

Dear Participants,

We are pleased to provide information regarding the Regional Training Workshop on Marine and Coastal Spatial Planning (MCSP) organized by COBSEA and Blue Solutions Initiative.

This training builds on COBSEA's past MCSP work and utilizes an interactive training module developed by the Blue Solutions Initiative, examining different elements of the MSCP process and discussing needs-specific action in each country. An update of the ongoing MCSP policy review will be provided and discussed during the training. Kindly find attached the training agenda. Please also find attached a participant handbook providing an overview of the course material.

This regional training will be conducted virtually Monday through Friday, 2 - 6 November 2020.

The trainings will be organized in two 2,5 hours sessions per day:

Morning session 10.00 – 12.30 (ICT)

Afternoon session 14.00 – 16.30 (ICT)

Any individual tasks and/or group work to be carried out during the training will be communicated at the beginning of the training workshop.

Tools used during the training include Microsoft Teams, SeaSketch and Mural. A virtual information session will be organized prior to the training workshop to ensure that participants are familiar with the tools:

Tuesday 27 October 2020 at 14.00-16.00 (ICT)

Links and instructions on how to join the trainings will be circulated in due time.

Please further find attached a participant questionnaire which we kindly ask you to fill out and return. Your answers will provide training organizers an overview of prior MCSP knowledge and interests in order to tailor the training accordingly.

Please send the questionnaire as well as a picture of yourself to Katrin Eitrem Holmgren (Katrin.holmgren@un.org) from the COBSEA Secretariat and Erick Ross from Blue Solutions Initiative (erick.ross@giz.de), by 27 October 2020.

Further information about the training can be found on the [COBSEA website](#).

Thank you in advance and we look forward to having you as a participant in the MCSP regional training workshop!

Best regards,
COBSEA Secretariat and Blue Solutions Initiative