BIG MSP Recommendations
Consultations and the way forward
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Areas: Policy, Management and Information Sharing

In each area recommendations are for both actors: MSP practitioners and energy sector representatives

In total we have proposed 26 ideas

During our survey we have been inspired by responders with at least 3 new recommendations – some of them quite revolutionary as for instance the one from Poland proposing adoption of the plan by the council of ministries (not a single minister responsible for MSP)
Recommendations: highly ranked OWE

From OWE sector perspective the prerequisite should be to have politically accepted development plans with defined targets (long and short terms).

Ensure an early stakeholder engagement in the process. A more segmented system with strong links or communication may produce integrated and easier decision-making.

Inform planners about all possible constraints that are related to your infrastructure (buffer zones for cables and transformer stations etc.).

Take into consideration possible co-existence of OWE and other sea uses, or multi-use concept with other sea uses (e.g. environmental protection, aquaculture, fisheries, tourism) within the investment plans.

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Ensure that your OWE targets are well communicated to stakeholders representing other maritime uses. Show evidences of how OWE development increases local and regional economic development (e.g. by new jobs creation).
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MSP process should take into consideration objectives and targets from the OWE sector

Encourage synergies between OWE and other sea uses by means of the multi-use concept. MSP authorities and respective sectorial authorities shall develop and implement a guidance/regulation facilitating MU deployment (e.g. single licensing process).

Create mechanism (including financial scheme, e.g. cost sharing) enabling making use of commercial monitoring data collected for the purpose of OWE investments, including data collected for EIA.
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This requires actions from the energy sector:

- OWE target at national level, decision on common grid, decision on number and location of the ‘plug-in’ stations

- Getting acceptance of targets at national, regional and local level including acceptance from other sea users

- Open communication between sector and planners (sharing of knowledge e.g. on safety standards etc.)
Lack of environmental data, research carried out for EIA-s and monitoring data are restricted to use – research are usually ordered by private energy sector companies and they are covering them with business secret.

This requires actions from both sides (who should do the first step?):

- each party could develop proposals on how to ‘release’ private data
- discuss each proposal, select few (maximum 2 so you have plan B) options that could be pursued, decide how you will proceed further and carry out necessary work
Planning for now and yesterday vs. planning for tomorrow

Flexibility vs. certainty of maritime spatial plans
Thank you very much,

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