

WORKSHOP ON MEMBER STATES' USE OF THE MSFD IN THE PLANNING AND OPERATION OF HUMAN ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING AUTHORISATION, PERMITTING AND LICENSING PROCEDURES

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Conference Centre Albert Borschette (CCAB) 36, Rue Froissart - B-1040 Brussels - Room 0B

9.15 – 9.30	Opening and registration
9.30.-10.15 am	Opening session
9.30 – 9.40	Welcome and objectives of the workshop (<i>European Commission</i>)
9.40 – 10.00	Main outcomes of the study (<i>Arcadis</i>)
10.00 – 10.10	Q & A
10.10 – 10.15	Organisation of the workshop (<i>Arcadis</i>)
10.15 – 11.15 am	<p>Session 1: 'Legal' challenges (Arcadis to moderate)</p> <p><i>This session deals with the way MSFD requirements are integrated in the national legislation on permitting of marine activities It covers topics such as integration of MSFD elements (e.g. Initial Assessment) in permitting legislation, potential overlaps (WFD, MSFD), the different application thresholds of EIA Annex II activities, non EIA listed activities, the role of the MSP Directive for permitting, the Habitats Directive, etc.</i></p>
10.15 – 10.25	Introduction to the topic
10.25 – 11.15	<p>Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WFD Navi Task Group (Jan Brooke) • IOGP and/or potential additional industry stakeholders (<i>depending on final confirmation</i>) • BirdLife • 2 Member States
11.15 – 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30-12.00	Debate including Q&A on presentations, potential way(s) out, and possible solutions
12.00-13.15	<p>Session 2: 'Technical' challenges (Arcadis to moderate)</p> <p><i>This session deals with GES descriptors related information, or lack thereof, and the resulting consequences for the permit granting process. The possible consequences for the permitting process of Member States' (sometimes uncertain) determination of GES in 2012 could also be discussed, as well as how an improved GES Decision</i></p>

	<i>may help resolve some of these issues. Discussion topics include defining permit conditions, scale issues (e.g. monitoring), information for baseline assessment, knowledge gaps, cumulative impacts, databases, uncertainty, pre-cautionary approach, risk-based approach....</i>
12.00-12.10	Introduction to the topic
	Presentations
12.10-12.50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Sea Conventions (tbd) • Max 2 Member States • CEDA
12.50-13-15	Debate including Q&A on presentations, potential way(s) out, and possible solutions
13.15-14.15	Lunch
	Session 3: ‘Procedural’ challenges (Arcadis to moderate)
14.15-15.30	<i>This session deals with the permitting procedures. Topics include ways of streamlining procedures, models for sharing efforts between public and private actors (e.g. data collection, accessibility of data, cost issues such as the financing of monitoring), differences in practice between big projects (often handled by well-staffed central authorities) and small-scale investments (which may be handled by understaffed local authorities) and coordination between Member States (variations in permitting conditions between MS might cause additional burdens for offshore activities which cross jurisdictions) or even between different departments within one Member State (e.g. one-stop-shop approach, ‘nested policy approach’).</i>
14.15-14.25	Introduction to the topic
	Presentations
14.25-15.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max 2 Member States • Seas at Risk • industry representative (tbc)
15.00-15.30	Coffee Break
15.30-16.00	Debate including Q&A on presentations, potential way(s) out, and possible solutions
	Session 4: CLOSING SESSION (Moderator: EC)
16.00-16.15	Conclusions of the workshop (EC)
16.15-16.30	Practical information regarding finalisation of the study