

# The role of the regions in Maritime Spatial Planning

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Lessons learnt

# Conference of peripheral maritime regions

- 160 Regions from 24 States from the EU and beyond
- 6 geographical commissions
- 4 pillars:
  - Cohesion policy
  - Maritime Policies -> Maritime Agenda
  - Accessibility
  - Global agendas
  - MSP projects:



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# Study – Role of the regions

- CPMR conducted a EU survey/analysis of the role of the regions related to coastal and maritime directives (MSP, MSFD, Birds/Habitats) targeting:
  - Issues related to the management of coastal and maritime areas (Erosion, Coastal risks, Climate change ...)
  - Actions undertaken by the regions (regulatory powers and other types of powers, the importance of Land-Sea Interactions)
  - Regions' proposals for the future of the directives

# Main conclusions

- Disparities in the involvement of regional authorities in MSP depending on:
  - National implementation processes
  - Regulatory powers and competencies
- Willingness to be informed and to be involved in MSP
- Need for capacity building & sharing experiences
- Regions can act as facilitator, driven-force, arena for stakeholder engagement either at local level.
- Interregional cooperation on topics related to territorial issues such as coastal erosion, sediment movements, impact of climate change.. which are in link with MSP.

# Main recommendations

- More coherence in decision-making and planning, by involving the regions
- Adequate funding for monitoring
- Use of adequate tools to improve scientific knowledge/ Investment to address data gaps
- Recognition of sea-basins characteristics
- Consideration of the 3 pillars of sustainable development
- Adopt an ecosystem-based approach in MSP

# Principales recommandations

- Multi-stakeholders and local communities' involvement in decision-making
- Pilot actions
- Improve public awareness raising
- Reporting mechanisms to be more compatible and simplified
- Improve cross-borders cooperation

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