

OCEaN workshop - Multi-use in Marine Spatial Planning: Sharing experiences, opportunities, and limitations

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Background

Offshore renewable energy infrastructure is entering an already busy marine space. Multi-use (MU) of space is a concept that has received increasing attention in recent years and in particular in countries with limited sea space as for example Belgium. It is expected to play an important role in upcoming discussion on space allocation for offshore wind expansion. If correctly implemented, MU could reduce spatial conflicts among different interests' groups and optimise the use of limited space. It is therefore necessary to better understand what the options for MU are, develop test cases, and monitor impacts and benefits to increase knowledge and confidence of selected measures. Moreover, there is a need for coherent and clear legal frameworks across EU Member States, specifically regarding environmental and risk assessment, and monitoring activities.

OCEaN is organising this workshop on MU approaches across Europe, the regulatory setting in place and in use and discussing different MU projects.

Agenda workshop

1st part: Multi-use: state of plan and policy framework

10:30	Antonella Battaglini	RGI	Welcome and OCEaN presentation
10:40	Xavier Guillou	DG MARE	MU in policy: the potential of MU and how the EU policies aim to support the rollout of its use
10:50	Jesse Verhalle	Federal Public Service Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment	How Belgium integrated MU in its MSP plan: a policy prospective
11:00	Ulrik Stridbæk	Ørsted	Steps needed for a wider roll out of MU
11:10	Erwin Coolen	The Rich North Sea	TBA
11:20	Panel discussion with the following lead question: What are the uncertainties and missing pieces for a wide-ranging uptake of multi-use approaches? Moderator: TBC		
11:50	Coffee break		

2nd part: Practices and ideas: Presentations and discussion

12:05	Eva Strothotte	Kiel University of Applied Sciences	UNITED project: Mariculture and offshore wind energy
12:15	Nico Buytendijk	RVO	TBA
12:25	Ioanna Drigkopoulou	Wings ICT Solutions	UNITED project: Aquaculture and tourism: The Greece experience
12:35	Hans Chr. Sørensen	Middelgrunden	Tourism in Offshore Wind Farms: a case study
12:45	<p>Q&A and interactive discussion with live capture of inputs focused on the presented practices.</p> <p>Guiding questions: How did you go from idea to practice? What are your key challenges & barriers in establishing multi-use projects? How is the environmental impact of MU considered?</p> <p>Moderator: TBC</p>		
13:25	Antonella Battaglini	RGI	Conclusion and wrap up