WEBINAR

Innovative Shared Governance Practices in Maritime Regions: Challenges and Opportunities

6 May 2025

Online

11:00 – 12:30

Interpretation: English, French, Spanish

PREP4BLUE webinar organised by the CPMR

Background and Objectives

Maritime regions are key drivers of the blue economy, leveraging their competences to foster the development and management of coastal areas, as well as to protect the marine environment and biodiversity. These regions are deeply connected to local actors and actively implement consultation and participatory processes to engage citizens and stakeholders on critical marine and coastal issues.

During the PREP4BLUE Atlantic Pilot Stakeholder Assembly in Bordeaux, France, the CPMR introduced the concept of 'sea parliament', a successful shared governance model already adopted by several French regions. This sparked an engaging debate on public consultation and participatory practices for sea-related issues, piloted by maritime regions. Building on this discussion, the webinar will highlight examples of shared governance models, offering inspiration and practical insights for other regions to consider for public consultation and participation purposes.

The PREP4BLUE project, part of the Mission Ocean and Waters, has already developed key recommendations, guidelines, and tools to support citizen and stakeholder engagement. This includes a series of webinars and a comprehensive toolbox for citizen engagement. As the project nears its completion at the end of May, this final stakeholder engagement webinar will help share PREP4BLUE's valuable results with regional authorities.

The webinar will pursue the following objectives:

- Showcase best practices of shared governance models for engaging stakeholders and citizens in marine and coastal issues;
- Offer support to regional authorities by presenting PREP4BLUE's findings on citizen engagement;
- Explore opportunities for interregional cooperation.

Draft Agenda	
11.00 – 11.10	**Introduction and scene setting** • Presentation of the project PREP4BLUE by Ms **Eirini Apazoglou**, Project Manager *Moderation by Justine Brossard, CPMR Project and Policy Officer*
11.10 – 11.45	**SESSION 1: Shared governance of the sea and coastline: Best practices from regional authorities** *This first session aims to present relevant shared governance models implemented by maritime regions, providing insights into different approaches for engaging stakeholders on sea-related issues. It will notably explore how to further enhance these practices, highlighting lessons learned, challenges and opportunities.* • Mr **Mathieu Audollent**, Head of Unit, Directorate for the Sea, Ports and the Coast Hauts de France Region • Ms **Marie Bugeaud**, Head of Unit, Directorate for the Sea, Occitanie Region • Ms **Gunilla Fransson Bangura**, Project Coordinator, Region of Västra Götaland – Presentation of the West Coast Sea Week *Moderation by Justine Brossard, CPMR Project and Policy Officer*
11.45 – 12.05	**SESSION 2 – Recommendations and best practices to boost citizen engagement on ocean related issues** *Engaging citizens in these relevant shared governance models can remain challenging for regional authorities. This second session aims at presenting good practices and expertise on citizen engagement, and notably showcasing the available results and tools developed by the project PREP4BLUE.* • Ms **Maiken Bjorkan**, Senior Researcher at Nordland Research Institute (NRI) • Mr **David Whyte**, Postdoctoral Researcher with MaREI UCC Q&A *Moderation by Justine Brossard, CPMR Project and Policy Officer*

12.05 – 12.25	**SESSION 3 – Cross-border collaboration opportunities** • Ms **Astrid Severin**, Green Team Thematic Expert, Interreg Europe Secretariat Q&A *Moderation by Justine Brossard, CPMR Project and Policy Officer*
12.25 – 12.30	**Wrap up and conclusions** **Justine Brossard**, CPMR Project and Policy Officer

ANNEX – Relevant background information

PREP4BLUE Citizen engagement relevant outcomes

- o   [Toolbox for citizen engagement](#)
- o   [Webinar series](#)
- o   Aquatic citizen science: [collection of recommendations and good practices](#)

PREP4BLUE Stakeholder engagement relevant outcomes

- o   Webinar Series: [Stakeholder engagement webinar series](#)
- o   [Report](#) on the findings of the stakeholder assembly's engagement pilots