

**Joint Meeting:  
7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Maritime Policy in the Mediterranean  
10<sup>th</sup> Euromed Meeting of the Maritime Working Group**

**Brussels, 21-22-23 October 2014  
Centre Borschette, Rue Froissart 36, 1040 Brussels  
Meeting Room 1C (AB-1C)**

**Agenda**

**21 October 2014**

**7th Meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Maritime Policy in the Mediterranean**

**14:30 Opening and welcome note by the Chair**

The European Commission represented by Ms. Beate Gminder, Head of Unit for Maritime Policy in the Mediterranean and Black Sea (DG MARE), will open the meeting, set its context, objectives and future perspectives.

**14:35 Maritime Policy update (DG MARE, DG REGIO, DG MOVE)**

***(1) Recent IMP developments and future perspectives (DG MARE)***

Ms. Beate Gminder (DG MARE) will present briefly the progress made by the EU under the Integrated Maritime Policy since the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group, notably as concerns the implementation of the Blue Growth Strategy and cooperation in the Mediterranean region as a follow-up to the 12th FEMIP Conference held in Athens in April 2013.

***(2) Recent Maritime Transport developments and future perspectives (DG MOVE)***

Ms. Sonia Karasavvidou (DG MOVE) will present briefly the latest developments with regards to maritime safety, pollution prevention and relevant social legislation.

***(3) EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (DG REGIO – DG MARE)***

The European Commission has launched a new EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region on 17 June 2014. The strategy mainly revolves around the opportunities of the maritime economy - 'blue growth', land-sea transport, energy connectivity, protecting the marine environment and promoting sustainable tourism – sectors that are bound to play a crucial role in creating jobs and boosting economic growth in the region. Capacity building as well as research, innovation and small and medium size business are cross-cutting aspects. Climate change mitigation and adaptation as well as disaster risk management are horizontal principles relevant to all four pillars. The starting point for this process is the Maritime Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Seas, adopted by the Commission on 30 November 2012 and now incorporated into the Strategy.

Mr. Luca Marangoni (DG MARE) will present briefly the key elements of the Strategy and the way forward to fulfil the objectives of the strategy.

*Involved countries are invited to comment on the approach followed for the development of the Strategy and the Action Plan.*

Relevant documents:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM:2014:357:FIN>

*The floor will be open to participants for observations and questions.*

### **15.30 Maritime Spatial Planning**

#### ***(1) EU Directive on MSP (DG MARE)***

In July 2014, the European Parliament and the Council adopted legislation to create a common framework for maritime spatial planning in Europe. While each EU Member State will be free to plan its own maritime activities, local, regional and national planning in shared seas would be made more compatible through a set of minimum common requirements.

Mr. Haitze Siemers (DG MARE) will present briefly the objectives and content of the new Directive.

*The floor will be open to participants for observations and questions.*

Relevant documents:

The Directive 2014/89/EU "establishing a framework for maritime spatial planning" is available at:

[http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L\\_.2014.257.01.0135.01.ENG](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2014.257.01.0135.01.ENG)

#### ***(2) ADRIPLAN Project (ADRIPLAN Coordinator)***

ADRIPLAN stands for ADRIatic Ionian maritime spatial PLANning and is a project funded by the European Commission (DG MARE). The total project budget is 1.250.000€, the duration of the project is 18 months from 10 December 2013 until 10 June 2015.

Mr. Pierpaolo Campostrini, Coordinator of ADRIPLAN since 1 October 2014, will present the objectives and methodology of the Project.

More information about the project at: <http://adriplan.eu/>

#### ***(3) MSP Projects and initiatives in the Mediterranean Sea (tbc)***

*Delegations are encouraged to take the floor and inform the participants about cross-border projects and initiatives in relation to maritime spatial planning.*

### **16.15 Coffee break**

#### **16.30 EU Maritime Security Strategy (DG MARE)**

In June 2014, the European Council adopted a Maritime Security Strategy for the global maritime domain. This strategy will be complemented by an action plan by the end of 2014.

Mr Staffan EKWALL (DG MARE) will present the objectives and main goals of the strategy and will update the participants on the going discussions for the preparation of the action plan.

*The floor will be open to participants for observations and questions.*

Relevant documents:

The European Union Maritime Security Strategy as adopted by the Council (General Affairs) on 24 June 2014 is available at:

<http://register.consilium.europa.eu/doc/srv?l=EN&f=ST%2011205%202014%20INIT>

The Joint communication to the European Parliament and the Council: For an open and secure global maritime domain: elements for a European Union maritime security strategy [JOIN(2014) 9 final - 06/03/2014] is available at:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1395676070971&uri=CELEX:52014JC0009>

### **16:50 Presentation of initiatives and projects strengthening marine and maritime co-operation in the Mediterranean region:**

#### ***(1) Debriefing on the Mediterranean Coast Guard Function Forum for 2014 (Portugal)***

Real Admiral Vitor Manuel Gomes de Sousa from the Portuguese Maritime Authority will inform the Working Group on the 2014 edition of the Mediterranean Coast Guard Functions Forum organized by the Portuguese authorities from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2014 in Vilamoura (Portugal), related discussions and themes addressed, as well as the future outlook.

The Forum is a non-binding, voluntary, independent and non-political platform for dialogue and cooperation amongst all Mediterranean maritime coast guard functions and authorities targeting a safer, more secure and sustainable Mediterranean Sea.

*The floor will be open to participants for possible questions.*

#### ***(2) Study on assessing the changing and future skill needs of the marine and maritime sectors (Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport).***

A study "Changing and future skill needs of the maritime and marine sectors" has been prepared by the IMP-MED Project in partnership with the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport (AASTMT – Alexandria). Capt. Emad Khafagy, Dean, IMO Compound of the AASTMT, will present the key elements of the study (in particular on the maritime sectors/ activities which could provide more and/ or new skill requirements for "blue jobs" in the future), underline how the Academy will adapt to the new challenges and opportunities, and highlight the possible co-operation perspectives in the Mediterranean Sea-basin and with the EU Member States.

*The floor will be open to participants for possible observations and questions.*

#### ***(3) Study on Maritime Clusters and its recommendations (ECORYS)***

As a follow-up of the 12<sup>th</sup> FEMIP Conference, DG MARE commissioned a study on maritime clusters in the Mediterranean and Black Sea. The study, which finalised recently, maps existing clusters, identifies strengths and weaknesses of different types of clusters, and

examines the feasibility of developing national clusters and promoting cluster cooperation at sub-regional levels. Mr. Jan Maarten, representing ECORYS, will present the results and recommendations of the study.

*The floor will be open to participants for possible observations and questions.*

Relevant documents:

The full report “Support activities for the development of maritime clusters in the Mediterranean and Black Sea areas” can be found at: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/maritimeforum/en/node/3648>

***(4) Study on the "Identification of elements and geographical scope of Maritime Co-operation in the Mediterranean and its recommendations" (COGEA)***

Mr. Alvise Bragadin, representing the EUNETMAR consortium as led by COGEA will present the abovementioned study finalized recently which provides useful information on the existing level of maritime cooperation and highlights the added value of sea-basin/ sub-sea basin cooperation. In addition, the study identifies and proposes the most suitable content, geographical scope and process for further developing sea basin/ sub-sea basin cooperation.

*The floor will be open to participants for possible observations and questions.*

**18:00** *Tour de table – Participants are invited to express their views on co-operation ideas and perspectives across the Mediterranean.*

**18:30 Closing by the Chair - End of the meeting**

Ms. Beate Gminder will close the first day by wrapping-up on the key elements presented.

**22 October 2014**

**7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Maritime Policy in the Mediterranean**  
**(cont.)**

**09:00 Opening by the Chair (DG MARE)**

**09.05 Regional cooperation – State of play and future actions**

***(1) General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM)***

Mr. Abdellah Srour, Executive Secretary of GFCM will update the Group on the recent developments in the context of the agreement.

***(2) United Nations Environment Programme/ Mediterranean Action Plan for the Barcelona Convention (UNEP/ MAP-Barcelona Convention)***

Ms. Gyorgyi Gurban, Ecosystem Approach Project Manager in UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention will update the Group on the recent developments in the context of the Convention. Emphasis will be given at an on-going project carried by MAP aiming to support the implementation of an Ecosystem Approach (EcAp) in the Mediterranean. EcAp aims at improving the way human activities are managed for the protection of the marine environment and contributes largely to the implementation of the environmental pillar of the IMP.

***(3) Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) Secretariat***

In line with its broad mandate on transport, environment, energy, entrepreneurship, education and research issues, the UfM Secretariat is ready to work on concrete cross-sectoral and thematic projects to contribute and advance on IMP and "blue growth" agenda implementation. Ms. Alessandra Sensi, Programme Manager at the UfM Secretariat will expand on this point.

*The floor will be open to participants for observations and questions, as well as for exchanges on concrete cross-sectoral or thematic projects that could be undertaken by the regional organisations.*

**09:50 EU funding possibilities for IMP and "blue growth" agenda for the period 2014-2020 (DG DEVCO, DG REGIO)**

Mr. Halgand Stephane from DG DEVCO will briefly present the regional facility to promote regional IMP policy dialogue in the Mediterranean.

Ms. Bodil Persson, Head of Sector Cross Border Cooperation in DG DEVCO, and Mr. Athanasios Sofos, Policy Officer in DG REGIO, will provide information on their programmes for the period 2014-2020 (eg MED Programme, ENI-CBC Med Programme, transnational co-operation programme ADRION, transnational co-operation programme Balkan-Mediterranean) and how could be used for the implementation of the IMP and the "blue growth" agenda.

**10:30 Coffee Break**

**10:45 Achievements of IMP- MED project (IMP-MED Project Team)**

On behalf of the IMP-MED project team, Mr. Nick Marchesi, Project leader, will present an overview of the main achievements of the project with particular emphasis on the Technical Assistance activities conducted in the last year of the project. For the needs of the meeting, the IMP-MED project has prepared a respective related background document.

*The floor will thereafter be open to the participants for possible observations and questions.*

All documentation will be circulated in advance of the meeting.

**11:30 Development of a Virtual Knowledge Centre (VKC) on marine and maritime affairs in the Mediterranean (IMP-MED Project Team)**

The IMP-MED project has been given a mandate to develop the Virtual Knowledge Centre (VKC) on marine and maritime affairs in the Mediterranean concept through a fully-fledged feasibility study. The first phase of the feasibility study consisted of an inventory of on-line Knowledge Management Systems (KMS) providing information on marine and maritime information in the Mediterranean region. The first phase of the feasibility study presented during the 6th Working Group in Brussels on 30-31 October 2013. The results of the inventory are available on-line with the primary purpose to provide an intuitive and searchable repository to enable rapid identification of the most relevant KMS based on the users' needs. This interim deliverable is designed as a website underpinned by a simple database structure to store information about the inventoried systems, such as general information, key facts and key contacts of each system. In other words, the VKC can provide some generic information and key facts to the users and get them directly connected to already existing systems. The temporary version of the VKC is available at the following address: [www.imp-med.eu/vkc](http://www.imp-med.eu/vkc) .

On behalf of the IMP-MED Project team, Mr. Nicola Marchesi, Key Expert, will present the current state of play of the VKC, the content of the on-going full feasibility study (second phase). The Project will also present a background document containing a number of indicative recommendations for the way forward.

All documentation will be circulated in advance of the meeting.

*The floor will thereafter be open to the participants for possible observations and questions.*

Relevant documents:

The first phase of the feasibility study could be found at:

<http://www.imp-med.eu/En/image.php?id=446>

**12:00** *Tour de table – Participants are invited to express its views/ expectations on the activities of the new IMP project under the European Neighborhood Instrument (ENI), as well as on the further development of the VKC and its hosting options.*

**13:00** *Lunch break*

**14:30** IMP developments at national level – Presentations by all the countries bordering on the Mediterranean Sea

*The floor will be open to the delegations for making respective interventions.*

**16:15 Coffee break**

**16:30** IMP developments at national level – Presentations by all the countries bordering on the Mediterranean Sea (cont.)

*The floor will be open to the delegations for making respective interventions.*

**17:45 Meeting conclusions and way forward**

Ms. Beate Gminder will close the meeting by summarizing the discussion and drawing a set of conclusions for ensuing endorsement by written procedure.

**18:00 hrs End of the meeting**

**23 October 2014**

**10th Euromed Meeting of the Maritime Working Group**

**9:00 Opening by the Chair**

**9:10 Achievements, concerns and future activities:**

- Flag State Implementation
- Port State Control
- Vessel Traffic Monitoring and Information Systems
- Protection of Marine Environment
- Human Element

**10:15 Coffee break**

**10:30 Achievements, concerns and future activities (cont):**

- Flag State Implementation
- Port State Control
- Vessel Traffic Monitoring and Information Systems
- Protection of Marine Environment
- Human Element

**13:00 Lunch**

**14:30 Achievements, concerns and future activities (continuation)**

**15:00 Regional Transport Action Plan 2014-2020 (Maritime component)**

**15:45 Coffee break**

**16:00 SAFEMED GIS – considerations by EMSA and discussion**

**16:30 Distant Learning Package and Rule check for MEDMOU**

**17:00 EU funding opportunities under Connecting Facility Europe**

**17:30 Meeting conclusions**