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**Marine Strategy Coordination Group (MSCG)**

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## **SUMMARY RECORD**

### **1 Welcome and Introduction**

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The meeting was chaired by Joachim D'Eugenio, Deputy Head of the Marine Environment and Water Industries Unit. A list of participants is given in **Annex 1**. The papers and presentations for the meeting are listed in **Annex 2**, and are available on CIRCABC<sup>1</sup>.

The Commission opened the meeting and welcomed all participants, especially the new members of the MSCG.

### **2 Adoption of the agenda and of the Minutes of the Meeting of 14 May 2012**

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The Commission informed that one point on adaptation of the Rules of Procedure for MSCG will be added to the agenda. The relevant document (MSCG 8/2012/10a) has not been circulated because it will only be discussed and agreed at the next meeting. The Commission reminded that, in 2010, the Commission established horizontal rules for expert group meetings (MSCG 8/2012/10b). Each expert group should adopt new rules of procedure reflecting these horizontal rules, including already existing groups. The Commission will send new draft rules of procedure to be discussed and hopefully adopted at the next MSCG meeting.

The Commission underlined the need for reviewing the list of registered stakeholders in the MSCG, which counts now 115 names from over 40 organisations. The registration of organisations whose participation is not justified under the horizontal rules will be reconsidered and only one single name per organisation will be included. Once finalised, the list of organisations will be made public. The participants took note of the document and the information provided. The issue will be included as a point in the agenda of the next MSCG meeting.

The Draft Agenda (DOC MSCG 8/2012/1) and the minutes of the meeting of 14 May (DOC MSCG/8/2012/1a), which incorporate the comments received, were adopted.

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<sup>1</sup> [MSCG Meeting documents \(Link to\)](#)

### 3 Draft agenda Marine Directors

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The Cyprus Presidency gave some practical information for the next Water and Marine Directors' meeting which will take place in Limassol on 28/29 November. The draft agenda has been submitted to the meeting (DOC MSCG 8/2012/2). Cyprus proposed to include in item 9, on the Joint meeting with Water/Marine Directors, a presentation of the Limassol Declaration.

One MS noted that agenda points such as points 8 and 9 of the MD could benefit from preparatory discussions within the MSCG, under the agenda item 7 today and more generally for future meetings. The Chair supported this suggestion and noted that today in MSCG the item 7 will allow for preparatory discussions for the items 7, 8 and 9 of the joint Water/Marine Directors draft agenda. Concerning point 9 of the MD, it was noted that information on funds available for implementation of the MSFD (blue growth, IMP, etc) would be useful.

In response to a question, the Chair specified that under point 4 of the Marine Directors' meeting agenda, the Commission will provide information on on-going debates in Brussels on how to make operational the requirements on representation of the EU and coordination with all Member States in the international arena, including in RSC. Following another request, the Commission will also consider if it is possible to submit some information on information points of the agenda before the meeting to allow MS to prepare internally. Finally, it was confirmed that the minutes of the Marine Directors' meetings are always publicly available shortly after and hence are not circulated.

### 4 Transposition and Compliance of the Directive

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The Commission gave an overview of the MSFD Scoreboard on the transposition and implementation of the Directive.

#### *a) Transposition of the Directive*

The process of assessing the transposition is still on-going and will be taken bilaterally with MS. Poland noted that the draft legislation is now in Parliament and could be approved as soon as December. It also confirmed that the report on competent authorities will be sent together with the report on Article 8 once the national law is adopted.

The Commission highlighted that questions are sent to MS for clarification and there is no feedback to responses as long as internal discussions are still on-going. The Commission intends to provide an overview on the transposition of all MS in the report on Article 12 assessment.

#### *b) Competent authorities*

Milieu presented an overview of the assessment of the reporting on CAs (presentation 8/2012/1). The results are quite good although the level of reporting varies a lot across MS. The Czech Republic and Hungary, landlocked countries, have not formally notified their competent authorities yet. Portugal noted that changes in competent authorities have been published but not yet notified. The Commission reminded MS that in such case, the MS has six months to notify the Commission. The Commission will now send out information letters to clarify open issues it requires further information. MS would have, at least, six weeks to answer. The Chair was confident that any outstanding issue can be resolved through this way.

#### *c) Reporting of art 8, 9 and 10: state of affairs*

The Commission reported on status presenting the MSFD Scoreboard. The MS which have not or not fully reported on Art. 8, 9 and 10 will receive a formal follow up. ~~#The Commission~~ also underlined uncertainty as to whether MS have to report on the public consultation and that the Commission may ask further information on this.

#### *d) Preparing for art 12 assessment*

#### Introduction

The Commission presented the updates made to the concept paper, which reflect discussions in the Marine Directors and MSCG meetings, and on-going work (DOC MSCG/8/2012/3). The main changes are the new Annex with a possible draft outline of the Commission paper on the results of the assessment (which will include an overview of transposition and reporting on competent authorities) and changes in sections 5.3 and 5.4 on the roles of the Marine Directors and of the RSC.

#### Discussion

~~The MSCG made~~In the discussion, several remarks ~~as follows were made~~:

1. “GES should be determined at criteria level” is not in line with Commission Decision 2020/477/EU Art. 1 which states “Criteria to be used by the Member States to assess the extent to which good environmental status is being achieved” and the way to determine GES and environmental targets is elaborated in the common understanding document (GES can be determined on descriptor, criteria or indicator level).
2. As the initial assessment is done before GES is determined, at this stage, it is not possible to relate to the gap between current situation and reaching GES in relation to the cost of degradation. This point is valid only for the future.
3. Clarification was requested on several points in sections 5.3 and 5.4, in particular, the role of the Marine Directors in the alignment of work plan, comparing the performance of the RSC, the peer-review of the Article 12 assessment by the RSC (by MS contracting parties with support from Secretariat), whether other ~~agreements~~bodies should be included such as regional fisheries ~~bodies~~organisations.
4. It was noted that there is a need to be careful on coordinating RSC from outside when third countries are members and that RSC are far more than a platform for the implementation of the MSFD.

With regard to GES determination, the Commission responded that it should be at least at criteria level but could also be at indicator level. Although it might be difficult, the cost of degradation reporting is an obligation of the Directive. Regional Seas Conventions have a special status in the MSFD compared with other international/regional bodies. Text with regard to third countries in RSC will be ~~adopted~~included.

On another question, the Commission replied that the questions on adequacy are still being worked on. It also responded to a query on late reporting, confirming that there will be a cut-off date. The Commission underlined the need for a timely Commission Art. 12 report, which can feed into the preparation of the monitoring programme. A balance should be found between including as many Member State reports as possible in the assessment and producing the Commission's assessment report in time. If there are significant changes in this approach, the Commission will communicate by writing before next meeting.

#### Conclusions/Follow Up

The Chair underlined that the concept note is an ~~Commission's~~ internal document prepared on behalf of the Commission and submitted to the MSCG for information ~~and to take note~~. A disclaimer will be added on the version on CIRCACB that it does not present the Commission or MS position. The Commission stated that all different points will be reflected in the minutes but there will be no new version of the document for now. However, the issue will be discussed at the next meeting again. The MSCG took note of the information provided by the Commission and Member States and ~~agreed on~~noted the Chair's conclusions.

## **5 Implementation of the Directive**

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e) *WG activities*

WG DIKE

#### Introduction

The Commission presented the status of reporting on Articles 8, 9 and 10, WG DIKE initial reflections on the lessons learnt from the 2012 reporting, and proposals on a forward process for implementation of MSFD Art. 19(3) (presentation 8/2012/2; DOC MSCG 8/2012/4).

On the basis of an initial analysis of lessons learnt from the 2012 reporting process, the Commission proposed timelines for future reporting on monitoring (Art. 11), measures (Art. 13) and updating of Art. 8, 9 and 10 (Art. 17). The proposed timeline (spring 2013) on development of reporting requirements for monitoring programmes was generally considered as ambitious but necessary in order to suit MS' planning needs. [Some MS raised concern and reservations, asking for further considerations.](#)

#### Discussion

Some MS noted that experts involved in actual monitoring should participate in the discussion and that the results of the Article 12 assessment should also be taken into account. In view of the short 2013 timetable, some MS proposed to organise an ad-hoc meeting with both WG GES and WG DIKE members before the February MSCG. If there were practical problems with room availability [in Brussels](#), Germany was ready to host such a meeting. The Chair noted that the 2013 timeline was based on lessons learnt. It offered to prepare a conceptual document on monitoring, as a basis for discussion in WG GES and based on the results of the JRC workshops on eutrophication/hazardous substances and biodiversity. It would set up a 'drafting group' meeting early in the new year to discuss draft reporting sheets; MS could send WG GES as well as WG DIKE members. The draft proposals would be reported to both subsequent WG GES (February) and DIKE (March) meetings.

Several MS expressed their agreement in principle to the *Strategy for implementation of MSFD Art. 19.3 (Annex I, DOC MSCG 8/2012/4)*, which could be recommended to the Marine Directors as an interim result. One MS underlined that some details must be further discussed, including the relationship with EMODnet. The Commission reminded that comments on the policy process [\(e.g. governance issues\)](#) can be brought into the consultation on the Green Paper on Marine Knowledge open until 15 December, when an impact assessment on the future developments of the marine knowledge process will start, with a decision likely in the next year or so. Technical (IT) aspects can be discussed in the Technical Group created under the mandate of WG DIKE, linked with the work of MODEG.

Several MS expressed their approval of the *TOR for the Technical Group (Annex II)* provided there will be more details on the activities over the coming months presented and agreed at the next DIKE meeting. Some MS remarked that the TOR should reflect the need for the Technical Group to be tightly managed by WG DIKE. Another MS pointed out that a discussion on how modelling could support the work should be included in the Technical Group tasks. The Chair agreed and recalled that these aspects were discussed in the recent GES workshop on biodiversity, with a strong support to the role of modelling in the whole process.

With regard to the *Proposed metadata catalogue (Annex III)*, several MS noted that the document should refer to data and information resulting from the initial assessment rather than data used for developing the initial assessment, thus fully reflecting the wording used by the Directive. The Chair accepted this suggestion and added that its main objective was to understand if the data and information used for the initial assessments was only based on existing literature or on specific datasets, and, in this case, what was the nature of the datasets. A list of these datasets would be important to understand commonalities across countries and thus help the EEA to analyse the information and develop the forward process. Based on comments by Member States, it was apparent that various options were possible for their fulfilment of Art. 19(3): some had already made reference to the literature used in their Art. 8 reports, some might provide links to web sites or a list of datasets, and some would consider completing the information via the proposed metadata catalogue. Whichever route was chosen, Member States were requested to advise the Commission by 15 January 2013 on how they planned to give access to the data and information.

#### Conclusions/Follow-up

The MSCG and WG DIKE members were invited to send comments to DG ENV on DOC MSCG 8/2012/4 by 19 November. The Commission would revise the document with a view to presenting a finalised paper to

the Marine Director's meeting on 29 November. This will constitute interim results of work by WG DIKE and provide a basis to continue the work, recognising the need for its further specification. The paper would include the initial review of lessons learned and proposed reporting timelines; for metadata, an optional approach would be proposed.

The discussion also revealed the need for a future strategic discussion within the MSCG on the implementation process and how it should be organised to go forward, including on the role of the different WGs. It was proposed to have such discussion at the next meeting of MSCG.

#### WG ESA

The UK representative presented on behalf of the WG ESA co-chairs, the ESA-proposed work programme and a proposal for a joint workshop for WG GES and WG ESA on targets to measures, which could take place back-to-back with the next WG GES and WG ESA meeting. However, there was a possible conflict with [the](#) conference on marine litter (pres 8/2012/3).

The Chair welcomed this initiative and expressed its readiness to provide support. France informed that it is ready to get involved on the work for preparing the workshop. The Netherlands proposed to use the cost-benefit analysis [pilot](#) which the country is finalising [on marine litter](#) as a basis for discussion / good example. One MS suggested including a reference to activities on maritime spatial planning.

The Chair underlined that this is a joint work with WG GES. It will follow-up after the meeting with WG GES and nominate individuals for a preparatory group (email based). The Commission also noted a potential conflict in dates with the Marine litter conference while that it is not possible to change the date of this conference. Once the preparatory group is set up, a draft [workshop](#) programme should be circulated early next year. The Commission encouraged WG ESA to continue working with WG GES within the preparatory group. Any idea can be sent by writing by the end of the month to the UK and SE co-chairs of WG ESA.

#### WG GES

The Chair shared some thoughts about the future WG GES planning. It recalled that the meeting scheduled end of October was cancelled because of logistic issues and the tight time schedule which did not allow summarising the results of the two workshops held in Brussels and Ispra on time. The Commission is coordinating with the co-chair of WG GES the agenda for the next meeting early February. Topics for discussion include monitoring, joint meetings, work on scales and aggregation aspects and how to further develop work in WG GES (focus on certain descriptors). The Commission is planning to set the agenda promptly and to get a support contract in place to help work on aggregation issues. It also offered, with support from JRC, to translate the workshop results in a short discussion document on monitoring requirements and approaches, which can be agreed by WG GES and form the basis for future work. The Commission proposed two WG GES meetings early next year and will circulate proposals to WG GES members soon. The Commission recalled that a Committee meeting will also be organised back-to-back with one of the MSCG meetings to discuss the possible review of the Commission Decision. If it is decided to review the Decision, this will entail extensive work for WG GES which could support the review.

#### Thematic Workshops

JRC presented selected draft outcomes of the two thematic workshops on respectively contaminants/eutrophication and biodiversity (presentation 8/2012/4). A document summarising the results and making proposals as to the way forward will be submitted to the WG GES next meeting. In particular the workshop on eutrophication and contaminants identified ways in working closer together with the WFD implementation, in particular by including the work on descriptors 8 and 9 under the WFD WG E and link more closely on descriptor 5 with the WFD WG A.

One MS pointed out that the extension of WFD monitoring to open seas on eutrophication has not been excluded and the conclusion should be reformulated.

The Commission noted the importance of being consistent and making sure that the experience from the WFD intercalibration exercise is fully used. The workshop did not conclude on this question and the topic will be further discussed within the WG GES, the MSCG and maybe the Marine Directors. JRC clarified that

the aim was to include a statement that another scale for monitoring is needed. The meeting was reminded that the workshop in Paris concluded that the WFD and MSFD monitoring networks should be better coordinated. The JRC confirmed that these remarks will be reflected in the slides and the paper report.

#### *f) TSG activities: underwater noise*

The Commission presented the progress report of the TSG (MSCG/8/2012/5). It informed that a monitoring guidance should be ready in March and might need a 'training' workshop to discuss consequences, in April or May. Both Slovenia and Spain have proposed to host the meeting. At the meeting Spain confirmed its willingness to organise the workshop in Madrid. The Commission will ask the Marine Directors to approve this approach. Netherlands expressed its willingness to also offer support from the co-chair of the TSG in preparing the workshop.

The Commission mentioned that TSG Noise has noted that translation errors may be present in some languages, e.g. French, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish versions of the Commission Decision (2010/477/EU). In particular, the word 'loud' has been translated as 'high frequency'. The Commission will provide informal feedback on the right wording in all languages. The Chair also noted that the future Committee meeting may have to look into these aspects and dealing with corrigenda in a systematic way. The Chair invited MSCG members to inform the Commission informally of any other possible translation errors in the Decision, if any.

#### *g) Work plan 2012/2014*

The Commission presented the current version of the tentative meeting planning for 2013 (Doc MSCG/8/2012/6). Committee, PCG and DIKE technical group meetings need to be added, as well as activities on biodiversity, fisheries, etc. The meeting plan is available on CIRCACB and updates will be made available there. The Chair underlined the necessity to provide for sufficient time between key meetings e.g. MSCG and Marine Directors' meetings. Therefore, the date of the Marine Directors' meetings in 2014 should be set as early as possible. By May, the Commission intends to have the planning for the next year to secure rooms.

It was proposed that the MSCG strategic discussion in February could take place before WG GES. It was agreed that time is needed for reporting on the meeting and that the focus should be on operative conclusions.

## **6 Report back from the Project Coordination Group**

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### Introduction

The COM presented the results of the preparatory meeting for the establishment of the project coordination group for the implementation of the MSFD (PCG) and the final draft terms of reference (ToR) for the PCG (Presentation 8/2012/5 and DOC MSCG/8/2012/7).

### Discussion

Several MS expressed their support to this initiative.

The Commission confirmed that the documents from these meetings will be uploaded on CIRCABC. Future member of the PCG will have to feedback and to disseminate information to all other relevant groups including those working in the Regional Sea Conventions. It also underlined that the PCG was meant to talk about concrete projects and not strategic decisions as outlined in the draft ToR.

Proposals for amendments were discussed and agreed upon.

### Conclusions/Follow-up

It was agreed to submit the amended final draft text to the Marine Directors for endorsement to provide the basis to set up the Group. Following the Marine Directors meeting, the Commission will send out invitations for nominations to the PCG. The first meeting is planned for spring 2013.

## **7 Relations to other Directives, including follow-up WFD-MSFD workshop**

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### *Follow-up to the WFD/MSFD Workshop*

France reported on the workshop held in June in Paris on synergies and differences between WFD and MSFD, including proposals for priorities of action (Presentation 8/2012/6 and MSCG/8/2012/8).

The Commission informed the MSCG members that the last WFD Strategic Coordination Group (SCG) has concluded that the proposals would be submitted to the Marine Directors by France. The Commission and France will prepare a cover page listing the follow-up actions for endorsement by the Marine Directors. Existing, short-term and long-term actions should be presented. The Water and Marine Directors should mandate the actions starting in 2013 and the development of longer-term actions. France added that this could take the form of a joint work plan to be discussed and endorsed by the Water and Marine Directors during the next Presidency.

The Commission noted that further comments on the document, if any, should be sent to France by 19/11/2012 for the French delegation to take into account when presenting to the Water and Marine Directors.

### *Links with biodiversity and nature*

The Chair reported on progress regarding the various actions agreed by the last Water and Marine Directors' meeting. The meeting of the Marine Expert Group under the Birds and Habitats Directives on 6 November highlighted the link between their work and the obligations of Article 13 of the MSFD as well as the Article 21 MPAs inventory. The Commission will develop a document on its intentions with regard to Article 21 report. It will be distributed to the Marine Expert Group to continue the discussion concerning future work<sup>2</sup>. It will also be presented to the Marine Directors

On integration of approaches and streamlining of reporting between Nature/Biodiversity and Water/Marine, internal discussions are on-going and proposals on substance and process are not yet ready. In mid-2013, the different communities should be brought together to discuss on the basis of a future discussion paper to be prepared by the Commission.

The Commission also mentioned current discussion with ICES on the next steps with regards to fisheries. A workshop could be organised as a follow-up of the Paris workshop in April 2012,

Streamlining of reporting is also still under discussion. The Commission will present progress at the next WG DIKE meeting and will feed into the discussion on lessons learnt.

### *IMP and Fishery aspects*

At the Marine Directors' meeting, the Commission will provide information on the IMP, in particular on the Blue Growth and the Communication issued in September which identifies priority sectors where the Commission wants to support initiatives in the next years (tourism, aquaculture, renewable energy, minerals, biotechnology). The Presidency will present the conclusions of the informal ministerial meeting in Limassol, due to be translated into formal conclusions of the Council in December.

The Commission noted that the negotiations in the Council and Parliament on the reform of EU Common Fisheries Policy and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) are in its decisive phase.

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<sup>2</sup> [The Commission circulated this document on 23 November 2012 with a request for comments by 7 January 2013.](#)

## 8 Commission's Activities

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The Commission informed the participants on different relevant on-going activities.

- *Article 20 Report*

The Commission presented the state of affairs with regard to the *Article 20 report*. The report will be adopted and published shortly<sup>3</sup>. It can be added as a point for discussion on the next agenda of the MSCG.

- *Actions related to marine litter*

The Commission informed that the staff working paper on marine litter has been finalised and will be published with a press release on Friday 18 November<sup>4</sup>. It describes the current policies and legislation in place and initiatives taken. Together with results of on-going projects, it will feed follow-up actions. The first one is the international conference organised with Germany in April in Berlin, where further measures in regional action plans will be discussed.

The Commission responded to one MS that it will communicate at a later stage on next policy steps. The starting point should be the 7<sup>th</sup> EAP, where the issue should also be mentioned. The Commission added that the next PCG will look at on-going or finalised projects on marine litter.

- *Blue Print*

The Commission announced the adoption of the *Blue Print*, which calls in particular for adequate coordination between the WFD and the MSFD programme of measures and includes the core actions discussed in the Paris workshop. It is a Commission Communication outlining the main directions of the water policy, completed by a report on the implementation of the WFD, one on water scarcity and drought, a Fitness Check, an Impact Assessment and various supporting documents. This document will be submitted to the Council and the Parliament and the December Council should approve formal conclusions. The Commission underlined that the Blue Print calls for adequate coordination and that this can be done through common or coordinated Programmes of Measures.

- *7<sup>th</sup> EAP*

The Commission is finalising the 7<sup>th</sup> *Environmental Action Plan (EAP)*, which should be ready by the end of the year.

- *IMP/ICZM*

The Commission is planning to present an initiative in the field of *IMP/ICZM* early next year, building on existing initiatives to avoid inconsistencies or duplication. The initiative is based on *inter alia* the results of the expert meeting held in Copenhagen in September. In response to one MS question, the Commission noted that the question of the legal basis was still being discussed.

- *Climate change adaptation*

An *EU climate adaptation strategy* should be presented in spring 2013, as a follow-up to the 2009 White Paper on adaptation to climate change. It will include many elements linked to coastal and marine issues. The Commission intends to support this strategy with a specific paper on coastal/marine strategy aspects.

- *STAGES*

The Commission presented key features of the *STAGES project* and invited the MSCG members to support the project (presentation 8/2012/7).

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<sup>3</sup> [Report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: Contribution of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive \(2008/56/EC\) to the implementation of existing obligations, commitments and initiatives of the Member States or the EU at EU or national level in the sphere of environmental protection in marine waters, Brussels, 16.11.2012, COM\(2012\) 662 final](#)

<sup>4</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/marine/good-environmental-status/descriptor-10/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/marine/good-environmental-status/descriptor-10/index_en.htm).

EEA

The EEA recalled that next year work will focus on the analysis of the information provided through the reporting sheets. The first half of the year will be dedicated to the overview of the information and the content. Then, the baseline assessment to be published in 2014 will be developed in collaboration with RSC and JRC. EEA will keep informed the different WG involved.

## **9 Member States activities and public consultation processes**

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Seas At Risk presented the results of an online questionnaire to NGOs on their views on the public consultation process, prepared by the European Seas Environmental Cooperation (ESEC) (MSCG 8/2012/9). The results show a generally average score on the process and the definition of GES and targets. Some of the main concerns are: the use of a business as usual approach; NGOs lack of capacity to fully engage in the process; the fact that commitments to targets might not go beyond international commitment and targets are generic and not measurable; lack of clarity on international coordination. Seas at Risk concluded that the consultation process could be improved and that NGOs capacity building should take place together with the creation of a forum to exchange experience and funding was a crucial issue.

Portugal noted that some points were not correct. One MS underlined that positive elements should also be highlighted. It was agreed that stakeholders' engagement and consultation should feature on one of the next MSCG meetings agenda.

## **10 Other issues**

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One MS asked and the Commission agreed to add a point in the next agenda on monitoring to discuss the fact that implementation by MS is due in 2014 prior to the Commission's assessment of monitoring programmes.

The Commission reminded that the old CIRCA has been replaced by a new platform, CIRCACB. As the whole system has migrated, a new access system needs to be set up. The Commission made CIRCACB public. This applies to the whole system with the exception of the Committee meetings. Therefore, if a MS communicated some information which is not for the public domain, it needs to warn the Commission, as, per default, this will be made public.

A new personal data protection policy will be put in place e.g., in future minutes, there will be no email address for participants to meetings. The same horizontal policy will apply to all WG. Any concern relating to data protection policy should be sent in writing so that it can be reflected in the proposals to be presented at the next meeting.

## **11 Closure of the meeting**

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The chair closed the meeting by thanking all participants and reminded that the next MSCG meeting is scheduled in February 2013.

**Annex 1 – List of participants at MSCG, 14 May 2012**

<b>MEMBER STATES</b>			
BELGIUM	Van Gaever	Saskia	Belgian Federal public service, Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment
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DENMARK	Karup	Henning	Danish Nature Agency
DENMARK	Olgaard	Lisbet	Danish Nature Agency
FINLAND	Leppänen	Juha-Markku	Marine Research Centre, Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE)
FINLAND	Numminen	Samu	Finnish Environment Institute
France	Lenormand	Christophe	Ministère de l'écologie, du développement durable et de l'énergie
FRANCE	Matringe	Laurence	Ministère de l'écologie, du développement durable et de l'énergie
GERMANY	Imhoff	Heike	Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz und Reaktorsicherheit
GERMANY	Witt	Jan	Ministerium für Landwirtschaft, Umwelt, und ländliche Räume des Landes Schleswig-Holstein
GREECE	Karakassis	Ioannis	Greek Ministry for the Environment & Climate Change
IRELAND	Duggan	Pat	Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government
ITALY	Montanaro	Oliviero	Ministero dell'Ambiente e Tutela del Territorio e del Mare
LATVIA	Zasa	Baiba	Ministry of the Environmental Protection and Regional Development
LITHUANIA	Vaškevičienė	Viktorija	Ministry of Environment of the republic of Lithuania
MALTA	Mifsud	Carmen	Malta Environment and Planning Authority
POLAND	Marciniewicz-Mykieta	Malgorzata	Polish Environmental Protection
PORTUGAL	Berecibar	Estibaliz	Estrutura de Missão para a Extensão da Plataforma Continental
SLOVENIA	Gosar	Leon	Institute for Water of the Republic of Slovenia
SPAIN	Perez Puyol	Ainhoa	Ministry of Environment and Rural and Marine Affairs
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SWEDEN	Sörqvist	Charlotta	Ministry of the Environment
THE NETHERLANDS	Goud	Reinier	Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment
THE NETHERLANDS	Van Urk	Wim	Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment
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	Verreet	Gert	OSPAR
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	Dodds	Lindsay	WWF UK
Dom	Ann	Seas At Risk	
Klöpfer	Sascha	Common Wadden Sea Secretariat	
Vanheule	Bernard	OGP	
Villanueva	Maria-Sofia	OGP	
Vlachogianni	Thomas	MIO-ECSDE	
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Christiansen	Trine	European Environment Agency	
Cheilari	Anna	DG ENV	
Connor	David	DG ENV	
De Vrees	Leo	DG ENV	
D'Eugenio	Joachim	DG ENV	
Maier	Matthias Leonhard	DG ENV	
Maillet	Aurore	DG ENV	
Michel	Cyril	DG ENV	
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Dupont	Claire	Milieu Ltd	

**Annex 2 – List of papers and presentations (documents are available on CIRCABC)**

**LIST of DOCUMENTS**

No.	Reference	Agenda point	Date	Title	Submitted by
1.	MSCG/8/2012/1	2	23/10/2012	Draft Agenda	European Commission
	MSCG/8/2012/1a	2	29/10/2012	<a href="#">Link to Final Minutes May 2012</a>	European Commission
2.	MSCG/8/2012/2	2	05/11/2012	Marine Directors Draft Agenda	European Commission
3.	MSCG/8/2012/3	4d	29/10/2012	Art.12 Assessment	Milieu Ltd
4.	MSCG/8/2012/4	5e		WG DIKE activities	European Commission
5.	MSCG/8/2012/5	5f	29/10/2012	TSG Noise	Chair TSG Noise
6.	MSCG/8/2012/6	5g	29/10/2012	<a href="#">Link to Meeting Calendar 2013</a>	European Commission
7.	MSCG/8/2012/7	6	29/10/2012	Project Coordination Group : Terms of reference	European Commission
8.	MSCG 8/2012/8	7	05/11/2012	WFD/MSFD follow-up workshop report	France
9.	MSCG/8/2012/9	9	06/11/2012	<del>Seas at Risks</del> <a href="#">ESEC's</a> paper on public consultation	<a href="#">ESEC/Seas at Risks</a>

## LIST of PRESENTATIONS

No.	Agenda point	Title	Submitted by
1.	4b	CA reporting	European Commission/MILIEU
2.	5e	DIKE activities	European Commission
3.	5e	ESA meeting	United Kingdom
4.	5e	WG DIKE activities	European Commission
5.	6	PCG Terms of Reference	European Commission
6.	7	WFD-MSFD follow up	France
7.	8	STAGES	European Commission