## Status of MSP implementation in Italy

Legislative Decree n. 201, 17 October 2016, transposing the EU MSP Directive

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<td>✓ Competent Authority</td>
<td>✓ Guidelines on criteria for preparing Maritime Spatial Plans</td>
<td>✓ Elaboration of the MSP Plans</td>
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<td>✓ Annual report to the Parliament on the achievement of the objectives identified by the Decree</td>
<td>✓ Identification of 3 sub-areas corresponding to the sub-regions of the MSFD</td>
<td>✓ Initial phase: there is currently no legally-binding MSP plan for Italy</td>
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<td>✓ Monitoring of the implementation of the MSP Plans, with the support of the Technical Committee</td>
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<td>✓ Priority: initial recognition of the data and information relevant to MSP</td>
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MSP in the Mediterranean
Identification of the ecosystem approach as the main mechanism for the correct implementation of MSP, to ensure a connecting role between the MSP and the MSFD/ECAP

Two levels: Strategic and Functional/procedural

- **Strategic**: appropriate integration and application of the environmental objectives in the MSPs content, by ensuring the alignment with the MSFD GES and Targets (recently updated)

- **Functional/procedural**: application of the SEA as the operational tool that can concretely define how the Ecosystem approach should be integrated and used for the definition of the MSP plans, with a particular consideration for transboundary processes and contents
The process of adoption of the ICZM Protocol is on-going
Some ICZM regional plans have already been developed
Italian Adriatic and Ionian regions have been involved in MSP exercises developed within ADRIPLAN, Supreme and SimWestmed projects
Italian support to the development of the Common Regional Framework for ICZM

**Main MSP needs of Italy – Transboundary needs**

- Official data and Information
  - Finalize their collection and organization
  - Carry out their evaluation and processing identifying the main gaps, the main issues and the related possible connected actions