



The 'Living Q'

Interactive Method for Maritime Spatial Planning

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Background

- Stakeholder engagement is key to MSP
- Need for:
 - personal experience and interactive practice
 - Dialogue and communication
 - Identification of mismatches and synergies
 - Understanding of stakeholders viewpoints / perspectives



Research is necessary in order to gain understanding of different ways MSP is perceived, as different terms have different meanings to stakeholders

the Living Q

- Interactive exercise, inspired by the Q Methodology – a discussion analysis tool
- Used to investigate the perspectives of participants who represent different stances on an issue, by ranking and sorting a series of statements

A tool to understand stakeholders **viewpoints / perspectives / values** to foster discussions in a living, communicative and playful environment

Goal of the session: Have fun! Talk to your ‘neighbours’, and actively discuss

Rules of the Game

- Step 1** Stand up and stay in the middle of the u-shaped categories.
- Step 2** Take your Questionnaire and your cards and have a look at the 5 statements on MSP. Think about how strongly you disagree or agree with them.
- Step 3** Allocate ONE of the five statements to each category, from strongly disagree (-2) to neutral (0) to strongly agree (+2). Indicate this on the questionnaire. **NOTE: Only one statement per category is possible**
- Step 4** Each statement will be considered in turn. The different rankings are set out around the room. The facilitators will guide you through the process. Hold on to the card with your chosen category for that statement.
- Step 5** Explain and discuss your decision with the entire group
- Step 6** Repeat from step 4 until all statements are considered or until we run out of time!
- Step 7** After discussing all statements you will be able to change your initial ranking – please indicate this in the questionnaire

Overview of Statements

- 1. Ecosystem based management should be seen as the foundation for cross-border MSP**
- 2. The main challenge in cross border MSP is a duly needed harmonization of regulations and legislative arrangements**
- 3. A strong degree of cooperation between national authorities is crucial for MSP**
- 4. Marine Planning and terrestrial planning are strongly linked and should not be separated**
- 5. Cross border stakeholder engagement is more effective at a local level**

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should be seen as the foundation
for cross-border MSP**

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harmonization of regulations and
legislative arrangements**

Statement 3

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Statement 4

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Statement 5

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local level**

Thank you

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