

Welcome to the fifth MUSES newsletter!

News

Final Conference – Save the Date!

The MUSES Final Conference will take place on **Wednesday 10th October** in Brussels, Belgium. Engaging a wide range of interested stakeholders from the business community, public administrations and academia, the conference will provide a platform for discussion of our EU-wide Multi-Use Action Plan, setting out the various actions that can be taken at different levels (including policy, administration, legislation etc.) to promote multi-use in European Seas.

It will be a chance to learn more about opportunities in case study areas and results from various pilot projects. The latest MUSES reports available for download on the project website include the [WP2 Sea Basin Analysis final technical report](#), [WP3 Case Study Comparative Analysis](#) as well as the [WP4 Multi Use Analysis report](#) that highlights main opportunities, barriers and good practices across all five EU sea basins. Results from the project multi-use Case Studies, also available for [download](#), provide more information about specific local contexts and assess how suitable these environments are for certain multi-use concepts.

To register your interest to attend the conference, please follow the link [here](#). Please be advised that places are limited and your place will be confirmed by email following registration.

2nd MUSES Stakeholder Workshop

Our second workshop *‘Embracing Opportunities – Ocean Multi-Use Action Plan Development’* was held in Venice on the 27th June 2018, coordinated with the 5th Project Steering Group Meeting held on the 26th and 28th. The workshop was attended by MUSES partners and expert stakeholders associated with industry, public authorities, regional policy makers and other actors relevant for the development of different types of multi-use from across Europe.

The workshop provided an opportunity to discuss the research findings to date, generating discussion on key snapshots from the sea basin and case study analyses and the draft action plan. Three parallel working sessions allowed for more focused discussions around specific types of multi-use in order to identify priority actors and actions to facilitate their further development. These included MU driven by offshore renewable energy, for example in combination with different types of aquaculture, those driven by tourism sector in combination with underwater cultural heritage or fisheries (pescaturism), as well as exploring reuse options for Oil and Gas



decommissioning sites. A graphic recorder was appointed to draw the discussions during the conference, to be used as visuals for the action plan and further dissemination. The main messages and comments from attendees are now being added to the final picture with all the multi-use combinations that were discussed during the conference.

The workshop report, detailing the aims, discussion and main messages of the workshop, will be uploaded to the website within the coming weeks. A brief news article, published by SUBMARINER, can also be found [here](#).

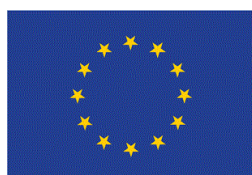


Stakeholders discuss offshore wind and fisheries multi-use at 2nd MUSES Stakeholder Workshop

5th Project Steering Group Meeting - Venice

MUSES held its fifth Project Steering Group meeting on the 26th and 28th June, hosted by Thetis and ISMAR in Venice, tying in with the 2nd Stakeholder Workshop.

The first day of proceedings focussed on preparations for the workshop taking place the following day and looking ahead to the Action Plan, while the second day saw the team digesting the results from the workshop and how this will be reflected in the Action Plan. Partners also had the opportunity to propose ideas for the Final Conference.





MUSES at ISMAR headquarters in Venice

Conferences

ICES Workshop

The ICES Working Group ‘*Marine Planning and Coastal Zone Management*’, with the support of MUSES and Marine Scotland, held a workshop on the 4th-6th April 2018 in Edinburgh to explore, discuss and promote coexistence and synergies in marine spatial planning. The workshop was attended by several of the MUSES consortium and presentations given by project coordinator Bruce Buchanan and Ivana Lukic from SUBMARINER Network EEIG who introduced the MUSES draft Action Plan and discussion around the multi-use priority lines. The workshop succeeded in identifying specific opportunities and limitations for MSP in promoting coexistence and synergy, and will be followed up with an ICES-led Collaborative Research Report. See [here](#) for the interim report.



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Project Coordinator Bruce Buchanan introducing MUSES at the ICES Workshop

All Energy

MUSES was represented by project manager Timothy Roberts of Marine Scotland at All Energy on the 2nd-3rd May 2018 in Glasgow, an annual event promoting renewable energy and low carbon innovation. There was a great deal of interest in the project this year, with stakeholders from industry and research asking further questions about the status of the project and the hopes for the future.



Project Manager Timothy Roberts promoting MUSES at All Energy



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European Maritime Day

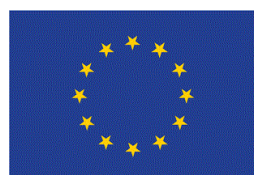
MUSES was promoted by Jacek Zaucha, of the Maritime Institute in Gdańsk, at European Maritime Day on 31st May 2018 in Burgas, Bulgaria. The event's focal theme was "Black Sea Big Bang" with a variety of stakeholder workshops and discussion on how to stimulate sustainable blue growth, investment and cooperative efforts for advancing economic growth of the Black Sea region.



Jacek Zaucha, of Maritime Institute in Gdańsk, promoting MUSES at European Maritime Day

EU Sustainable Energy Week

EU Sustainable Energy Week is an EU Commission initiative to encourage sustainable energy and renewable innovation. MUSES shared a stand with H2020 projects CEFOW (Clean Energy From Ocean Waves) and TAOIDE (Technology Advancement Of Ocean Energy) in the Networking Village on 6th June 2018 in Brussels. We spoke to interested stakeholders from various European countries and generated interest for the workshop in Venice and the final conference in Brussels.





Rianne Läkamp, of Ecorys, promoting MUSES at EU Sustainable Energy Week

GLOBMAR 2018: Global Maritime Conference – Sustainable Shipping

Joanna Przedzimirska presented MUSES project at the GLOBMAR conference organized by the Gdansk University held in Sopot (Poland) on 19-20th April 2018. Presentation titled 'Multi-use of the sea: from research to practice' aroused the interest of the conference participants, who in the discussion underlined the importance of a new maritime space sharing approach for other sectors, especially for maritime transport.



Joanna Przedzimirska of Maritime Institute in Gdańsk, presenting MUSES at GLOBMAR 2018



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Coming Up

Having submitted the draft Action Plan and gathered comments from stakeholders at the second workshop in June, MUSES will now be working towards the Final Action plan, to be submitted by the end of September. Once this is complete, work will commence on Exploitation of Results to ensure that the project's aims, progress and results are exploited and disseminated effectively and the Final Project Report which will summarise the work undertaken by MUSES over the past two years.

Work is currently ongoing on several academic publications associated with the MUSES project.

Islands Workshop

On the 11th September 2018, the University of Las Palmas, Gran Canaria, will host a workshop on MSP development in the context of islands, organised by the Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries of the European Commission, with the support of the European MSP Platform. The workshop will include presentations and discussions on the experiences of and opportunities for MSP implementation and Blue Growth on islands across the EU. MUSES research has so far concluded that multi-use concepts are quite relevant for remote and island areas, and so this workshop would be of direct relevance to anyone involved with MU in an island context. Further information can be found on the European MSP Platform's website [here](#).

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