



EEAC Working Group Marine and Water Affairs Workshop

Maritime Spatial Planning: Lessons learned and main challenges identified

Delegation of the Government of Catalonia to the European Union (Rue de la Loi, 227, Brussels)

31st of May 2016 // 09h00 – 14h00

09.00h. Welcome

Mr Amadeu Altafaj, *Permanent Representative of the Government of Catalonia to the EU*

Dr Antonio Abreu and Dr Puri Canals, *co-chairs of the EEAC WG Marine and Water Affairs*

09.15h. Maritime Spatial Planning and the EEA Marine Roadmap

Mr Stéphane Isoard, *European Environment Agency*

09.30h. Marine Spatial Planning: State of Play

Maritime Spatial Planning implementation and the link with MSFD and MPAs

Ms. Ann Dom, *Seas at Risk*

Overview of Maritime Spatial Plans in the German EEZ

Dr Markus Salomon, *German Advisory Council on the Environment*

Adri-plan, Adriatic Ionian maritime spatial planning

Dr Francesco Musco, *Università IUAV*

Evaluating performance of the Portuguese marine spatial planning system

Ms. Maria Adelaide Ferreira, *New University of Lisbon*

11.30h. Debate (on the basis of the presentations)

Moderator: Dr Isabel Pont, *Advisory Council for Sustainable Development of Catalonia (CADS)*

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12.00h. Refreshment

12.30h. Assessment of sustainability in coastal areas

Dr Yaiza Fernández-Palacios, *Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria*

Marine Protected Areas and the Maritime Spatial Planning

Dr Puri Canals, *MedPAN - Network of marine protected area managers in the Mediterranean*

13.30h. Debate on the basis of the presentation

Moderator: Dr Isabel Pont, *Advisory Council for Sustainable Development of Catalonia (CADS)*

14.00h. Closing remarks

Dr Sergi Tudela, *Director general for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs of the Government of Catalonia*

Speakers overview

Mr. Stéphane Isoard

Stéphane Isoard has a background in Environmental Economics, Applied Mathematics and Public Policy. Currently Mr. Isoard works at the European Environment Agency in Copenhagen. He holds the position of Head of Group of the Water and Marine Programme. Mr Isoard has issued over 15 academic publications amongst others on Perspectives on Adaptation to Climate Change in Europe and Environmental Impact Assessment.

Ms. Ann Dom

Ann Dom serves as Deputy director at Seas at Risk. Seas At Risk is an umbrella organisation of environmental NGOs from across Europe that promotes ambitious policies for marine protection at European and international level. Seas At Risk aims at the protection and restoration of the marine environment. While the work of Seas At Risk reaches into every corner of concern about the marine environment, there are some basic principles that transcend individual issues and guide the direction of the organisation's work: sustainability, Precautionary Action, Integration and Democratisation.



Dr. Markus Salomon

Markus Salomon holds a PhD in biology (focus hydrobiology and fishery science) by the University of Hamburg. Dr. Salomon has worked at different marine research institutes such as the “Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research” and the “Station Zoologique in Villefranche sur mer”. Since 2002 he is working for the German Advisory Council on the Environment (SRU) with a special expertise in water and marine environment protection as well as air pollution control.

Prof. Franseco Musco

Francesco Musco is an urban and regional planner who holds a PhD in Analysis and Governance of Sustainable Development at the University Ca' Foscari, Venice, Italy. Amongst others Prof Musco is Dean of the Erasmus Mundus Master Course on Maritime Spatial Planning (EMMCMSP). During the last years he oriented his research to the relationship between urban and environmental planning with sustainability, with particular attention to the tools to implement local policies sustainability oriented.

Ms. Maria Adelaide Ferreira

A biologist and ecologist by training, Adelaide worked in coastal planning and management for more than 10 years, having participated in various strategic environmental assessments and Environmental Impacts Assessments. Currently, she is conducting her PhD at the CICS.NOVA of the New University of Lisbon, Portugal. Her doctoral research, in the field of Geography and Regional Planning, intends to develop an evaluation mechanism of the performance of the marine spatial planning system for the Portuguese maritime space.

Dr. Yaiza Fernandez-Palacios

Yaiza Fernandez-Palacios Vallejo has Marine Science Degree from Las Palmas de Gran Canaria University (ULPGC) since 2001. By then she was already involved in the marine biodiversity inventory of the Canary Islands (2000-2002).

Short after, she developed her professional activity at the Canary Institute of Marine Science (ICCM, Canary Islands Regional Government) until its closure in 2013. During that period she participated in several initiatives related to integrated coastal zone management, sustainable tourism, marine protected areas management or assessment through indicators.

Furthermore she held the secretariat of the Canary Forum of Coastal Management (Canacosta) as part of her activity in the ICCM. Also, since January 2014 she has coordinated the Poseidon Programme, a citizen science initiative that builds a biodiversity database in the Canary Islands through civil society's engagement.

At present, she participates as a researcher at the EcoAqua Institute (ULPGC) and last April received her PhD for her thesis entitled "Sustainability assessment in littoral areas", which proposed a methodological approach to advance in the matter.

Dr. Puri Canals

Puri Canals holds a PhD in Biochemistry and Physiology by the University of Barcelona. Ms. Canals is Chair of the Network of Marine Protected Area Managers in the Mediterranean (MedPAN) since 2009. She has held several positions of responsibility in the International Union for Conservation of Nature (UICN), as Vice-Chair from 2000 to 2008, Chair of Preparatory Committee of the 4th World Conservation Congress that was held in Barcelona in 2008, and the Vice-Chair of the UICN Spanish Committee (1996-2000).