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MSP going regional and local: initiatives from the Crete region

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The Crete Region

Χάρτης 1. Θελάσσεις χωρικές ενότητες. Πηγή: Ολοκληρωμένη θεώρηση του θελάσσου χώρου – Εθνική Χωρική Σφαιρική Στρατηγική για τον θελάσσιο χώρο, 2022.
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SOCIO-CULTURAL VALUES IN MSP
TOWARDS THE CREATION OF COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN
A CONSULTATION WORKSHOP WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT, SCIENTISTS AND STAKEHOLDERS
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**Perspectives of Incorporation of Maritime/Underwater Cultural Heritage in MSP, Development of Relevant Communities of Practice.**

**Coordination:** HER-SEA Research Team

**Participants:** Representatives of Local Stakeholders (indicative list)
- Region of Crete, Directorate of Environment, Directorate of Planning and Development, Directorate of Fisheries.
- Deconcentrated (decentralized) Administration of Crete.
- Regional Development Fund of Crete.
- Greek Tourism Organisation of Crete.
- Ephorate (Superintendency) of underwater antiquities.
- Coastal Municipalities of Crete.
- Hellenic Centre for Marine Research, Foundation for Research and Technology (IITE).
- Universities.
- Chambers of Commerce.
- Fishers.
- Port authorities.
- Minoan & Anax Lines.
- Local representatives of Ferries traveling to Skiathos.
- Tourism industry representatives.
- Governance scheme of Marine protected Areas.
- Aquaculture industry representatives.
- Fisheries Local Action Groups etc.
2. The CRETE consultation workshop that took place in Chania-Crete on the 21st of February 2023 (THAL-CHO2, REGINA-MSP)

The workshop also revealed local needs on MSP related information and training that will be very welcome.
Communities of practice are formed by people who engage in a **process of collective learning** in a **shared domain of human endeavor**. (E. & B. Wenger-Trayner)

Communities of practice are **groups of people who share a concern or a passion for something they do and learn how to do it better as they interact regularly.**

- **identity** defined by a shared domain of interest.
- Members of CoP are **practitioners**
Key results of the initiatives

**Stakeholders**
1. There is an increasing interest on MSP by regional/local stakeholders – they need to see stronger political will
2. Driver for the elaboration of an MSPlan is the allocation of OWFs – new landscapes and seascapes are acceptable.
3. Stakeholders consider the relevant legislative tools rather complex (e.g. the National strategy for the marine space)
4. Training is very welcome
5. They also consent to create a Community of practice on MSP but need more info on this (formal, informal, leader etc.)
6. They need to have responsibilities and be essentially involved in the decision-making
7. Mayors asked for (competent and sufficient) staff
8. Diverging opinions on diving parks and artificial reefs

**Team of Experts**
1. Focus on socio-cultural values- the missing layer in MSPlans
2. Blue justice for fishers
3. Alignement of FLAGs CLLD strategies with the EGD objectives
4. Functional marine zones and marine ITI as a financial tool – Aegean as archipelago
5. Training on multi-use, ecosystem-based management, transboundary MSP….etc.
6. Focus on island literacy – marine citizenship
7. Smart Specialisation Strategies and blue economy

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Case-study area of the HER-SEA project (Developing an observation network and a CoP on socio-cultural values in MSP)
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Thank you for your attention!

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