

Welcome to the first MUSES newsletter!

News

MUSES Up and Running

Kick-Off!

MUSES had its kick-off meeting in December 2016 in Brussels. This was the very first time that the consortium had met face-to-face since the planning for the project began over a year previously. Hosted by Ecorys at their premises within the European Quarter of Brussels, the meeting not only allowed partners to finally put names to faces, but each partner also provided an overview of their involvement within the MUSES project going forward. There was also the chance to review in detail the work to be undertaken within each work package and discuss the best methods for doing so. Also attending on the first day were representatives from the European Commission and the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency.



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New Year

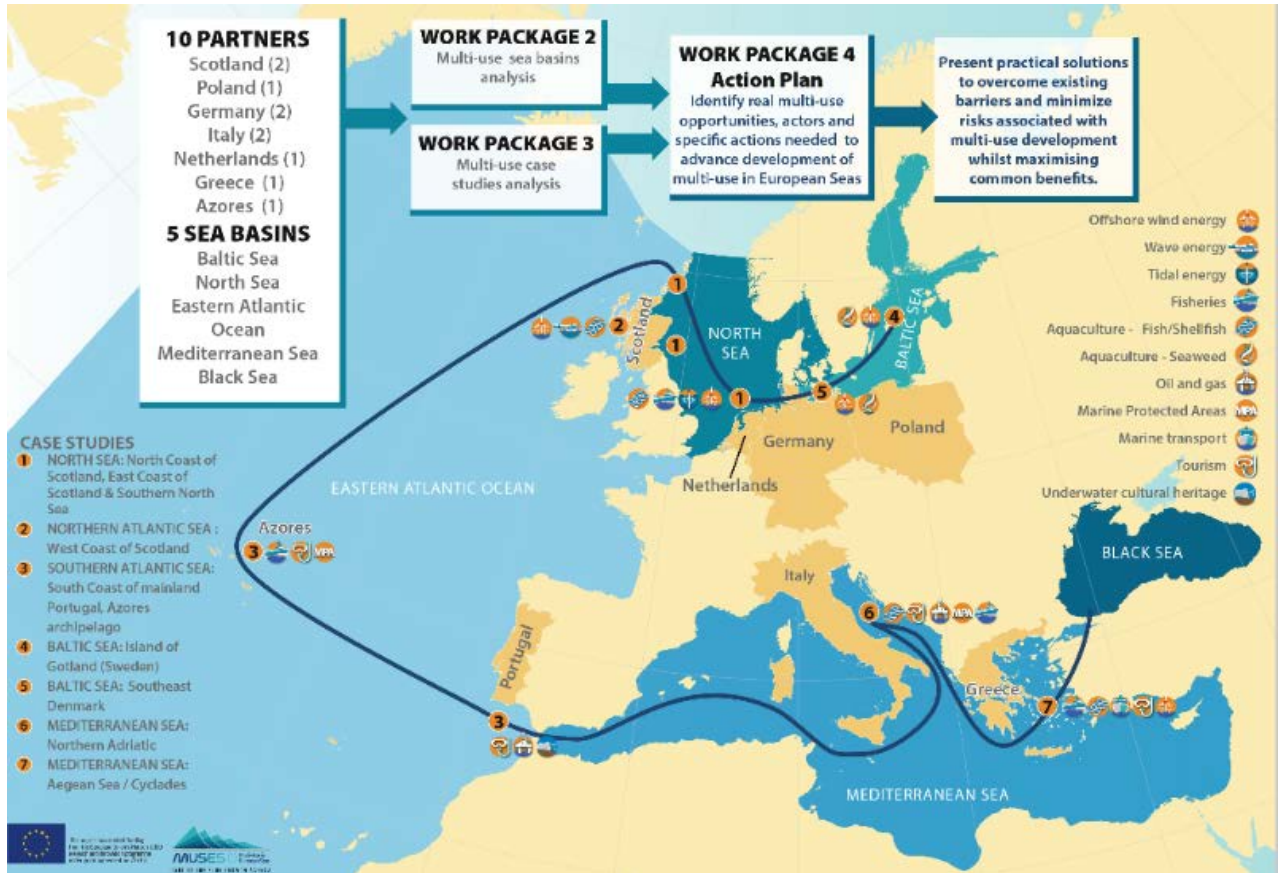
Following the break for Christmas, all hands were on deck for a very busy January with 3 deliverables due by the end of the month. All of these were related to Work Package (WP) 5, and led by project coordinator Marine Scotland. First and foremost was getting the project website up and running. This can be found at <https://muses-project.eu> and has a complete overview of the project including details of the 10 partners involved. The website will be updated as the project progress with reports and data. Also within this requirement was setting up our [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) pages as well - click on the links to follow us! The other two deliverables related to our logo and the first of our infographics (see image below).

First Report - Analytical Framework

WP2 leaders Maritime Institute in Gdansk took the helm in February with the delivery of the Analytical Framework required by the end of the month. This is an interdisciplinary framework for the analysis of multi-use in the sea basin context. This has provided the project consortium with practical research tools that will enable theoretical understanding and practical experiences related to multi-use. The analytical framework will also guide further analysis and feed into WP3. Based on an overview of existing literature on multi-use, this scheme includes key research questions and incorporates previous studies and practical experiences on multi-use. The analytical framework can be viewed on the MUSES website [here](#).



What is MUSES?



The Project

The Multi-Use in European Seas (MUSES) project is a two-year Horizon 2020 funded project, running from November 2016 to October 2018, exploring the opportunities for Multi-Use in European Seas across five sea basins: Baltic Sea, North Sea, Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea and, the Eastern Atlantic

Project Consortium

The MUSES consortium consists of:

- [Marine Scotland](#) (Scotland) - Project Coordinator and WP1, 5 & 6 leaders
- [The Maritime Institute in Gdańsk](#) (Poland) - WP2 leaders
- [THETIS SPA](#) (Italy) - WP3 Leaders
- [SUBMARINER Network for Blue Growth EEIG](#) (Baltic Sea Region) - WP5 Leaders



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- [The Alfred Wegener Institute Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research](#) (Germany)
- [Ecorys](#) (Netherlands)
- [Fundação Gaspar Frutuoso](#) (Portugal / Azores)
- [The Hellenic Centre for Marine Research](#) (Greece)
- [The Institute of Marine Sciences – National Research Council](#) (Italy)
- [The University of Dundee](#) (Scotland)

Three main work packages

As well as WP's 1, 5 & 6 ([Project Management](#), [Dissemination](#) and [Ethics](#) respectively) the MUSES project has 3 main pillars:

1. [Sea Basin Overview of Multi-Uses](#) (WP2): Regional overviews of multi-use which take into account 5 EU sea basins will be based on an analytical framework to facilitate adoption of a common approach across the sea basins.
2. [Case Studies](#) (WP3): MUSES will assess potential synergies for multi-use as well as the challenges encountered through a series of case studies.
3. [Action Plan](#) (WP4): MUSES will develop an action plan to ascertain the real opportunities for multi-use in European Seas, including the scope for innovation and Blue Growth potential. The action plan will be developed actively with stakeholders.

The action plan will be one of the main deliverables of the MUSES project. Substantial effort will therefore be made to produce a well-designed, easy-to-read, comprehensive printed document, which shall be promoted extensively beyond the lifetime of the project itself.

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