MSP at Transboundary Scale

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Plenary session
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• Baltic Sea
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• Black Sea
  Ms Maria Georgieva - Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works, Bulgaria
• North Sea
  Mr Joseph Kofi Ansong - MSPglobal expert, Ulster University, Northern Ireland, UK
Round 1

• What were the main drivers behind transboundary cooperation?
• What was the most challenging issue related to transboundary which you have experienced?
• What has been the most useful lessons learnt from your experience in MSP?
• What would your main advice be to other nations and regional institutions leading MSP planning processes to ensure success?
Round 2

• What enabling conditions should be established to make lessons replicable? How might your lessons learnt be applicable to other locations?

• What could we do in the future to improve the process?
Thank you!
Transboundary MSP in the Baltic Sea

Joacim Johannesson
Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management
Experience from the Baltic Sea

Shared sea, challenges and visions
Countries are similar, but also different
Collaboration is serious business
Not only about planning and planners
Better together, better plans
Enabling conditions for transboundary MSP

• Politicians on board

• Common visions and objectives
  (the current ones could be sufficient)

• Common MSP-language and framework
  (guidelines, principles, roadmaps, legislation etc)

• Access to funding
  (eg. for transboundary projects)

• Existing structures for transboundary cooperation

• Shared knowledge
Thank you!
Transboundary MSP in Black Sea Basin

Maria Georgieva, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works of Bulgaria
MSP Process and experience gained (MARSPLAN-BS I & II)

• Creation of stronger links between competent authorities, as well as institutional and organisational learning at national and transboundary level

• Brought together key institutions in Bulgaria and Romania with the aim of identifying cross-border issues and solutions, to collaborate towards transposition of the MSP Directive and to contribute to transboundary Black Sea MSP

• Increasing knowledge and understanding of national and cross-border interests and approaches to MSP

• Identification of knowledge gaps and needs for harmonisation of data collection

• Enhancing transboundary stakeholder involvement

• Encouraging shared transboundary planning and developing recommendations to the pilot MSP area of Mangalia-Shabla
Best practices in terms of cross-border cooperation

- Identifying local and transboundary interests in sectors and key issues
- Deepening knowledge and understanding of different national MSP processes, aims and objectives
- Common solutions to shared problems: a common vision and common goals to boost economic growth in the Black Sea
Thank you!
Transboundary MSP in North Sea & British Isles

Joseph Kofi Ansong

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1 Context & Drivers

2 Past & Current Projects

3 Challenges
- Conceptual Fragmentation
- Institutional Fragmentation
- Temporal Fragmentation

4 Lessons & Success
- Identify the need for transboundary cooperation: fit for purpose
- Build on existing networks and cooperation mechanisms

5 Enabling Conditions
A. Providing capacity to cooperate: funding, staffing, transboundary projects
- Transboundary institution with MSP remit

6 Way Forward
- Enhancing cross-border institutional thinking
- Understanding the wider governance framework

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