

Acronym – SUPREME

Title – Supporting maritime spatial Planning in the Eastern Mediterranean

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Description – SUPREME aims at supporting the implementation of MSP in EU Member States within their marine waters in the Eastern Mediterranean, including the Adriatic, Ionian, Aegean and Levantine Seas (Key objective 1) and to launch and carry out concrete, cross-border MSP cooperation initiatives between Member States in the Eastern Mediterranean (Key objective 2). In order to achieve these objectives, it is essential to underline that the project involves competent authorities in charge of MSP, as designated by the Governments of four Member States (out of five present in the area), and the UNEP/MAP Barcelona Convention. In addition, the project activities will be performed in collaboration with other relevant authorities in the field of MSP, such as the regional authorities. Cooperation is a key issue for MSP. It is a guiding principle of EC's Roadmap for MSP and the Art.11.1 of the MSP Directive (2014/89/EU) states that "Member States bordering marine waters shall cooperate with the aim of ensuring that maritime spatial plans are coherent and coordinated across the marine region concerned. Such cooperation shall take into account, in particular, issues of a transnational nature". Cooperation among countries within MSP could be considered difficult to reach, due to cultural, social, policy and governance differences, including the non-membership in the EU of some countries. However, for the Adriatic-Ionian Sea the cross-border Cooperation is already framed into the EUSAIR Strategy – as in the EC Communication COM(2014)357 final and the related Action Plan SWD(2014)190 final, that create the bases for a cooperative effort to implement MSP in an Adriatic-Ionian basin perspective. In this area, a fruitful cross-border MSP exercise has been developed in the ADRIPLAN pilot project, co-funded by DG-MARE. Other initiatives and projects have been launched in the recent years in the Aegean and Levantine seas (e.g. MARISCA and PROTOMEDEA). In addition, there is more than 40 years of ongoing regional cooperation on environmental matters under the auspices of UNEP MAP/Barcelona Convention. Considering the need of a Mediterranean dialogue, SUPREME will promote a continuous interaction with the twin project on the Western Mediterranean, in order to share approaches, experiences and results and to promote joint events, as useful.

Objectives – SUPREME project involves public authorities in charge of MSP, as designated by the Governments of four MS (GR, HR, IT and SL), and the UNEP/MAP Barcelona Convention. SUPREME will focus on two key objectives: 1. to support the implementation of Maritime Spatial Planning in EU Member States; 2. to launch and carry out concrete and cross-border MSP initiative between Member States. SUPREME will address these two key objectives through a variety of tools and considering the ecosystem based approach. The Initial Assessment will include i) a basin scale analysis strongly MSP oriented; ii) a region-wide coherence analysis, based on the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols; iii) a conceptual methodology for transboundary MSP aspects. In order to develop a cooperation on MSP, common objectives at sea level basin will be examined and a mechanism for an operational networking will be proposed. For a specific Support for Member States' implementation of MSP, a careful analysis and practical actions are foreseen on the following issues: i) Spatial demands for maritime sectors and related cumulative impacts; ii) Data and information requirements for MSP; iii) Tools and methods supporting MSP; iv) Stakeholders involvement and participation; v) Definition of the most appropriate geographical scale for MSP plans; vi) Coordination of sectorial policies; vii) Land – sea interactions and relationships with ICZM. Five case-study areas will be considered and better focused at project inception: Northern Adriatic, Dubrovnik-Neretva County, Slovenian coast, North-Eastern Ionian and Aegean. Finally, specific criteria and indicators will be developed to evaluate the MSP process at different scales and at different stages. Some activities will be performed in co-operation with the twin SIMWESTMED project, also for supporting a coherent "Mediterranean approach to MSP".

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