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Subject **your draft interim report (our reference Ares(2014)2700927)**

Dear Alessandro,

The layout of the report is good. It covers the main points without being over-long.

In preparing the comments below, I have looked at the portal as well as the report and suggested some potential improvements. These improvements to the portal do not need to be completed by the time the revised interim report is submitted but the report should indicate how these issues will be dealt with in the future and a timescale. Some other comments are a request for clarification.

STYLE (FOR REPORT)

Don't underline headings. Underlining should be reserved for hyperlinks

WP2 DEVELOPMENT OF PORTAL AND MAINTENANCE

Icons should still be visible when zoomed out. The hydrocarbon layers do not always work.

Primary purpose of portal is to allow users to visualise coverage of data in order that they can then download and use them. However, it is also useful to understand some of the attributes of data before downloading. Therefore it would be useful to be able to plot the data with colours depending on the attributes or to plot subsets of data - for instance only the active oil and gas installations. This could be added to the list of "next steps".

The text indicates that data and metadata are available for download but this is not yet available.

Each set of metadata linked to a particular piece of data should indicate the source

Please comment on plans to develop a common sign in with other EMODnet portals.

WP3 - DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GIS DATABASE

WP4 DATA COLLECTION

This section is very useful. Would it be possible to have a simple table at the beginning? Country against data category with the cells indicating whether data are complete, partial, refused, no reply. (or something similar). This could also be put on web-site as an indicator of progress

Aggregate extraction

Are all these sites active?

Commercial shipping

Spell out acronyms such as AIS. It is also useful to be able to identify the type of shipping. This information is available from AIS

Cultural Heritage

Is the treasure hunting issue the same for archaeology as for wrecks?

Can you provide a short summary of the SPLASHCOS and MACHU projects – funding programme (Framework Programme, COST etc) timescale. Can you name the organisation holding the database?

Dredging

Fishery Zones

The Atlas of the Seas has done some work here, Would it be possible to establish some connection with them?

Hydrocarbon extraction.

Is it possible to have a distinction between oil and gas?

Major ports

It is not clear what "*originally EUROSTAT's data were only alphanumerical*" means

Mariculture

We don't see this in the portal. Are there any difficulties in harmonising the data from different sources?

Pipelines and cables

Protected areas

The "get feature" facility does not work for this layer.

Ocean energy

I don't see this on the portal.

Wind Farms

What about UK? They have large number of wind farms

Try contacting Vilma Radvilaite at EWEA and ask her to contact me if she has any questions

Waste Disposal Data Set

We don't need "Data set" in the title

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Iain Shepherd', written in a cursive style.

Iain Shepherd