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Introduction

Celtic Seas Partnership

- EC Life+ funded project, with a budget of €4 million
- Four year project: January 2013 to December 2016
- Follows on from very successful PISCES project
- Supporting transboundary implementation of EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive in the Celtic Seas through a stakeholder-led approach

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PISCES Project

- Brought together the main activities in the Celtic Sea to increase understanding of ecosystem approach and develop a practical guide.
- LIFE+, 2009-2012, WWF UK led with WWF Spain, The Environment Council and country leads Coastal Marine Research Centre and SeaWeb: UK, France, Ireland, Spain.



PISCES Guide

- 1) Improving stakeholder participation in MSFD implementation.
- 2) Encouraging stakeholders to implement their own solutions, and encourage others.
- 3) Greater communication between stakeholders and stakeholders and government.
- 4) Developing and implementing the necessary mechanisms for fully integrated marine management.

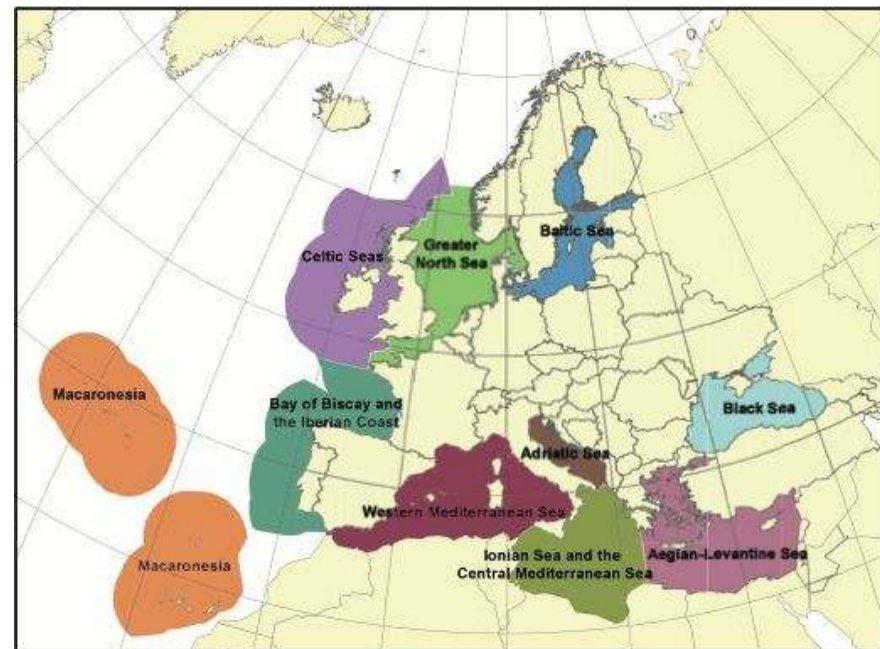


PISCES Project

- 25 stakeholders endorse, 30 moderating stakeholders comment, stakeholders disseminate to 1,500, team disseminated to 10,000 marine contacts across Europe
- Increase in understanding and confidence
- Trust developed and a commitment to shared future goals
- Created appetite for proactive engagement
- Desire for continuation

Celtic Seas

- Celtic Seas is one of the 10 MSFD sub-regions
- Western seaboard of UK and Republic of Ireland, north east of Scotland and northern France
- Diverse range of marine habitats and wide range of maritime industries





Partners

- WWF-UK is lead partner
- Other partners: University of Liverpool, Dublin Regional Authority, the Natural Environment Research Council (British Oceanographic Data Centre) and SeaWeb (France)

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Overall objective

Demonstrate successful approaches and best practice through **multi-stakeholder collaboration** to guide **practical implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive** and contribute to Good Environmental Status of the Celtic Seas Marine Region.

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Aim

The aim of the partnership is to engage stakeholders in decision-making by:

- Linking sea-users, scientists and policy-makers at the Celtic Seas scale
- strengthening information exchange between Celtic Seas countries

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Specific objective

1. By 2016, **effective engagement mechanisms** have been established with key sectoral interests; and the most appropriate scales/mechanisms for engagement (e.g. Celtic Seas Forum, Irish Sea Platform) recognised to support delivery of ecosystem-based and integrated management.



Specific objective

2. By 2016, successful **ecosystem-based management techniques and methods** to support integrated marine management have been developed and demonstrated through multi-stakeholder collaboration, to guide practical implementation of European maritime policy including the MSFD.





Preparatory actions

- Review of related projects
- Stakeholder network mapping
- Review of MSFD capacity



Results area 1

Engagement and capacity building

- Focused programme of **meetings** and **workshops** in each country
- A series of **conferences** across the region
- Multinational **sector-specific workshops**
- An **online tutorial** on MSFD



Results area 2

Cross-border marine governance

- Analysis of existing approaches through three **case studies** e.g. Loughs Agency
- Developing **best practice guidelines** and recommendations
- An MSFD working group for the Irish Sea



Results area 3

Cross-sectoral good practice

- Best practice guidelines on ICZM and terrestrial planning
- Regional case study of ICZM approaches in Dublin Bay
- Case studies and codes of best practice on co-location and conflict resolution, with a focus on marine renewables



Results area 4

Transboundary information resources

- Development of a rapid Ecosystem Services Assessment tool
- Future trends reporting
- Strategic guide to knowledge integration and data harmonisation
- Celtic Seas web portal



Observer Board and Advisory Group

- Observer Board: MSFD leads from each project country, OSPAR and European Commission
- Advisory Group: experts on ecosystem-based management, marine policy and governance, stakeholder engagement, industry representatives.



Early milestones

July 2013- January 2014: Initial meetings with stakeholders

Oct/Nov 2013: First Celtic Seas Conference to launch the project and share the findings of the initial assessment phase of the project

January- March 2014: Stakeholder workshops to be held in each country

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Opportunities to get involved

- International conferences and workshops
- Case studies highlighting best practice
- Working groups
- Advisory role
- Keep up-to-date with e-newsletter





Thank you!

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