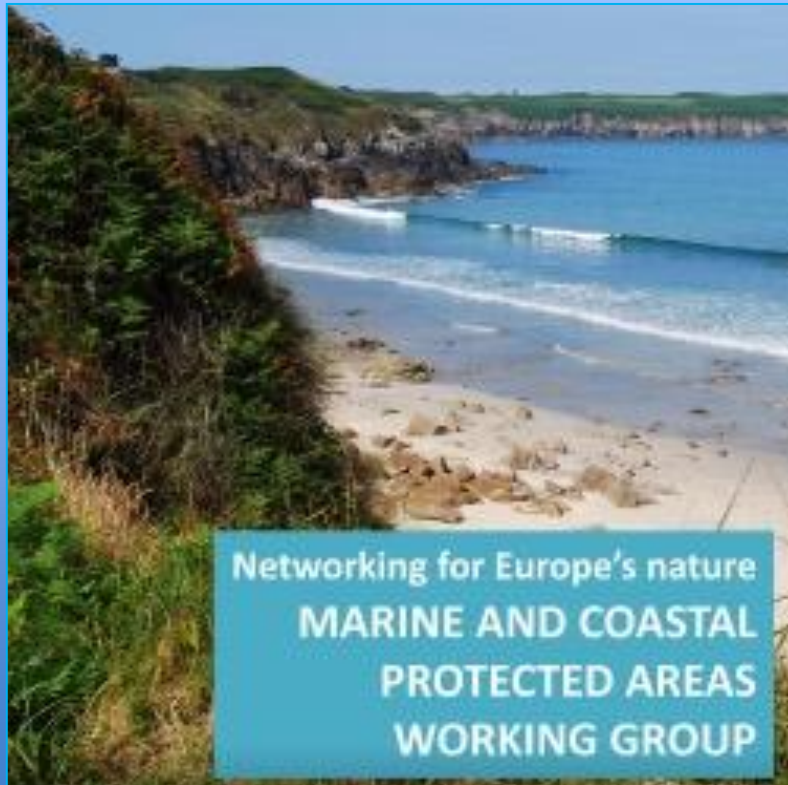




“Marine and Coastal Protected Areas Working Group” Eurosite 2017 Annual General meeting

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Marine and Coastal Protected Areas Working Group (MCPA_WG)



- Outcomes
- Achievements in 2017
- Promotion of MCPA_WG activities at events
- Discussions for further activities in end of 2017 and 2018



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Outcomes

- We keep a good level of interest and dynamic participation: broaden membership with diversity of organisations and greater number of countries.
- Joint efforts with the Eurosites secretariat to align MCPA_WG activities:
 - > with the Eurosites's strategic priorities.
 - > with the EC funding commitments for the MCPA_WG.

Objective: To improve the management of Natura 2000 coastal and marine areas by increasing the exchange of information among organisations working on designation and management in marine and coastal areas and by contributing to the Marine Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process.



Marine and Coastal Protected Areas Working Group Achievements in 2017



- Validation of the MCPA Road Map *“Building a Learning Network Gathering Marine and Coastal Protected Areas Managers from the EU Regional Seas”*.
- Special edition Marine and Coastal eNewsletter issue ([on-line version](#)).
- Eurosite Factsheets on MCPAs (about 3 per year): [Lundy Island](#).



Eurosite Factsheets on MCPAs

Suggestion to be adopted as a Eurosite communication tool for member's protected areas presentation + get a Eurosite booklet, annually updated with new Factsheets?

- Keep contributing into the Eurosite eNewsletter on Natura 2000 marine and coastal management.
- Promote the MCPA_WG and its activities at events.



Marine and Coastal Protected Areas Working Group Achievements in 2017



- Keep setting up online GoToMeetings for the working group.
- + Subgroup meetings dedicated to the preparation of the workshop in the Atlantic Region.
- + Subgroup meetings dedicated to the Special edition Marine and Coastal eNewsletter issue.
- Invite representative of MCPA_WG to speak at Eurosite Annual General Meeting.
- Plan a face-to-face meeting / workshop in 2017 in the Atlantic Region (still in progress).
- Eurosite's Board and Secretary contributions, relationship with EC/DG ENV.



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Invitation to the Trans-Atlantic MPA Network meeting (Monaco, April 2017)

- Contribution to the meeting on twinning between Regional MPA managers networks: NAMPAM, RAMPAM, CAMPAM, MAIA, PANACHE + feedback experience from MedPAN.
- Promotion of Eurosite's expertise on twinning programmes appreciated.

Further contribution expected (to be discussed with the Eurosite Board): dissemination of the proceedings from the Eurosite Twinning Workshop + participation to the Trans-Atlantic MPA Network final conference (Brussels, mid-Dec. 2017).

- IMPAC4, call for action to support the Trans-Atlantic Network and Regional MPA managers networks, side event on Ocean Pavilion.

Link: <https://transatlanticmpanetwork.eu/en/call-for-joint-action-by-mpa-networks/>

Further information on the Trans-Atlantic MPA Network project (Nov. 2016 – Dec. 2017): www.transatlanticmpanetwork.eu



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4th International MPA Congress IMPAC4 (Coquimbo-La Serena, Chile, September 2017)

- Knowledge café on the MCPA Road map *“Building a Learning Network Gathering Marine and Coastal Protected Areas Managers from the EU Regional Seas”*.
- Participants: CDB, Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI), MedMPAnet, SPA/RAC, JNCC, MedPAN, CAMPAM, French Forum for MPA managers. Other organisations interested in (but couldn't attend): GOBI, UNEP-WCMC, MAVA Foundation.
- Further implementations to be discussed with MCPA_WG members:
 - Linked to the CBD's Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) and Regional Workshops to be held in 2018.
 - SOI Regional Workshop In the Mediterranean Sea in collaboration with the SPA/RAC Secretary and MedPAN (Q2/2018).
 - SOI Regional Workshop in the North-Atlantic Ocean in collaboration with the OSPAR Secretary and GOBI (Q4/2018).





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