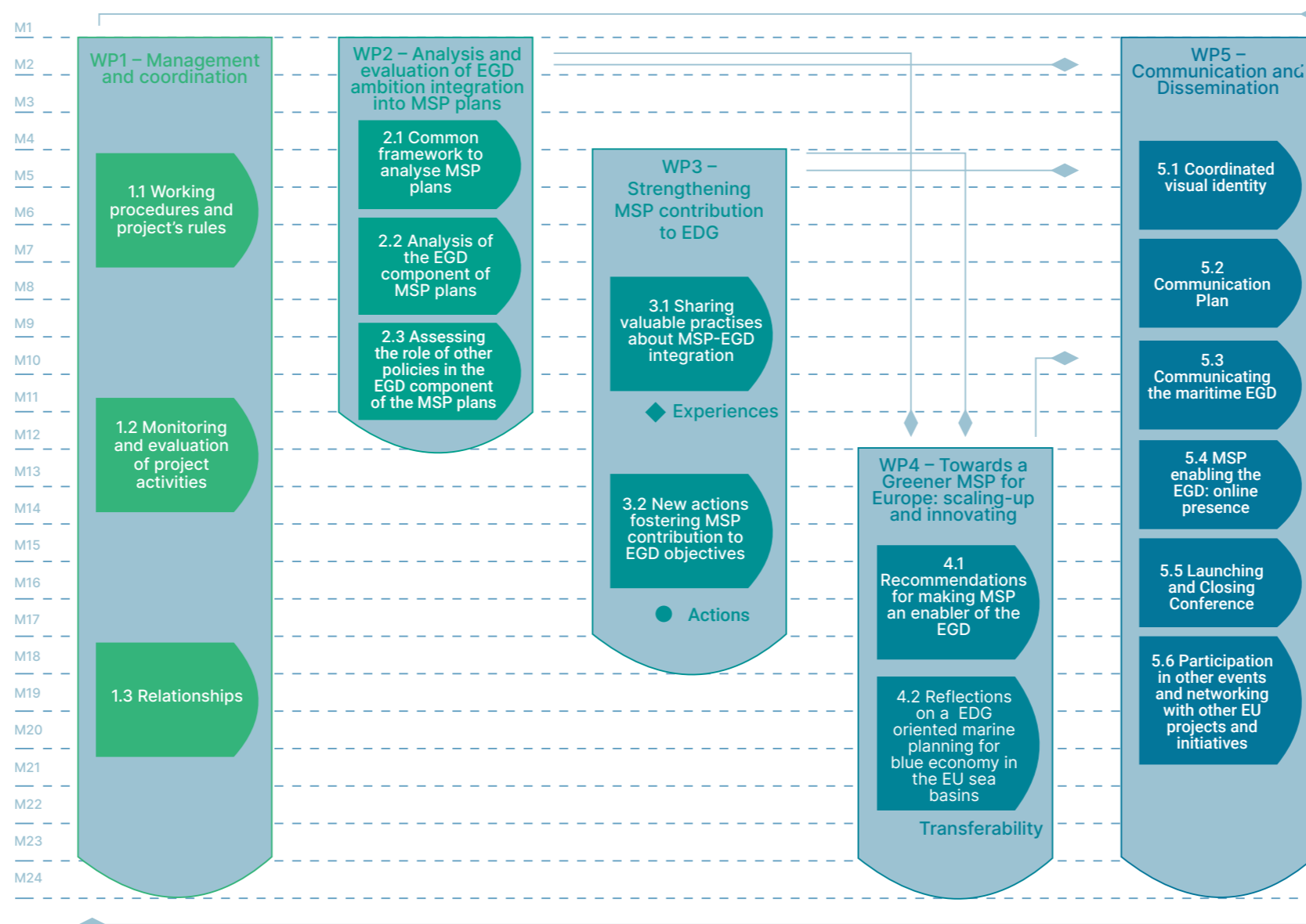
WP1 "Project management and coordination" leads the project to operational and financial achievements

WP2 "Analysis and evaluation of EGD ambition integration into MSP plans" evaluates whether and how MSP plans have considered the EGD objectives and identify the major gaps. (Feeding WP3 and WP4).

WP3 "Strengthening MSP contribution to EGD" fosters the role of national MSP Plans in contributing to EGD objectives (WP2). (Feeding WP4).

WP4 "Towards a Greener MSP for Europe: scaling-up and innovating" gathers the outcomes from WP2 and WP3 and elaborate them to be shared across the EU and the sea-basins. Recommendations will be prepared, addressed to EU MSP Authorities of the five regional sea-basins.

WP5 "Communication and dissemination" shares project outcomes and promote MSP, the EMFAF actions and maritime EGD.



The Sea horizon, is green.