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ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

On April 19th and 20th, 2023, an online capacity-building event was organized by the Biodiversity Foundation (Fundación Biodiversidad – FBIO) in close collaboration with the project coordinator: the Regional Science and Technology Fund of the Regional Government of the Azores (FRCT).

At the 4th Steering Committee and in the Advisory Board meeting in February 2023, the most crucial topics on which the partners would like to focus the 2nd Capacity Building activity of the project were discussed, intending to cover their needs according to the phase they are working on MSP. With all received feedback, a list of identified knowledge gaps, possible topics to cover during this capacity-building activity, and potential mentors was prepared (see Table 1).

Table 1 - Identified topics and potential mentors

Capacity building needs to be identified.	Possible mentors	
Social impact assessment & Adaptive MSP Plans*	Ingela Isaksson (SIA)	Nordregio
	Andrea Morf (SIA)	Swedish Institute for the Marine Environment, Gothenburg University
	Kira Gee (SIA)	Land2Sea
	Margarida Almodovar	IPMA
	Catarina Frazão	University of Lisbon
	Riku Varjopuro	Finnish Environment Institute Helsinki, Uusimaa, Finland
	Andrea Barbanti	ISMAR Istituto di Scienze Marine Arsenal, Italy
Ecosystem Services & Climate change in MSP*	Javier García Sanabria (ES)	Universidad de Cádiz
	Catarina Frazão (CC)	University of Lisbon
	Riku Varjopuro (CC)	Finnish Environment Institute Helsinki, Uusimaa, Finland
	Lodewijk Abspoel (land-sea interaction)	Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment - Netherlands
	Dmitry Frank-Kamenetsky (ES)	HELCOM, Finland (eMSP MBSR)
	Jan Schmidtbauer Crona	Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management (eMSP NBSR)
	Camino Liqueste	Joint Research Centre
	Paulo Nunes	FAO
Stakeholder engagement in MSP*	Helena Calado/Débora Gutierrez	University of the Azores
	Javier García Sanabria	Universidad de Cádiz
	Carlos Pereira da Silva	Dep. Geografia e Planeamento Regional - Universidade Nova de Lisboa
Monitoring and Evaluation phase of an MSP process*	Juan Zapatero Ronco*	DG-MARE
	Vanda Dores	DGPM
	Natacha Nogueira	DRM
	Jennifer McCann	Rhode Island, Special Area Management Plan

From this first scenario, three topics were chosen to be covered during the seminars by 11 mentors:

- Monitoring and Evaluation phase of an MSP process;
- Social impact assessment & Adaptive plans in the MSP process; and
- Stakeholder engagement in the MSP process.

The event was disseminated on the [project website](#) and the social media networks Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter. It was decided that it would be an open event in which people outside the project but involved in space maritime planning could participate.

The first part of the **Social impact assessment & Adaptive plans** and the **Stakeholder engagement in the MSP process** topics were covered on the first day, and 54 people attended the training.

Both topics are crucial due to their impact on a well and agreed planning. By engaging stakeholders, identifying potential social impacts, and adopting a flexible and adaptive approach, MSP planners can create a more sustainable and equitable management framework for ocean space and promote the long-term health and vitality of our oceans and their ecosystems.

Social impact assessment and Adaptive plans are integral components of the MSP process due to their ability to address potential social impacts of ocean management and to respond to changing circumstances within the ocean environment. They help to ensure that the plan is responsive to the social, economic, and environmental contexts within which it is developed and implemented. Due to the importance of these topics, two sessions, one per day, were organized. On the 1st day, **Kira Gee** (Helmholtz Zentrum Hereon) explained the value of different communities' socio-cultural aspects and how to integrate them; and **Ingela Isaksson** (Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management) presented the importance and need to achieve a socially sustainable MSP. On the 2nd day, **Andrea Barbanti** (CNR-ISMAR/Italy) explained the different implemented projects in the Mediterranean region, which have counted with the engagement of stakeholders, this perspective of these other actors from their various roles, experience, and situations. Margarida **Almodovar** (Portuguese Institute for Sea and Atmosphere) presented a specific case of adaptive plans in Portugal.

Stakeholder engagement is vital to the success of an MSP process, as it helps ensure that the MSP plan is effective, feasible, and sustainable. Stakeholders are individuals or groups affected by or interested in the outcome of the MSP process, and they must be engaged. Also, it provides an opportunity for them to share their knowledge, concerns, and opinions, and it allows them to contribute to the planning process. To introduce experience on this topic as well as lessons learned, four experts talked about the challenges of stakeholder engagement in the MSP process, the different phases, reflections based on real experiences carried out, and how to enhance and enable the MSP process through engagement: **Carlos Pereira da Silva** (CICS.NOVA, NOVA University Lisbon), **Javier García Sanabria** (University of Cadiz), **Tom Woolley** (Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage), and **Helena Calado** (University of the Azores).

The third covered topic was **Monitoring and Evaluation** in the MSP process. M&E is essential to ensure that MSP is effective, adaptive, and responsive to changing circumstances. By systematically collecting and analyzing data, M&E can identify implementation challenges, track changes in marine ecosystems and activities, identify successes and best practices, and inform MSP decision-making. This effective M&E requires clearly defined objectives, indicators, data collection methods, and stakeholder engagement. To review the experience of the establishment of these indicators, data collection, and other decisive steps in the M&E, three speakers presented the monitoring and evaluation process: **Riku Varjopuro** and **Magdalena Matczak** (EMFF sister project eMSP-NBSR) in the North and Baltic Sea; Vasco Mendes (DGPM) in Portugal; and **Juan Zapatero Ronco** (DG-MARE) presented the view from the EU Commission as a crucial step to review and improve the MSP. A total of 44 people attended this second-day seminar.

All educational materials and the agenda are available [here](#).

PARTICIPANTS

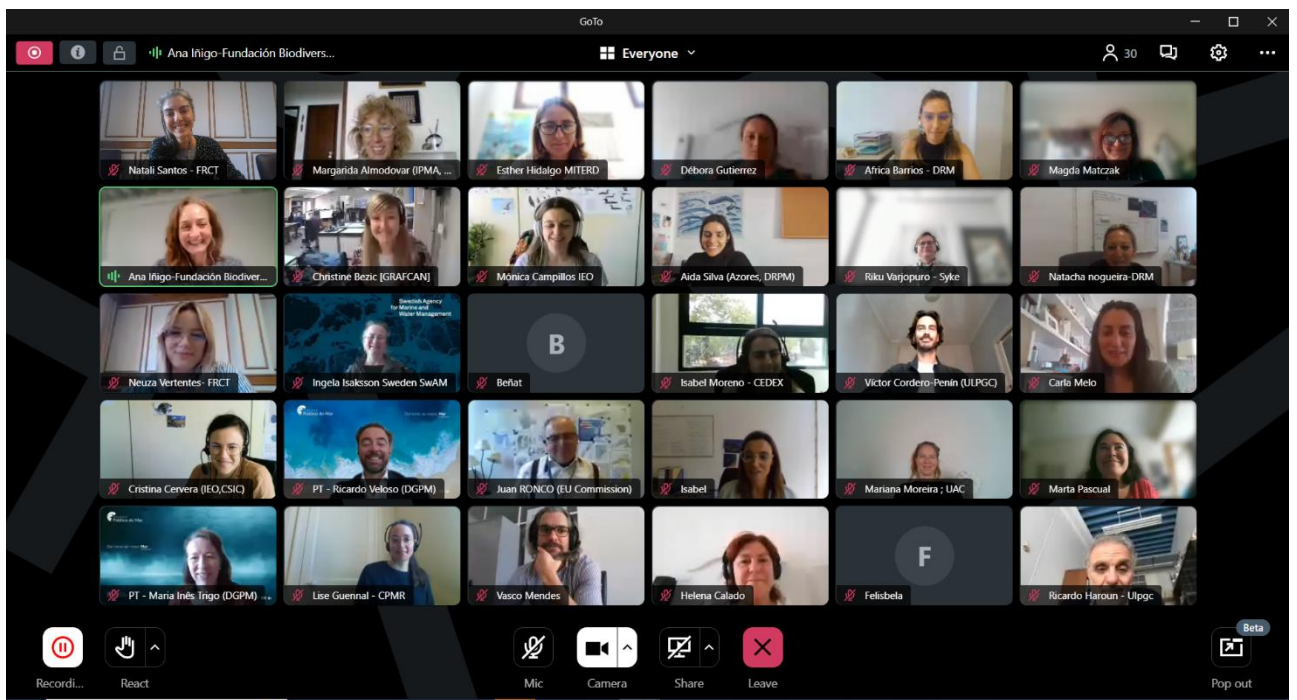
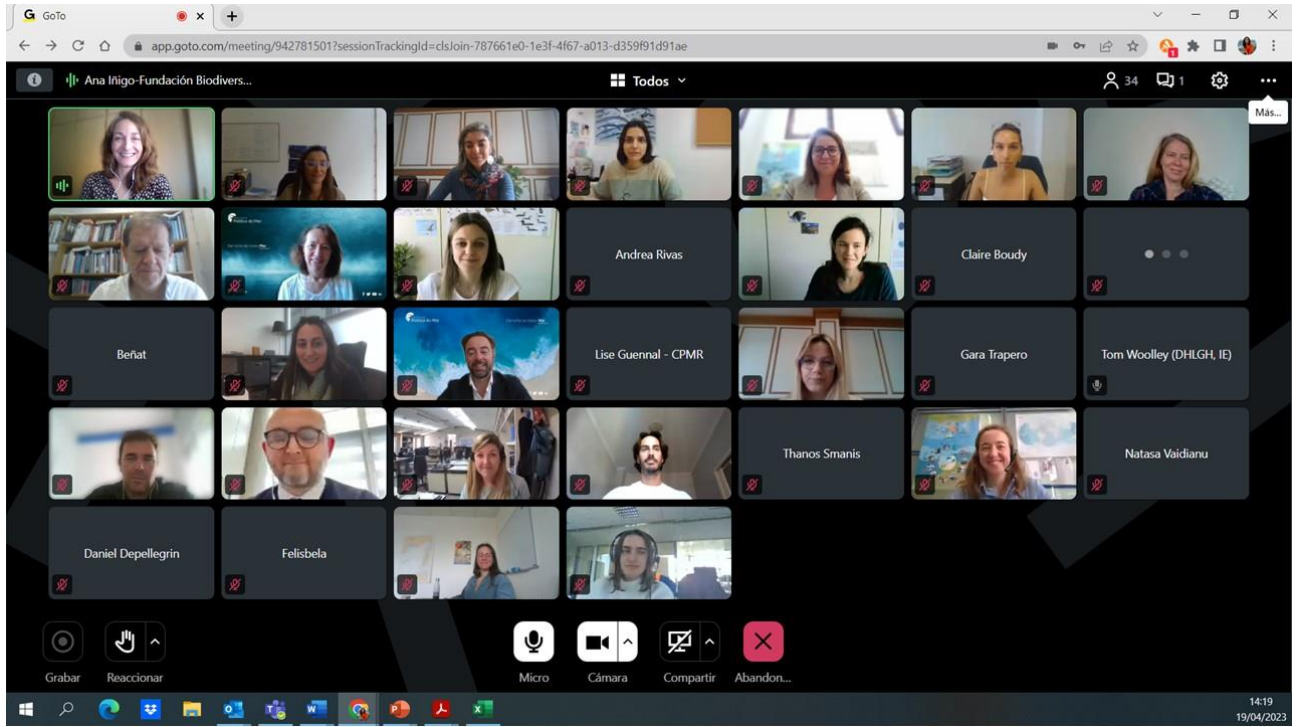
A total of 65 people participated in the event during the two days, with 54 attendees on the first day and 44 during the second day, representing 31 governmental, scientific, and other non-governmental institutions, as detailed in the table below.

	Participant name	Institution
1	Africa Barrios	DRM
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31	Isabel Rodrigues	SRMar-DRM
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	Participant name	Institution
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37	Lise Guennal	CPMR
38	Magda Matczak	Gdynia Maritime University - Maritime Institute · Spatial Planning Laboratory
39	Margarida Almodovar	IPMA
40	Margarita Volosina	VASAB
41	Maria Gothberg	Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management
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58	Roula	
59	Silvia Rayo	Universidad de Cádiz
60	Thanos Smanis	CLIMAZUL Ltd
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64	Víctor Cordero-Penín	ULPGC
65	Victoria González	Fundación Biodiversidad

PHOTOS





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All the stakeholders were complaining among others, even between the same sector.

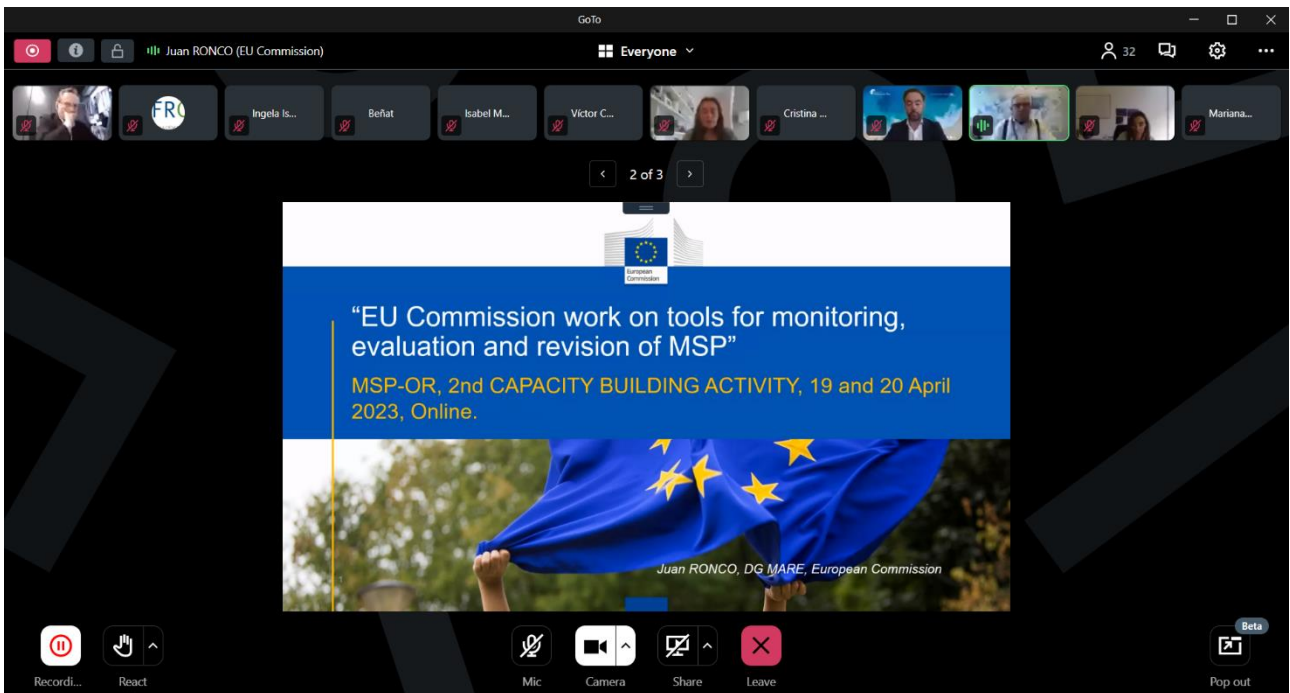
It was important the stakeholders see the UCA team as an independent actor.

Before doing anything there were a need of reducing disagreement among stakeholders

Environmental Issues:

- Noise, seabed remotion, motor oils, etc.
- Ports, breakwaters, beach nourishment, Gola del Estacio
- Coastal border is built, wetlands are lost, erosion, waterwaste,...
- Nitrients (nitrates) pesticides, flow to the lagoon through "Rambla del Albujon"
- Leaching of heavy metals from abandoned mining

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EU Commission

"EU Commission work on tools for monitoring, evaluation and revision of MSP"

MSP-OR, 2nd CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITY, 19 and 20 April 2023, Online.

Juan RONCO, DG MARE, European Commission

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