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REGIONAL INPUT

SEANSE project opening conference
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Who we are

160 regions from 24 States from the EU and beyond
6 geographical commissions
4 main pillars:
  • Cohesion
  • **Maritime policies** -> MARITIME AGENDA
  • Accessibility
  • Global Agendas

MSP Projects

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CPMR conducted a EU survey/analysis of the role of the regions related to coastal and maritime directives (MSP, MSFD, Birds/Habitats) targeting:

- Issues related to the management of coastal and maritime areas (Erosion, Coastal risks, Climate change ...)
- Actions undertaken by the regions (regulatory powers and other types of powers, the importance of Land-Sea Interactions)
- Regions’ proposals for the future of the directives
CPMR survey

-> Role of the regions

- Replies from North Sea Commission regions (to be continued)
  - Orkney Islands, UK
  - Lower Saxony, Germany
  - Noord-Holland, The Netherlands
  - Västra Götaland, Sweden
First conclusions of the survey

• Disparities in the involvement of regional authorities in MSP depending on:
  – National implementation processes
  – Regulatory powers and competencies

• Common willingness to be informed and in majority involved in MSP

• Need for capacity building & sharing experiences

• Regions can act as facilitator, driven-force, arena for stakeholder engagement either at local level but also through interregional cooperation for transnational or cross-border cases.
Belgium-France North Sea Case study

• In collaboration with the SHOM, Stakeholder engagement workshop (March 2019)
  – Overview of data
  – Information on MSP to stakeholders
Thank you for your attention!

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