

Status of MSP implementation in Cyprus

- MSP Law entered into force on 13/10/2017 and transposed the MSP Directive 2017/89/EU. It defines the MSP competent authority, MSP Committee, Inter-ministerial Committee; clarifies the development and approval of MSP Plan; sets the provisions for approval of MSP projects.
- In 2015, the Interreg project “ΘΑΛ-ΧΩΡ” aimed at developing MSP methodology and its pilot implementation for the preparation of marine spatial plans in Cyprus and Greece.
- In 2018, a new project entitled “ΘΑΛ-ΧΩΡ 2” started, being funded by the Interreg, aiming at implementing MSP and setting-up marine spatial plans in Cyprus and Greece.

Links of MSP with land-use planning and/or ICZM

- National Integrated Maritime Policy, adopted in 2014, mentions the MSP, ICZM and MSFD as horizontal tools for achieving the goals of the Strategy.
- Working Group on MSP established in 2012 and extended to ICZM in 2013.
- National ICZM Strategy is finalized in 2018 and considers the linkages between ICZM & MSP.
- At national level, spatial plans are developed as Island Plan, Local Plans & Area Schemes.

MSP needs of Cyprus

- Promising maritime activities: deep-sea shipping; securing fresh water supply; marine aquaculture; coastal & cruise tourism; off-shore oil and gas.