

Welcome to the second MUSES newsletter!

News

2nd Project Steering Group Meeting - Edinburgh

April saw the MUSES project prepare to hold its second project steering group (PSG) meeting in Scotland's capital, Edinburgh! Marine Scotland hosted the MUSES team at Victoria Quay in April. The main purpose of the meeting was to allow each partner to present the progress made to date on their respective work packages, and to discuss the arrangements for the MUSES' first stakeholder workshop on stakeholder engagement, taking place the following month in May.



MUSES in Edinburgh

1st MUSES Workshop

Our first workshop '**Multi-use for Sustainable Blue Growth**' was held in Poole on the 17th May, in order to tie-in to the European Maritime Day (EMD) events taking place on the 18th & 19th. This workshop saw 22 stakeholders representing various organisations from across Europe attend, including from industry, public authorities, regional policy makers and other actors relevant for the development of different types of multi-use. The workshop provided a great opportunity to get feedback from them on the work undertaken on the project to date including, what they thought of potential multi-use scenarios and the drivers, added value, barriers and impacts of multi-use. The workshop also served as an excellent opportunity to identify actors relevant in the multi-use context. Finally, the highly interactive nature of the



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workshop, which included a "world café", "contract game" and networking dinner, ensured that participants actively contributed to the project, provided their insights on multi-use and had a great time!

The report from the workshop has been completed and can be accessed on our website [here](#).



MUSES Stakeholder Workshop in Poole

Work Package 2 - Sea Basin Analysis Continues

Work under WP2 has continued on screening EU countries with regards to the presence and stage of development of multi-use, both in official documentation and also the minds of decision makers and sea users. Country reports (WP2 "Country Fiches") will be ready in early Autumn 2017. These reports will serve as background material for the preparation of sea basin overviews. In parallel the WP2 researchers have been expanding upon the standard set of factors driving and/or hampering multi-use development, as well as the negative and positive impacts of multi-use. The expansion of Country Fiches, as well as sea basin overviews, is being carried out in close collaboration with stakeholders identified at the Poole workshop and those involved in the MUSES case studies.

Work Package 3 - Case Study Kick-Off

Work has now begun on the WP3 case studies for MUSES. Following the completion of the Case Study Methodology and Stakeholder Engagement documents by the work package leader THETIS (available [here](#) and [here](#) respectively on the website), partners have now started work on their respective case studies including actions for stakeholder engagement (including interviews, questionnaires &



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workshops). Further information on this work package and the individual case studies can be viewed on the project website [here](#).

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Conferences

Consortium partners been busy attending various events where they have promoted the good work being undertaken by the MUSES project and establishing good networks with stakeholders.

MUSES were represented at Marine Scotland's stand on both days of the All-Energy Event in Glasgow and generated some interest in the project with potential stakeholders. It also provided an excellent opportunity to meet with some of the stakeholders already identified within the case studies and discuss the project in more detail with them.

Following our first workshop MUSES attended the European Maritime Day event in Poole. This event is held in a different European city and has a different theme every year, with 2017 seeing the events theme being "The Future of our Seas". The heart of EMD was a 2-day conference on this theme. High-level sessions and stakeholder workshops attracted delegates & experts from across Europe and beyond. The programme included more than 30 stakeholder workshops and project pitches on the following themes: 1) Innovation & Growth, 2) People & Skills, 3) Safety & Security, 4) Sustainability & Governance. It also featured attractive plenary sessions, including inspirational key-notes, a leadership exchange, a practitioner's exchange on sea-basin strategies, as well as a project launch for the 2016 EMFF Blue Growth call.

MUSES was active in the discussions at the SOMOS workshop (attended by Ivana Lukic) in Amsterdam (Ijmuiden) on the 22nd and 23rd of May. SOMOS focuses on renewable energy production in combination with seaweed, which is used not only as food, but also for feed, bio-chemicals, energy and other valuable products. A grant is awarded by the UK-based Lloyd's Register Foundation, which wants to contribute to the enhancement of resilient marine resources for tomorrow's world population. The goal in SOMOS is to develop a meaningful safety assessment and safety control to stimulate the production of energy and food at sea.

MUSES also presented at the conference 'A New Era of Blue Enlightenment' held on 12-14 July 2017 in Lisbon. This High-Level Ministerial and Scientific event gathered high-level government representatives and scientists from Brazil, South Africa and the European Union with the aim to better understand and protect marine ecosystems and the link between oceans and climate. Prof. Helena Calado (University of the Azores) presented MUSES in the 'Atlantic Ocean Ecosystems Under Pressure' project showcase, awakening the curiosity of the participants. The



signing of the Belem Statement was an important achievement of the Conference and marked "...a unique moment in international cooperation..." according to Carlos Moedas, EU Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation.



Prof. Helena Calado presenting MUSES

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