

Welcome to the third MUSES newsletter!

News

One year down - One to go!

The MUSES project has reached the half way stage! This month's newsletter focuses on the work completed to date and the deliverables which have now been uploaded to our website - these can be accessed using the links attached below. Key to this month's deliverables is getting input from our stakeholders. In other words, we're looking for **your** comments and feedback, in particular on the Interim Report! If you would like to comment on this, or on any of the work undertaken by MUSES, please send in your feedback to ms.musesproject@gov.scot

October 2017 Deliverables

Work Package 1 - Interim Report

This is the half term report of the work that has been undertaken for the MUSES project during the first year (01/11/16 to 31/10/17). Focusing on work packages 2,3 and 4, this report provides a detailed overview of the work that the MUSES project has completed to date. The report also provides a summary of the work undertaken for work packages 1 and 5. The interim report can be downloaded from our website [here](#).

Work Package 4 - Overview of Stakeholder Profiles

The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of stakeholder profiles, presenting one of the essential steps in development of an Action Plan. The overall aim of stakeholder analysis is to gain a better understanding of the various actors relevant in the context of MU combinations examined in the MUSES project. Taking into consideration different geographical scales, the stakeholder profiles will therefore be developed with specific attention to those actors identified to be behind the drivers and barriers for the MU development in question. This is essential for development of an Action Plan which will be targeting the right type of stakeholders with the right type of action, taking into account national, regional and sea basin dimensions. Specifically, the Action Plan will highlight the real opportunities for MUs in European Seas including the scope for innovation and Blue Growth potential, and propose solutions to overcome existing barriers. The Overview of Stakeholder Profiles will be available to download from the MUSES website later in the year.

Work Package 5 - Exploitation of Results Plan

The purpose of the Exploitation of Results document is to ensure that the MUSES project's aims, progress and results are disseminated effectively to those directly involved in marine spatial planning and multiple uses of the oceans, as well as being easily accessible to a wider audience. This document has been created under deliverable 5.12 and will remain live and be revisited under deliverable 5.13 in the



final month of the project. This document is available to view on the MUSES website [here](#).



In Other News

3rd Project Steering Group Meeting - Berlin

In September MUSES held its third project steering group (PSG) meeting in Germany's capital. This time it was the turn of SUBMARINER to host the MUSES team at their offices in Berlin. During the two-day meeting there were discussions on the progress made on all of the work packages, with each partner providing a brief presentation on the work undertaken to date. The focus of the meeting was also on the deliverables that are due at the end of October & November 2017 as well as the Periodic Technical and Financial Reports.



The MUSES team in Berlin!



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Conferences

Scottish Marine Renewables Conference

MUSES were represented by project co-ordinator Bruce Buchanan at the Scottish Marine Renewables Conference on the 12th & 13th of September in Inverness. With the focus on wave and tidal energy, Bruce joined stakeholders across industry and the public sector to discuss the latest policy issues affecting wave and tidal energy in Scotland.



Bruce Buchanan promoting MUSES at the Scottish Marine Renewables Conference in Inverness

SUBMARINER Conference: Better Off Blue

MUSES partners present at the 3rd PSG meeting were able to attend SUBMARINER's 2nd Network conference "Better off Blue", which took place in Berlin, on 27th & 28th September. This event united actors from the public, private and research sectors, working towards a stronger blue bio-economy throughout the Baltic Sea Region and beyond. The conference also provided a forum to showcase advances in technology, create synergies and stimulate active cooperation between the multitude of on-going projects and initiatives.

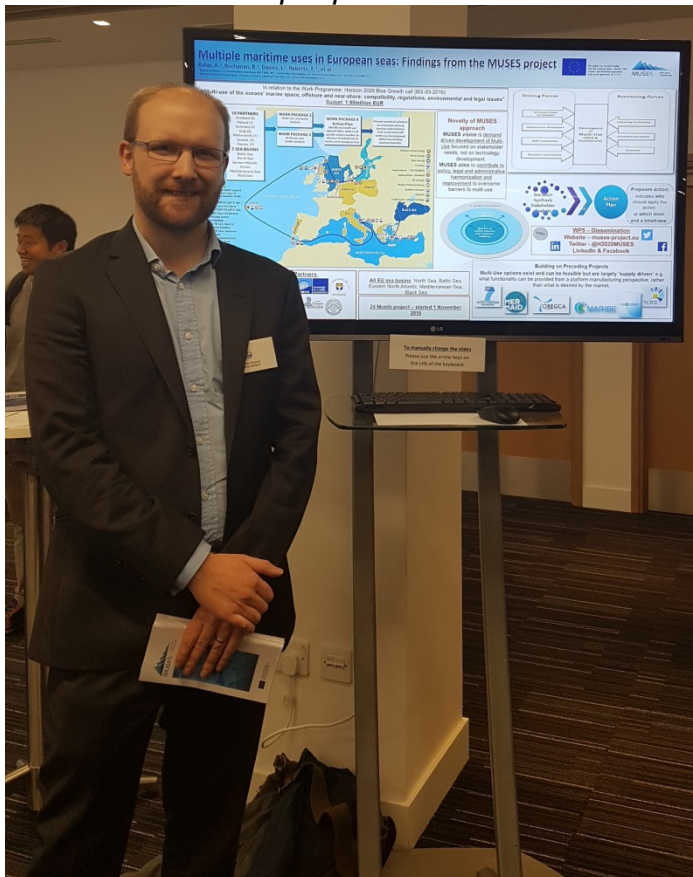
MASTS ASM - Sea Change - changing seas, changing times

At the start of October, MUSES project manager Timothy Roberts attended MASTS' Annual Science Meeting (ASM) in Glasgow, taking place over the 4th - 6th October,



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and presented an e-poster on the MUSES project to delegates. The ASM was a cross-disciplinary meeting which brought together representatives from across the marine science community and promoted and communicated research excellence. The focus of this ASM was to "*promote the latest advances in marine science, good governance and using sound science responsibly, and revisiting the vision: 'Clean, healthy, safe, productive, biologically diverse marine environments, managed to meet the needs of people and nature'*"



Timothy Roberts presenting MUSES at the MASTS conference in Glasgow

Coming Up

The next 3 months will see more deliverables being completed for the MUSES project. Future deliverables which will be available to view include a report on the case study implementation and new infographics. Work will also continue under WP2 on the sea basin overviews and comparisons.

Looking further ahead, MUSES will start preparing in the New Year for our next PSG in Athens, to be hosted by the Hellenic Centre for Marine Research in March 2018. Also, following the success of our Stakeholder Engagement Workshop in Poole, we



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are also researching the possibility of holding a 2nd workshop sometime in the Summer of 2018 - stay tuned for more details on this!

Next month, MUSES will also be represented at the COLUMUS project's 2nd international Blue Society Knowledge Transfer Conference in Brussels on 7th November.

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