



# ***MPAs: between the MSFD and the CFP***

## ***How to strike the right balance?***

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**09:00-11:00**

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Chaired by:

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European marine areas and coastal zones require good governance to balance environmental protection with social and economic needs. Among the tools, policies and instruments the EU and its Member States can use to protect marine waters (e.g. Marine Protected Areas – MPAs) are two closely interlinked directives; On the one hand, the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD), which aims at protecting more effectively the marine environment while simultaneously allowing for a sustainable exploitation of its resources via an ecosystem based approach. On the other hand the Maritime Spatial Planning Directive (MSP) which ensures that human activities take place at sea are as efficient and sustainable as possible. To make it even more complex, the implementation of Natura 2000 at Sea is also part of this complex process.

In the case of MSFD, its approach cannot be implemented through one sector policy, it is important to ensure contribution from all sectors, since there is an imbalance both on the relevance between the inputs of scientists and stakeholders as well as between the various sectors covered by this Directive.

Fisheries, one of the most affected sectors by both the MSFD and MSP, and its policy (CFP) need to play an active role in an ecosystem-based marine management approach that will address a 2-way interaction; impact of fisheries on the marine ecosystems and impact on fisheries from other sectors (tourism, shipping, pollution, offshore energy, etc). It is hence important to provide cross-sector integration, as well as inside-sector contributions with all relevant stakeholders and actors.

The aim of this meeting is to further enhance the cooperation between Commission (DG Envi, DG Mare and other relevant DGs), MEPs and stakeholders in order to explore concrete and mutual ways forward.

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- 08:20-08:45 Registration, Altiero Spinelli building, Place du Luxembourg
- 09:00-09:10 Opening and welcome address by **Alain Cadec MEP**
- 09:10-09:20 **Ernesto Penas Lado, Director for “Policy development and coordination”, DG MARE & Marianne Wenning, Director “Quality of Life, Water and Air”, DG ENV, European Commission**
- 09:20-10:30 Panel discussion including:
- **MEP Werner Kuhn**
  - Representatives from the industry
    - **EAPO:** Pim Visser, President
    - **Europeche:** Bertie Armstrong, Chief Executive, Scottish Fishermen's Federation, Europeche Member  
Paul Piscopo, Secretary General of Koperattivi Malta, Europeche Member
  - Representatives of environmental organisation
    - **Seas at Risk:** Björn Stockhausen, Fisheries Policy Officer
- 10:30-10:55 Q&A with the audience
- 10:55-11:00 Conclusions by Alain Cadec MEP

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