

Maritime Spatial Planning: transboundary cooperation in the Celtic Seas

Bluecoat, Liverpool's Centre for the Contemporary Arts 28-29 November, 2017

A conference for stakeholders, practitioners, researchers and others involved in Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) in the Celtic Seas and beyond. SIMCelt's project team plus other scientific, policy, user and industry perspectives will address key transboundary issues in MSP.

Objectives

To present the results of the SIMCelt project

To support transboundary working and implementation of MSP in the Celtic Seas

SIMCelt and supporting implementation of MSP

An overview of SIMCelt's focus and outputs in the context of MSP in the Celtic Seas, considering each country's timeline, governance, key issues. Industry and other perspectives on MSP.

Panel discussion and contributions from external speakers TBC

Sustainability Challenges in the Celtic Seas

Spatial Demands & Scenarios: Future drivers of demand for marine space and sectoral development. How the current status and planned management of MPAs fits in.

Ecosystem Based Approaches and Cumulative Impacts: Exploring SIMCelt's work on EBA to marine planning and the approaches to CI Assessment developed by SIMCelt and other projects.

Governance and Cross-Border Working

Development of co-operation on MSP: Mechanisms for transboundary working. Approaches to cross-border cooperation incl. stakeholder engagement mechanisms used by SIMCelt.

Evaluating the MSP Process

Project Marketplace Featuring MSP education event, MSP Challenge Game, Land-Sea Interactions, Ecosystem Services StoryMaps, project stands

Parallel workshops

The MSP challenge game

A chance to play the game and see for yourself how it can be used to engage people in the MSP process.

Data and information for the Celtic Seas

Final meeting of the SIMCelt working group on data, explaining in more detail the operation of the data portal.

LivingQ exercise

Explore differing perspectives on the MSP process. Understand how different actors in MSP feel and how this influences cooperation.

Looking ahead

- How to future-proof transboundary working in the context of Brexit? Featuring perspectives from the Baltic/Mediterranean on non-member state cooperation.
- Feedback from Irish Sea Maritime Forum workshop on future collaboration in the Celtic Seas
- Reinforcing synergies between MSP and the Atlantic Strategy & Action Plan - how can each contribute to more effective cross-border cooperation?

Panel discussion on future research & funding needs and co-operation/governance mechanisms