

Half Day Seminar
**“The EU Integrated Maritime Policy moves ahead
– Tackling the regional challenges and coherence
with the neighbourhood countries”**
2nd December 2009

Special Session on Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP)
3rd December 2009

Organised by
the International Ocean Institute
and the IOI-Malta Operational Centre (University of Malta)
Sundown Court Leisure Resort, San Gwann, Malta

Seminar Programme

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08.30h **Registration**

09.00h **Welcome Address and Opening**

Awni Behnam, President, International Ocean Institute

09.15h Segment 1: Chair: Aldo Drago, Director, IOI-Malta Operational Centre, University of Malta

The EU Integrated Maritime Policy – From Concept to practise

Providing an overview on how the EU IMP came about, which are the objectives, the practical viewpoints for its implementation, and an update on recent achievements.

Lucyna Kaminska, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Maritime Policy/Mediterranean and Black Sea (D-1)

Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) – the link to the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive

Focusing on arrangements and cross-cutting tools that will put the policy into practice, especially those closely related to MSP, and through the development of integrative marine strategies applying an ecosystem-based approach to human activities impacting on the sea. The presentation will further touch upon impacts of the global economic crisis on the EU IMP.

*Hermien Busschbach, European Commission DG MARE
E-1 Maritime Policy in Baltic and North Sea*

Regional and International Impacts of the Evolving EU Integrated Maritime Policy

Dealing with the implications for EU member states and the neighbourhood countries, the regional strategies and highlighting the EU vision for the Mediterranean that has been recently expounded by the EC to improve the maritime governance of the region.

Lucyna Kaminska, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Maritime Policy/Mediterranean and Black Sea (D-1)

10.45h–11.10h **Coffee Break**

11.10h Segment 2: Chair: Aref Fakhry, Advocate and Maritime Law Consultant

EurOcean – Pushing towards the integration of European maritime information and the sharing of maritime research infrastructures

Presenting EurOcean as an example of the concept of the EU IMP, specifically dealing with the integration of marine information from European initiatives, across institutions and projects, as well as promoting the co-development and co-sharing of marine research infrastructures across countries.

Telmo Carvalho, Executive-Director of EurOcean – The European Centre for Information on Marine Sciences and Technology.



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Culture and Regional Maritime Management

The EC's Blue Paper suggests that paying attention to Europe's maritime heritage may help disseminate the policies and holistic approach it proposes. However, implementing the suggestion is trickier than it may sound, since the differences between 'traditional maritime culture' and 'post-industrial maritime culture' are notable. The dual aim of this talk by a cultural anthropologist is, first, to point out the salient differences and second, to suggest how nonetheless a focus on maritime heritage is the right one for EU cooperation with third countries sharing neighbouring and other seas.

Ranier Fsadni, Mediterranean Institute, University of Malta

'Al-Bahri' – Towards the common science-based management of the Mediterranean Sea

Presenting the 'Al-Bahri' initiative aimed to promote a common maritime policy for the Mediterranean, building on the example set by the EU IMP, and capitalising on the exchange of concepts, know-how and practices between the riparian countries, and the sharing of tools and methods especially those deriving from operational oceanography and the related support services.

Aldo Drago, Director, IOI-Malta Operational Centre, University of Malta

Commentary on the Seminar

Peter Serracino Inglott, Chairman of the Board, IOI-Malta Operational Centre, University of Malta

12.45h

Closing Statement

Awni Behnam, President, International Ocean Institute

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0900h – 1230h

Fanny Douvere and Charles Ehler - consultants to UNESCO's Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC).

The IOI-MSP training session is sponsored by the Lighthouse Foundation.

The aim of the IOI-MSP training session is to make participants familiar with the concepts, terminology and application of MSP. The training will draw extensively on lessons learned from international experience on MSP and will be largely based on the guide "Marine spatial planning: a step-by-step approach toward ecosystem-based management" that has been developed and published (June 2009) by UNESCO's Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) and Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB) in the context of their Marine Spatial Planning Initiative.

The session will contain three parts:

- (1) **An introduction to the concepts and terminology for maritime spatial planning:** consisting of an introduction on what MSP is, what the benefits are, and how it is related to other existing management approaches, including integrated coastal zone management (ICZM) and ecosystem-based management (EBM). Special attention will be given to the actions of the European Union with regard to MSP.
- (2) **An overview of the essential steps for developing and implementing maritime spatial planning:** dealing with the practical aspects and on how various countries around the world are developing and implementing MSP. Countries will include Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Sweden, Norway, France, Portugal, the United States, Australia, and Canada. The presentation will be organized around 10 essential steps for MSP, including, establishing authority, defining and analyzing current and future conditions through mapping, stakeholder participation, setting objectives and principles, plan development and implementation, monitoring and evaluation, and adaptation of the MSP process.
- (3) **An insight on how maritime spatial planning can enhance ecosystem-based and integrated management at the regional level, with focus on the Mediterranean, Baltic, Caspian, and Black regional seas:** illustrating how MSP can enhance ocean management at the regional level. This part will concentrate on how to apply what has been learned in part 1 and 2 of the MSP training session.



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