


Building an Efficient Interdisciplinary Scientific Community for Policy Relevant Knowledge on MSP – A new JPI Oceans Joint Action

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What is Joint Programming?

Joint Programming Initiatives

Increase the value of national R&D investments

Intergovernmental & EC

12%

Member States

88%

There is a high degree of compartmentalization in EU expending in RTD that prevents maximizing the return of the investments

Increase efficiency and effectiveness of public RTD spending through cross-border collaboration, coordination and integration of (existing) national RTD activities



JPI Oceans?

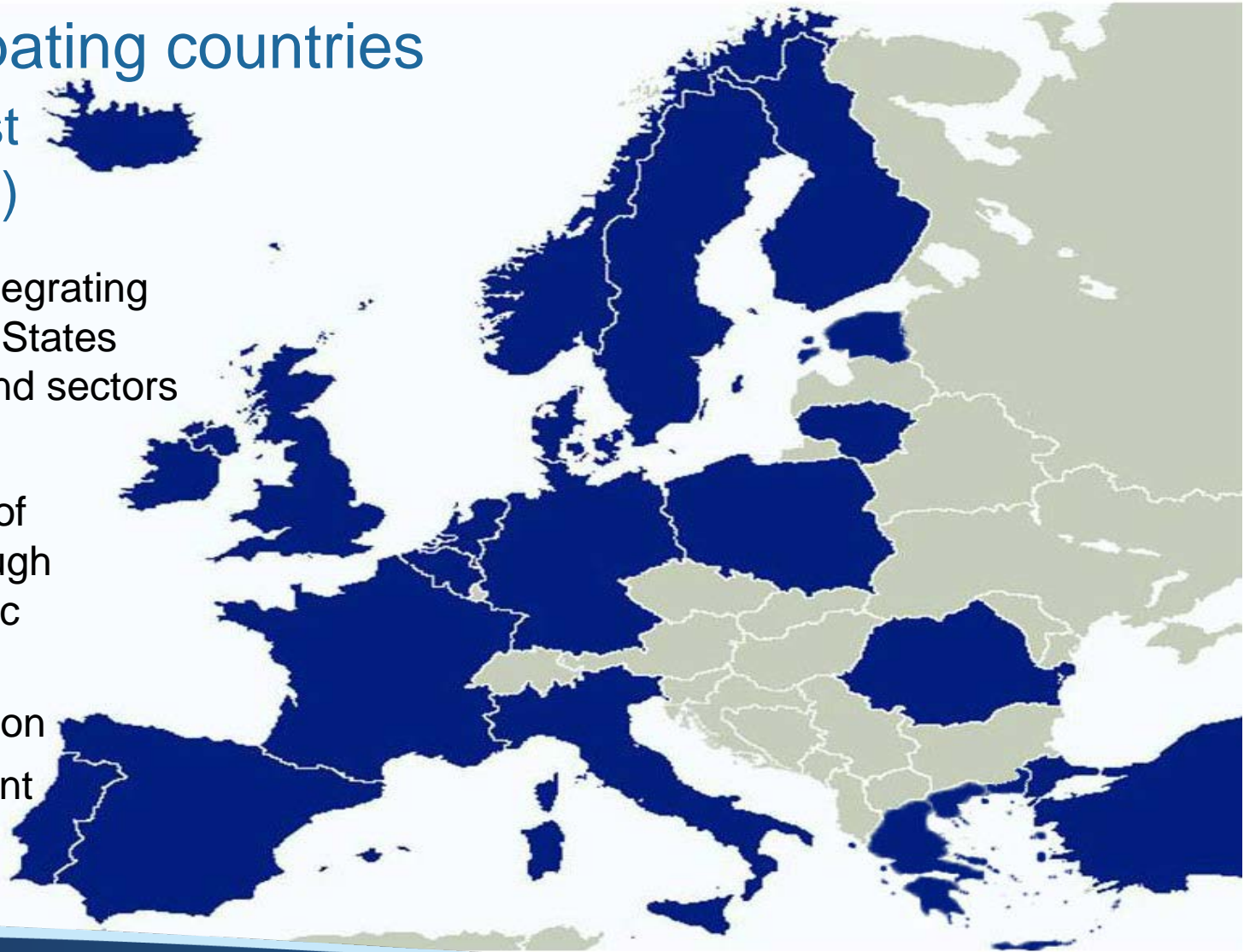
20 Participating countries

(+ Outermost regions)

Coordinating and integrating platform of Member States across disciplines and sectors

Added value:

- Increasing value of investments through improved scientific cooperation
- Avoiding duplication
- Strategic alignment
- Range of tools



JPI Oceans and Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP)

JPI Oceans Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda defined Strategic Area 3 as

“Science Support To Coastal and Maritime Planning and Management”,

recognising that

“Interdisciplinary research to support maritime spatial management is needed to integrate environmental concerns into the planning of multi-industrial activities in coastal and marine areas”.

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Research and
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Agenda
2015-2020**

Background: Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP)

- The European Directive
 - entered into force September 2014 ([2014/89/EU](#));
 - encourages more international cooperation
- Bottlenecks:
 - knowledge gaps,
 - dialog between planners and scientific advisers
 - Marine data fragmented and some lack quality
- Needs:
 - jointly find an efficient way to share and build on existing experience / knowledge and data,
 - efficiently address most urgent research gaps
 - a regional approach with important initiatives, e.g. BLUEMED, BONUS, EUSAIR, etc.

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Participants / Countries that committed themselves to jointly develop the Action

Italy (Lead Country), Belgium, Estonia, Spain, France, Germany, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom

Objectives

- 1.create a forum for exchange of practice (planners and scientific advisers) from local to international level
- 2.develop the needed scientific knowledge base and scientific methodological advice
- 3.identify scientific gaps
- 4.build human capacity

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Anticipated impact

1. Increase the academic, cross-sectorial and long-term quality of foresight exercises through a joint process to develop a vision
2. Link methodologies for strategic planning and analytical scientific thinking to obtain synthetic analyses of appropriate quality
3. Address priorities for new research in relation to MSP
4. Support the policy implementation process



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State of Play

- A first **JPI Oceans Workshop on MSP** was organised on 20 March 2015 with experts on MSP – Outcome as **Factsheet** with specific objectives, development and implementation steps and related initiatives, agreed by the Management Board.
- Consolidation of the JPI Oceans Expert Group on MSP **in dialog with MS and DG MARE**, to ensure complementarity with their activities and expert groups

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Next Steps

Short-term:

1. Extend JPI Oceans Expert Group on MSP to become **more interdisciplinary and balanced concerning regional presence**
2. Follow up **dialog with EC DG MARE** to seek continued cooperation and complementarity with their activities, including their present work on an **MSP portal and on exchange of best practices** between countries and across sea basins
3. **2nd Workshop** is being planned for Spring 2016

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Medium-term (according to Joint Action factsheet):

1. Organize and establish a **growing networking activity**, building further on the Expert Group and include the OUTREACH PARTNERSHIP of the forum on MSP (including policy makers and industry stakeholders)
2. **Capacity building**: training, mobility, workshop to define specific capacity building possibilities
3. **Joint call for research**: engaging structural funds while ensuring support to procedures/agreements for transnational access and sharing of infrastructures, access to data during the entire process for this action

JPI Oceans Expert Group on MSP

The **JPI-Oceans Expert Group on MSP** presently consists of:

- 1) 17 experts nominated by member countries (**mainly research provenance**) and
- 2) 27 external experts whose expertise is related to the **multidisciplinary knowledge of MSP (ecological, fishery, geographical, legal, social sciences and planning)** that would benefit the development of the joint action, specifically targeting coordinators of European projects or chairs of international working groups on MSP and Regional Sea Conventions or their suggested substitutes.
- 3) **Experts geography:**
 - 55 % from North Europe
 - 36 % from South Europe
 - 9% from EU/Intl-wide Institutions
- 4) Many experts have a **national or regional formal role in MSP processes.**

2nd Workshop on MSP – Preliminary outline

- 2nd Workshop on MSP planned for Spring 2016 should be focused mainly on:
 1. **Research priorities for MSP:** Identify and specify the needs and role of multidisciplinary science for MSP
 2. **Stimulate knowledge brokerage for MSP:** how to make reconcile / connect supply and demand, i.e. best practices available and specific planning problems (geographic and/or sectoral)
- A questionnaire is under preparation and will be requested to be filled in by JPI Oceans Expert Group, in order to ensure targeted discussions and outcomes from the meeting.

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