

Maritime Spatial Planning in Italy: State of the play of the National Committee for MSP activities

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MSP European Directive in Italy

- Directive no. 2014/89 / EU establishes a framework for maritime spatial planning with the aim of promoting the sustainable growth of maritime economies (the so-called blue economy), the sustainable development of marine areas and the sustainable use of marine resources (art.1);
- Italy has transposed the European Directive with the legislative decree 17 October 2016, n. 201 which plans to adopt, by 2020, maritime space plans for all waters and bottoms, over which Italy has jurisdiction

- the same Decree:

- establishes that the **Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport** is the competent Authority (art. 8) to which specific activities are assigned (art. 8, 9, 10, 11);
- establishes the **Inter-ministerial Coordination Table (ICT)** at the Presidency of the Council of Ministers - Department for European Policies (DPE), which includes all the administrations involved (art. 6);
- establishes the **Technical Committee** at the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, as the competent Authority, of which only the Administrations most involved and the Regions concerned are part (art. 7).

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The Ministerial Decree of 11/13/2017, n.529, as modified by the Ministerial Decree of 11 March 2019, n.89 and by the Ministerial Decree of 27 June 2019, n.263, governs the organization and functioning of the Technical Committee.

With the Decree of the President of the Council of Ministers of 1 December 2017, the guidelines containing the guidelines and criteria for the preparation of the maritime space management plans were approved.

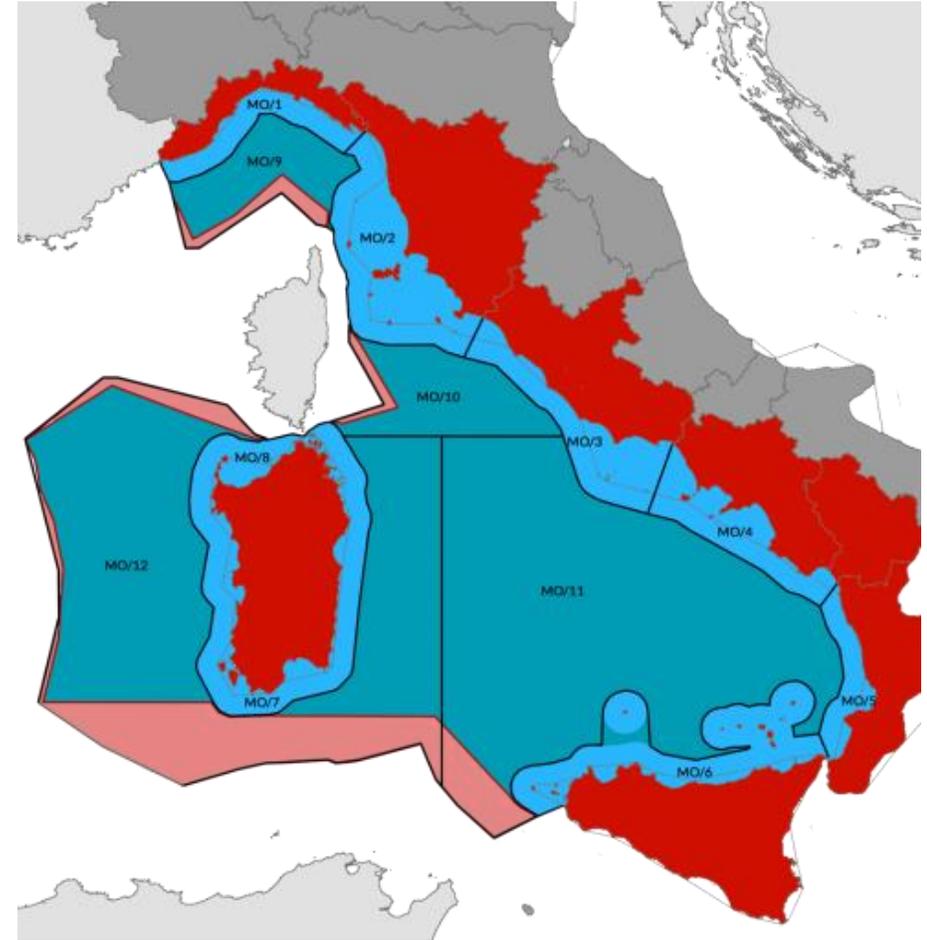
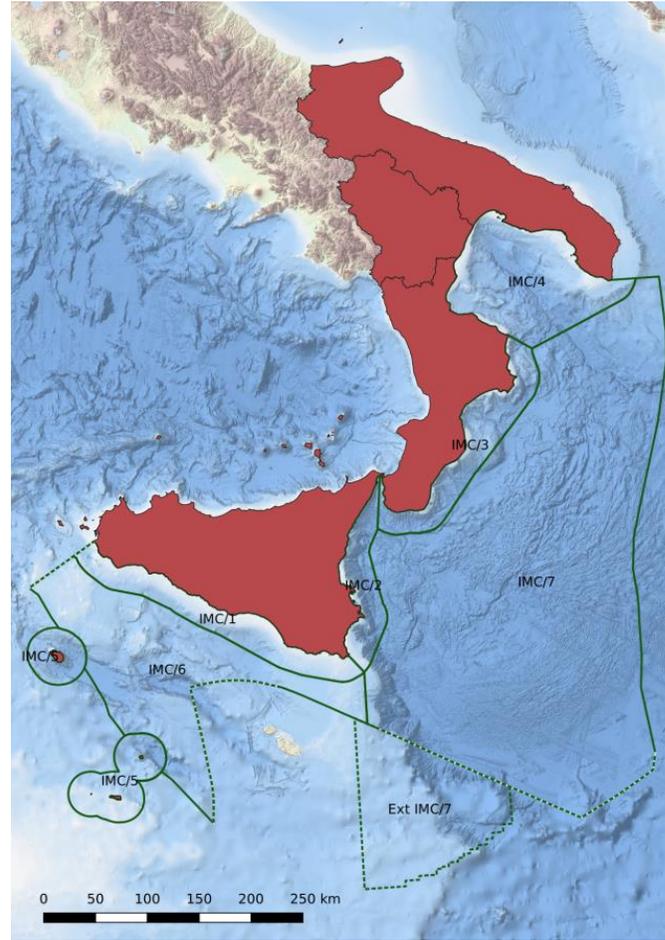
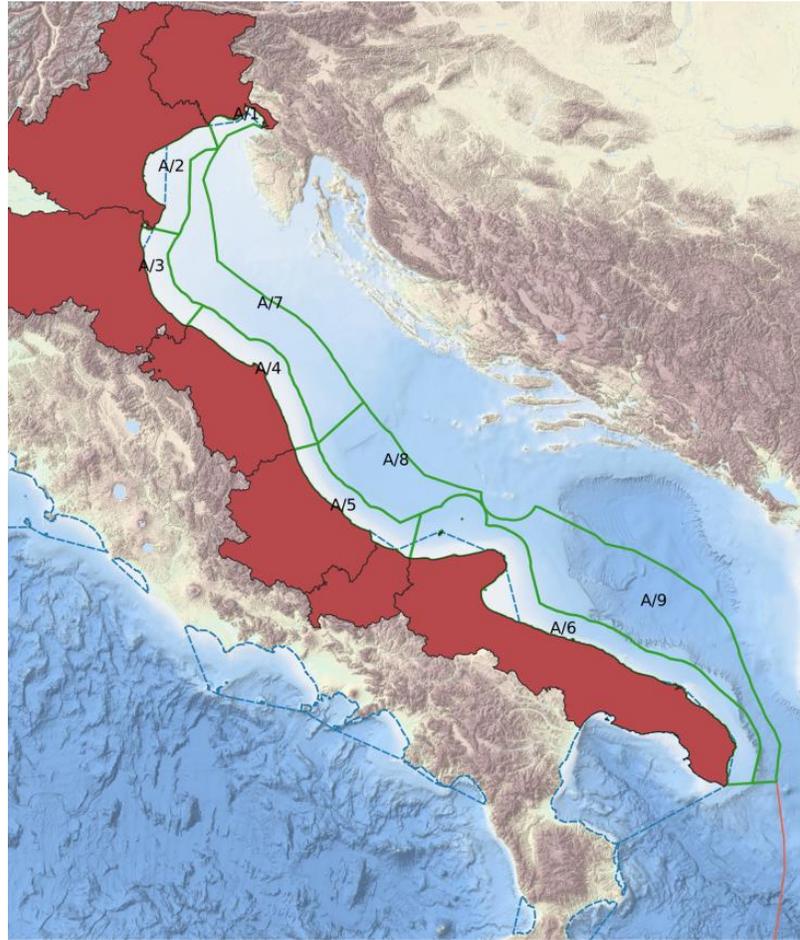
The inter-ministerial table has identified three maritime areas of reference, attributable to the **three sub-regions** referred to in the marine strategy (art.4 of Directive 2008/56 / EU):

- **the western Mediterranean Sea;**
- **the Adriatic Sea;**
- **the Ionian Sea and the central Mediterranean Sea.**

This solution will make it possible to pool the work already carried out in the marine strategy regarding the identification of indicators and the acquisition of environmental data.

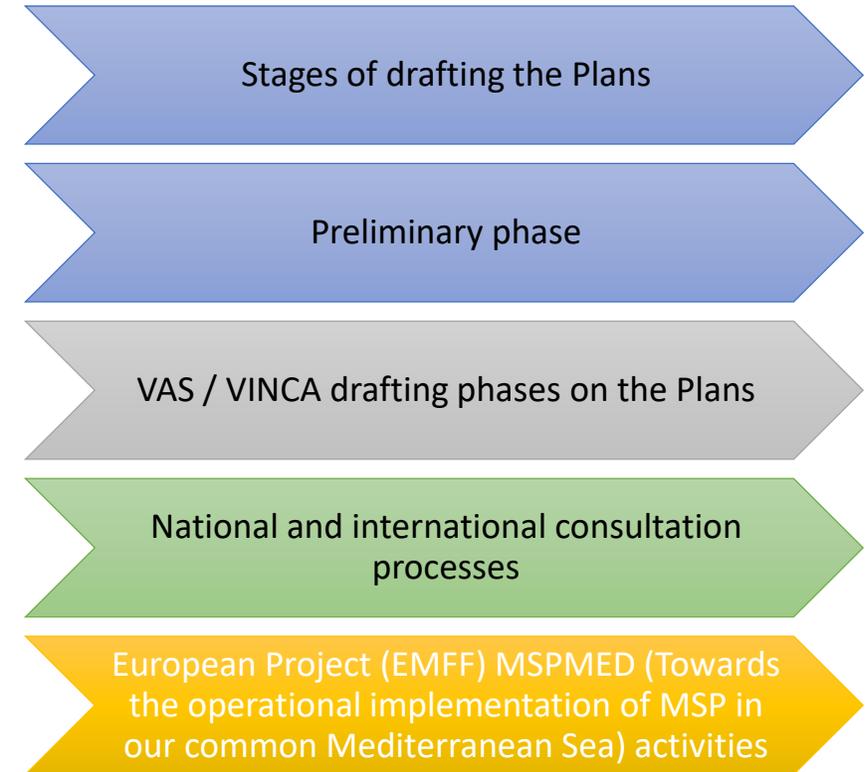
3 Subcommittees created (one per maritime area of reference)

Three Maritime Areas of Reference



Process in progress - Schedule of activities

5 coordinated and concurrent parallel processes



General methodology and structure of plans

- **Phase 1** - Initial state and current / expected trends
- **Phase 2** - Analysis of interaction (conflicts and synergies) between uses and impacts on environmental components
- **Phase 3** - Vision and strategic objectives
- **Phase 4** - Planning: vocations, specific objectives, specific measures (by areas and by sectors)
- **Phase 5** - Methodology and indicators for monitoring and adapting the Plan
- **Phase 6** - Activities for the consolidation, implementation and updating of the Plan

Operational proposal for the preparation of the Plans

General aspects

- The preparation of the Plans takes place in three processes, parallel and coordinated, in the three Maritime Areas identified by the Guidelines (Adriatic, Ionian-Central Mediterranean, Tyrrhenian).
- The Plans have in this phase characteristics and strategic value and direction. This choice is consistent with the boundary conditions and with the MSP experiences of many European countries.
- The Plans are carried out in 6 Phases, which correspond to as many Sections of the Plans.
- The Plans concern all marine areas beyond the coast line (waters and / or seabed) over which Italy has jurisdiction, with the exception of areas with "urban and rural planning governed by current legal provisions".