

MSEP workshop
Theory of Change
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Outline of presentation

- Description of project, building on from PISCES and main result areas
- How project fits into thematic diagram
- Best possible and worst possible outcomes
- Barriers and enablers; opportunities for other NGOs/MSEN to add value

Introduction

Celtic Seas Partnership

- EC Life+ funded project, with a budget of €4 million
- Four year project, running from 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



PISCES Project

- [PISCES video](#)



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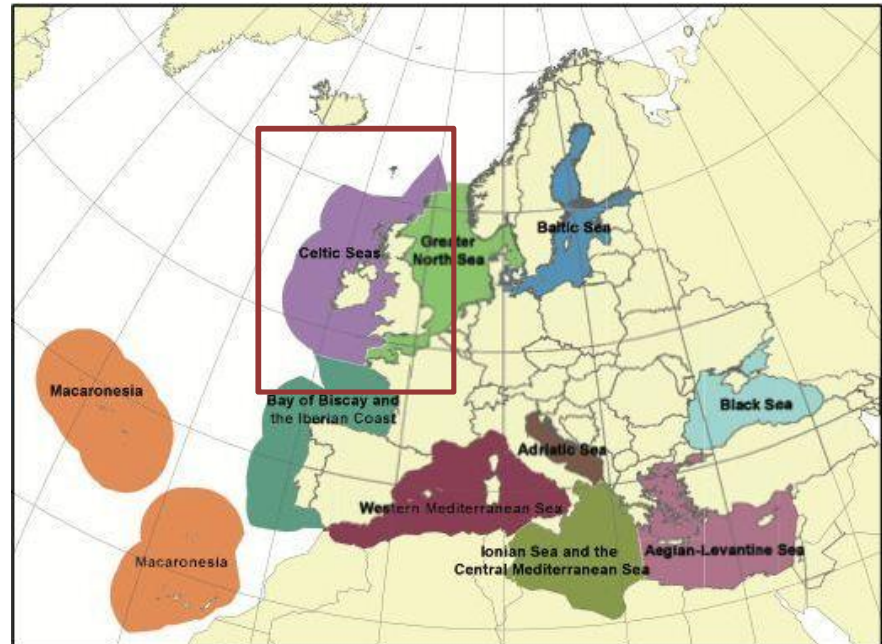


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Celtic Seas

- 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)

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.

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

Specific objectives

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 objectives

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.

Activities/result areas

1. Engagement and capacity building

- Focused programme of **meetings**, series of **conferences** and **country workshops 2013-16**
- Sharing information, experience, **identifying existing/developing future best practice** engagement models and mechanisms

2. Transboundary partnership

- **Analysing existing** approaches and mechanisms (**case studies** e.g. Loughs Agency)
- Developing **best practice guidelines** and recommendations

Activities/result areas

3. Trans-sectoral good practice

- **Analysing existing/emerging case studies** in managing needs of **different sectors**
- Developing **best practice guidelines & recommendations** (e.g. co-location)

4. Transboundary information resources

- Analysing **existing information** resources and developing **new resources** (e.g. Web Portal)
- **Strategic guide to data integration/ harmonisation**

Early milestones

July 2013- January 2014: Initial meetings with stakeholders

October 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

How can this project contribute towards the goal
“To achieve and maintain healthy seas around
the UK which are used sustainably”?

- Supporting delivery of GES under MSFD
- Building transboundary and transectoral partnerships between stakeholders and governments
- Demonstrating best practice using case studies



Thanks for listening!
Any questions?

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