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Marine Spatial Planning

What is Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) and how can it be used to help inform decisions about the sustainable utilisation of Irelands marine resources



MARINA Project

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Marine Spatial Planning (MSP)

This workshop was convened to discuss what is MSP and how can it be used to help inform decisions about the sustainable utilisation of Ireland’s marine resources using the Mobilisation and Mutual Learning approach. Participants were invited from government agencies, Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), and related marine disciplines. Discussion was developed using a Focus Group methodology in order to develop an agreed initial roadmap to overcome the challenges identified.

22 participants from different stakeholder groups expressed their opinion in this participative workshop:

Citizen



Business representatives



Policymakers



Researchers



Other



Responsible Research and Innovation

Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) engages and brings together all stakeholders, creates dialogue and facilitates knowledge-sharing. It ensures the sustainable use of natural resources and makes sure that the needs of citizens and society are integrated into research and innovation. Participants put forth proposals of collective solutions based on the six RRI dimensions:



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Workshop Outcomes

The development of the initial roadmap has proven to be a useful exercise in outlining what Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) is and how it can be used to help inform decisions about the sustainable utilisation of Ireland's marine resources.

It was clear that all participants were convinced of the need for the development of a Marine Spatial Plan for Ireland. However, there are real and significant challenges to be addressed in order to ensure that all stakeholders successfully participate in the process.

The initial roadmap developed by participants provides some definite approaches and a way forward to meet these challenges:

Define

Plan

Implement

Responsible Research & Innovation Dimensions



- Develop a national MSP process using common easily understood language
- Implement a mutual learning and codesign methodology to strengthen sectoral links with stakeholder groups

- Develop fit for purpose legislation and coherent policies and licensing frameworks for foreshore.
- Ensure planning concerns are effectively addressed when transposing the Marine Spatial Plan into Irish Law.
- Secure buy-in from all stakeholders through heightened awareness of the MSP process

- Implement a coherent and long-term infrastructural plan that considers the current and future societal MSP needs.
- Effective open and transparent processes are required
- Deliver National awareness campaigns through tradition channels and online resources which are readily accessible by all users.

The MARINA Project is funded by the EU Programme Horizon 2020. 14 partners across Europe are joining forces for a period of 36 months to bring together stakeholders around marine issues and societal challenges and propose RRI driven roadmaps of actions to respond to them.

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