



Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to invite to a conference on “**The interlink between MSFD and MSP**” organised by the LIFE+ Biodiversity project “**MAR MONI – Innovative marine biodiversity indicators and monitoring and assessment of conservation status of nature values in the Baltic Sea**” in co-operation with Estonia-Latvia Programme project “**Coastal and maritime spatial planning in Pärnu Bay area in Estonia and coastal municipalities of Latvia**”.

The workshop will take place on **21-22 October 2014** (start at 13:00 on 21 October and finish at 14:00 on 22 October) in the **MARITIM Park Hotel Riga** (1 Slokas street, Riga, Latvia, <https://maritim.lv/>).

The objectives of the conference are to identify and analyse the relationships between Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) and the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) as well as to address MSP as a tool to implement MSFD.

The topics of the conference include:

- Analysis of the interlink between MSP and MSFD;
- Integration of the implementation of MSP and MSFD and relevant institutional setup in countries;
- Data and information needed for MSFD and MSP;
- Pilot/example MSP cases from different countries;
- Role of stakeholders in data and information supply and management for MSFD and MSP.

The target group: competent authorities responsible for implementation of MSFD and MSP; stakeholders from sea use sectors (harbours, shipping, fisheries, renewable energy, tourism, recreation, etc.)

For organisational reasons we would kindly ask you to confirm your participation by **registering** at <http://tinyurl.com/p373jyq> by **1st of October 2014**.

Logistics: We have made a preliminary booking at the MARITIM Park Hotel Riga, thus the accommodation will be arranged according to information provided in the registration form. Accommodation will be covered by organisers. The MAR MONI and EST-LAT project partners shall cover their costs from the project budget. In case you need a support for travel costs, please contact Dace Strigune.

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Looking forward to meeting you in Riga.

Yours sincerely,

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