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**FINAL WORKSHOP AND CONCLUDING CONFERENCE ON  
MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING  
2 OCTOBER 2009, CLARION HOTEL SIGN, STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN**

**Notification**

On 25 November 2008 the Commission adopted the Communication *Roadmap for Maritime Spatial Planning: Achieving Common Principles in the EU*. As announced in the Roadmap, the Commission is organising a series of workshops to discuss the key principles for Maritime Spatial Planning set out therein. In the meantime three of the four planned workshops have taken place (a kick-off conference in Brussels on 26 February, a workshop on a first set of key principles in Ispra, Italy on 23-24 April, and a workshop on different key principles and the relation between MSP and the Marine Strategy Framework Directive on the Azores on 2-3 July).

More information about the kick-off conference and the workshops as well as key messages reports are available at DG MARE's thematic website on MSP ([http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/spatial\\_planning\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/spatial_planning_en.html)).

To conclude the debate on the practical implementation of the key principles a combined event, including a concluding conference and the last workshop on Maritime Spatial Planning in 2009 will take place on and **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2009**. The workshop aims to discuss the challenges and practical application of the remaining key principles:

- Stakeholder participation, and
- Cross-border cooperation.

The **discussion of the key principles** will be facilitated by the presentation of relevant regional examples and case studies that will illustrate how the key principles could be applied. The event is organised in close cooperation with the Swedish EU Presidency.

The **political concluding** discussion with the presence of Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Joe Borg and the Swedish Minister for the Environment Andreas Carlgren (please see the attached draft programme) will be aimed at a debate on the development of Maritime Spatial Planning at European level and will provide an outlook for 2010 and beyond.

The **venue** of the combined event will be the **Clarion Hotel Sign**, Östra Järnvägsgatan 35, Stockholm, Sweden.

Please note that the event will take place **in English, French and German**. Simultaneous translation will be provided into English, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Polish.

Please feel free to forward this notification to any interested colleagues in your organisation. However, please be aware that the **number of participants is limited** due to organisational restrictions. We therefore ask you to register maximum two persons per organisation.

All participants, including the speakers, have to **register** for this workshop. It is therefore important to register as soon as possible and in any case before the **deadline of 15<sup>th</sup> September 2009** at the very latest. Registration will be closed after this deadline and will be organised through our website. The link to be used is the following:

[http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/spatial\\_planning\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/spatial_planning_en.html)

Please note that the Commission cannot pay any travel costs for this event and that we are not able to provide you with assistance for accommodation in Stockholm. As this time of the year will be very busy due to numerous events taking place under the Swedish presidency you are **advised to book your hotel as soon as possible**. Besides the conference venue you might want to check out the following hotels: Hotel Sergel Plaza (<http://www.scandichotels.com/en/Hotels/Countries/Sweden/Stockholm/Hotels/Scandic-Sergel-Plaza/?redirected=true>) or Nordic Sea Hotel (<http://www.nordiclighthotel.se/en>).

Please check also our above mentioned website for updates.

I am looking forward to an interesting discussion on MSP.

  
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Attachment: Programme workshop and concluding conference Stockholm

**WORKSHOP AND CONCLUDING CONFERENCE ON MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING**

EUROPEAN COMMISSION IN COOPERATION WITH THE SWEDISH EU PRESIDENCY

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**Friday 2 October 2009, Clarion Hotel Sign, Stockholm, Sweden**

Friday, 02.10.2009

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**Chairperson: Peter Heffernan, Chief Executive, Marine Institute Ireland**

**08:30 – 09:00 Registration and coffee**

**09:00 – 10:45 Welcome speech**

Andreas Carlgren, Minister for the Environment, Sweden (tbc)

**Progress in discussions on the key principles of the Roadmap on MSP**

Joe Borg, Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

**Maritime Spatial Planning from regional point of view**

Michel Delebarre, Vice-President, Committee of the Regions (tbc)

**The new Grenelle de la Mer in France and stakeholder participation**

Jean François Tallec, Secrétaire Général de la Mer, France (tbc)

**The potential for MSP in Greece**

Representative of the Greek government (tbc)

**Maritime Spatial Planning and Ocean Management in Canada – lessons to be learned**

Mike Murphy, Regional Director, DFO Maritimes Region, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada (tbc)

**10:45 – 11:15 Coffee break**

**11:15 – 12:30 Cross-border cooperation / Stakeholder participation (1)**

**Netherlands' perspective on cross border cooperation**

Annemiek Nijhof, Director General Water, Ministry Transport, Public Work and Water Management, Netherlands (tbc)

**Cross-border cooperation on the Doggerbank**

Charlotte Johnston, Marine Natura Sites Manager, Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC), UK (tbc)

**Danish experience on stakeholder participation**

Representative of the Danish Government (tbc)

**12: 30 -14:00 Lunch break**

**14: 00 -14:40 Cross-border cooperation / Stakeholder participation (2)**

**The industry view**

International Association of Oil & Gas Producers (tbc)

**The environmental perspective**

WWF, Bird Life International, Seas at Risk (tbc)

**14:40- 14:50 Feedback from Ispra, Maritime Day and Azores workshop**

Patricia Potter, Director, Dublin Regional Authority, Ireland

Nico Nolte, German Maritime and Hydrographic Agency (BSH), Hamburg, Germany

**14.50 – 16.00 Panel discussion**

**16:00 Concluding remarks and outlook**

Haitze Siemers, DG Mare, Head of Unit E1,

**Coffee and tea**

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