



Program – 31 March, 2026

Morning session

9:30-10:00	Check-in & Welcome Coffee	
10:00-10:15	Opening remarks	
	Welcome note by Mercator Ocean International	L. Crosnier (Mercator Ocean Int.)
	The European Ocean Pact: strengthening and modernising Maritime spatial Planning	E. Hamdouch (DG DEFIS, European Commission) F. Leinemann (DG MARE, European Commission)
10:15-10:45	Digital Ocean Systems and information services for MSP	
	Copernicus Marine Service overview	M. Lux (Mercator Ocean Int.)
	EMODnet overview	N. Tonné (SSBE)
	European Digital Twin Ocean: How to Onboard on EDITO	M. Tonani (Mercator Ocean Int.)
10:45 AM-12:00	PANEL DISCUSSIONS	
	MSP landscape to support implementation of MSP	
	Round table #1	
	A European Initiative for MSP	C. Mac Dougall (EU MSP platform)
	MSP Global: A MSP guidance tool at a United Nations level	N. Bassan (IOC/UNESCO)
	Regional Sea Convention of the Baltic Sea	R. Stempel (HELCOM)
	The role of regions in MSP and contribution to the Ocean Act	J. Brossard (Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions -CPMR)
	Round table #2	
	The Greater North Sea Basin Initiative (GNSBI)	L. Abspoel (Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management)
	French perspective on Maritime Spatial Planning	O. Dufournaud (Head of the Maritime and Coastal Strategy Coordination Unit, France)
	Regional Sea Convention for the Mediterranean Sea (UNEP- MAP)	S. Bellieres (Plan Bleu Observatory)
	Urban Climate Adaptation Deep Dive and coastal zones from KCEO	M. Dowell (DG JRC, European Commission)
12:00-12:20	Morning session wrap-up and interactive session	M. Lux (Mercator Ocean Int.)
12 :20-12:30	Keynote Speech by Mercator Ocean International	P. Bahurel (Mercator Ocean Int.)
12:30-14:00	Lunch Break	

Afternoon session

14:00-15:30	Diving into Digital Ocean Systems and platforms for MSP: Thematic Demonstrations	
	Copernicus Marine (data and dashboard)	F. Meyer (Mercator Ocean Int.)



EMODnet (MSP plans, data and platform)
 OSPAR Data and Information
 Overview of the Technical Expert Group on MSP and dedicated tools
 The Northern European Sea Basin project (NESBp) tools for GNSBI

 MapX: a MSP platform for the Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP-MAP)

N. Tonné (SSBE)
 C. Moulton (OSPAR)
 A. Abramic (MADA)

 L. Abspoel (Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management)

 S. Bellieres (Plan Bleu Observatory)

15:30-16:30

Panel discussion: Identifying synergies and common needs

Copernicus Marine Service
 EMODnet
 GNSBI

UNEP-MAP
 EU MSP platform
 OSPAR

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16:30-17:00

Closing remarks

M. Lux (Mercator Ocean Int.)

17:00-18:30

Networking cocktail