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## **ULTFARMS at MSP week (5 June 2026)**

### ***Advancing Multi-Use through MSP: Governance, Gaps and Pathways to Implementation***

**Venue:** Creative Room 2, Nhow Brussels Bloom hotel

**Online participation:**

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/358855269479613?p=JdKcWG251ZPWrlMly>

This policy-oriented session will explore how Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) can better enable the uptake of multi-use solutions, drawing on final insights from the ULTFARMS project. With a focus on integrating low-trophic aquaculture within offshore renewable energy systems, the session will translate pilot experiences from across European sea basins into concrete policy-relevant messages.

It will highlight key governance challenges – including licensing complexity, regulatory fragmentation, and gaps in standards and certification – and propose practical pathways to address them. Drawing on governance insights from pilot, sea-basin and EU levels, the session will reflect on how MSP frameworks can support the transition from demonstration to implementation of multi-use solutions.

The session will also open an exchange with initiatives such as NESBp and the Great North Sea Basin Initiative to discuss alignment needs, remaining bottlenecks, and opportunities linked to current policy developments, including the Ocean Pact and MSPD/MSFD evolution.

#### **Expected outcome:**

- Shared understanding of key governance bottlenecks for multi-use
- Initial alignment across projects on priority actions for MSP uptake
- Inputs feeding into ongoing policy discussions (Ocean Pact / MSPD review)



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## Agenda

### 09.00 Introduction

Ivana Lukic, SUBMARINER Network for Blue Growth EEIG

### 09.10 ULTFARMS key insights from the multi-use pilot project

Alex Ziemba, Deltares

### 09.30-10.00 Cross-project and policy perspectives

#### 1. Mariparks and NESBp Project

*Kinnie De Beule, Blue Cluster*

#### 2. Greater North Sea Basin Initiative work on multi-use

*Pierre Maxime Giora, GNSBI Steering Group Member - Multi-Use, French Ministry for Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion*

#### 3. Member States Assistance Mechanism and the upcoming MSP Directive revision/Ocean Act

*Louise Roche, DG MARE*

### 10.00-11.00 Moderated panel discussion

Moderator: Ivana Lukic, SUBMARINER Network

- Marjoleine Nascimento da Silva - Karper, RVO
- Nick Boxem, GNSBI Steering Group Member - Knowledge Sharing
- *Pierre Maxime Giora, GNSBI Steering Group Member - Multi-Use, French Ministry for Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion*
- Louise Roche, DG MARE
- Kinnie De Beule, Blue Cluster

### Guiding questions

- *What needs to change in MSP to move multi-use from pilots to mainstream deployment?*
- *What should MSP processes coordinate at sea-basin level to enable multi-use and what should remain national?*



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- *What evidence do MSP authorities still need to confidently plan for multi-use, and how should uncertainty be handled in decisions?*
- *What are the top 2-3 priorities for the MSP Directive revision and the Ocean Pact to make multi-use operational?*

## 11.00 Wrap-up



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