

MSPITALY: state of the art and perspectives

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We strongly believe in Maritime Spatial Planning as a tool to create a **Sustainable Blue Economy** and simultaneously achieve **environmental objectives**.



Ministerial Decree n. 237 del 25/09/2024

«*Approvazione dei Piani di gestione dello spazio marittimo ai sensi dell'art. 5, comma 5 del decreto legislativo 17 ottobre 2016, n. 201.*»



Al Ministro delle infrastrutture e dei trasporti

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Articolo 1

(Approvazione dei Piani di gestione dello spazio marittimo)

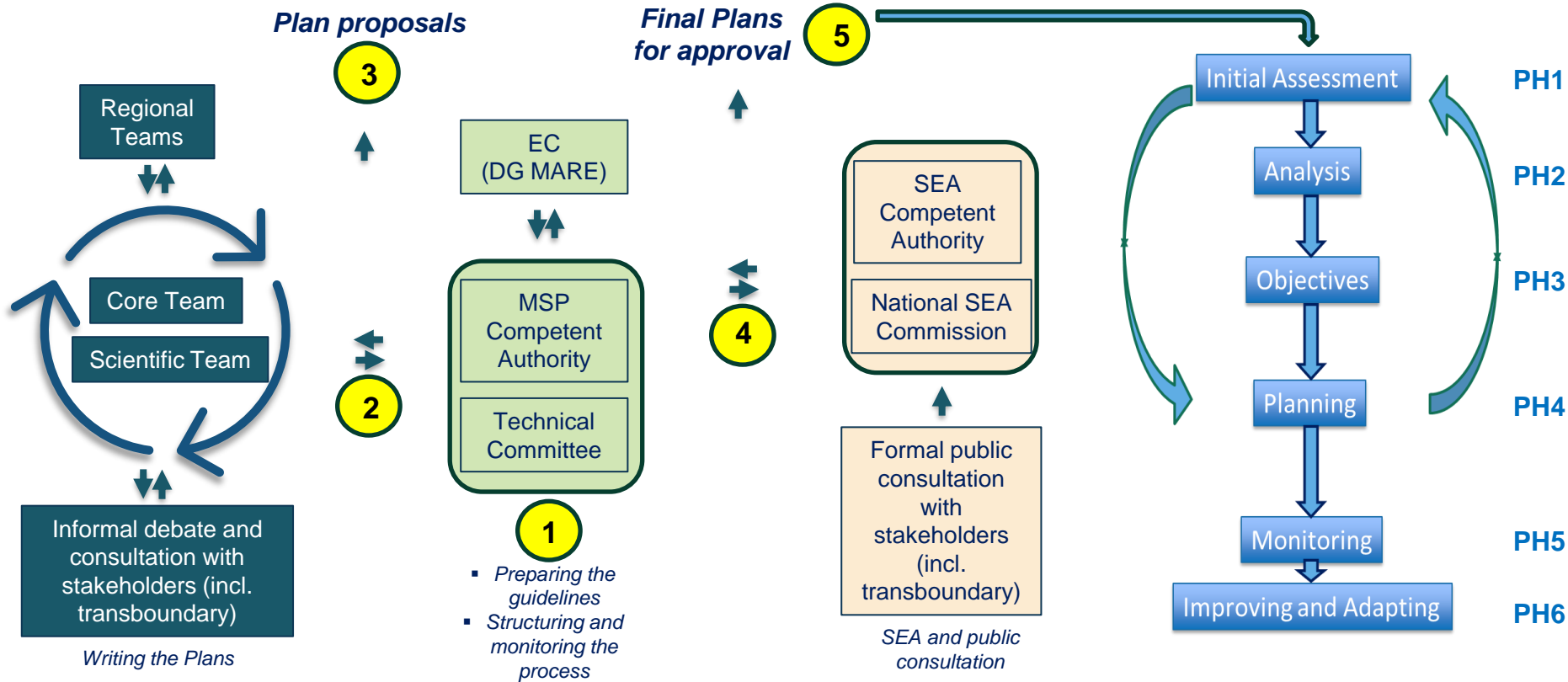
Sono approvati, ai sensi dell'art. 5, comma 5 del decreto legislativo 17 ottobre 2016, n. 201, i Piani di gestione dello spazio marittimo, uno per ciascuna delle tre aree marittime di riferimento previste dal decreto del Presidente del Consiglio dei ministri del 1° dicembre 2017 di "Approvazione delle linee guida contenenti gli indirizzi e i criteri per la predisposizione dei piani di gestione dello spazio marittimo":

- a) Piano di gestione dello spazio marittimo Area Marittima "Tirreno-Mediterraneo Occidentale";
- b) Piano di gestione dello spazio marittimo Area Marittima "Adriatico";
- c) Piano di gestione dello spazio marittimo Area Marittima "Ionio-Mediterraneo Centrale".



The Plans are published and can be consulted on «SID il Portale del Mare» (<https://www.sid.mit.gov.it/>).

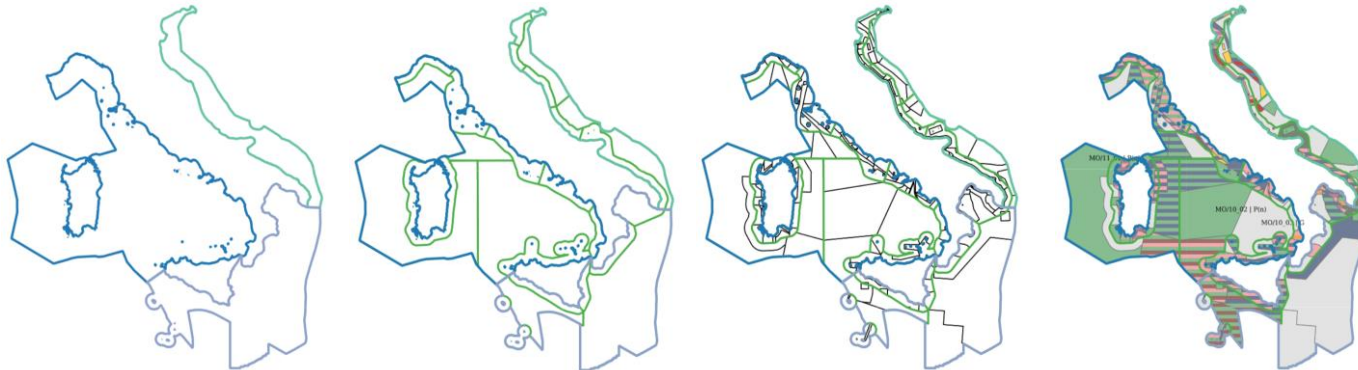
MSPItaly - Implementation process and governance



The Italian Plans in a nutshell

- Competent Authority:
Ministry of Sustainable Infrastructures and Mobility
- Three parallel processes:
 - **Adriatic**
 - **Ionian-Central Mediterranean**
 - **Tyrrhenian-Western Mediterranean**
- **Scope: strategic**
- **Legally binding**
- **Timeframe:** 2024 -> 2034 (adaptive process through monitoring)

Multi-scalar co-planning process: from Central to Regional / Local administrations



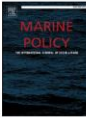
Identify **vocations**
Maximise
coexistence
Harmonise **present conditions**
Promote **future visions**



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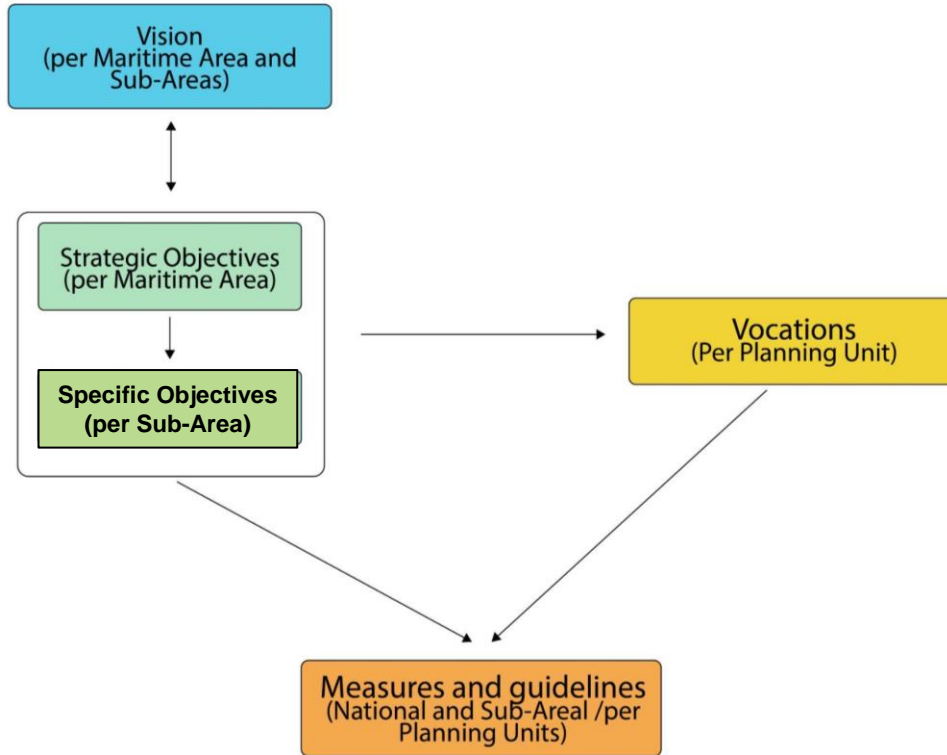
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Designing and implementing a multi-scalar approach to Maritime Spatial Planning: The case study of Italy

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Conceptual framework



G = Generic use

Areas in which all uses tend to be permitted, with specific and reciprocal regulation mechanisms defined or to be defined in the context of national and international standards or sector plans, in order to guarantee safety, reduce and control environmental impacts and favor coexistence between uses.



P = Priority use

Areas for which the Plan provides indications of priority of use and development, also indicating the other uses to be guaranteed or allowed through mutual regulations and with the identified priority use.



L = Limited use

Areas for which a prevalent use is indicated, with other uses that may be present, with or without specific limitations, if and as far as compatible with the prevalent use.

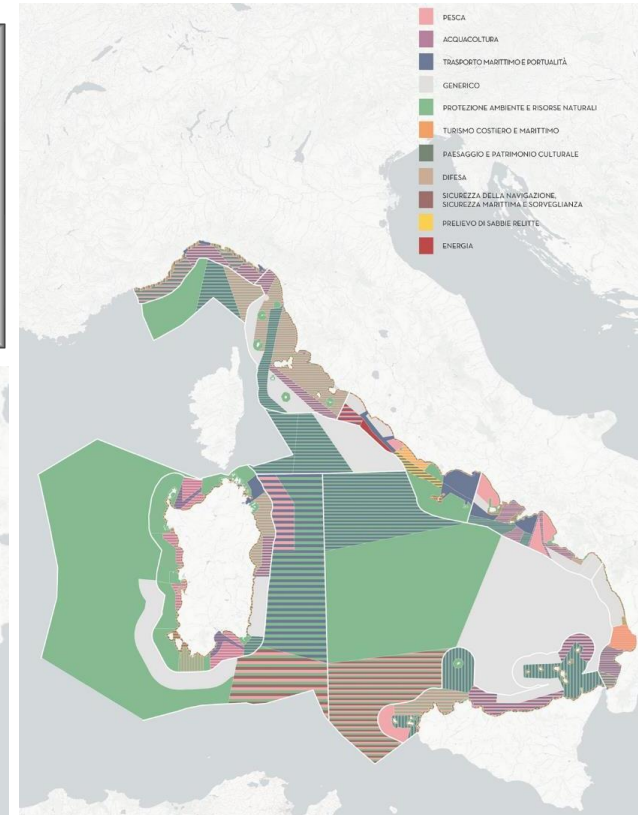
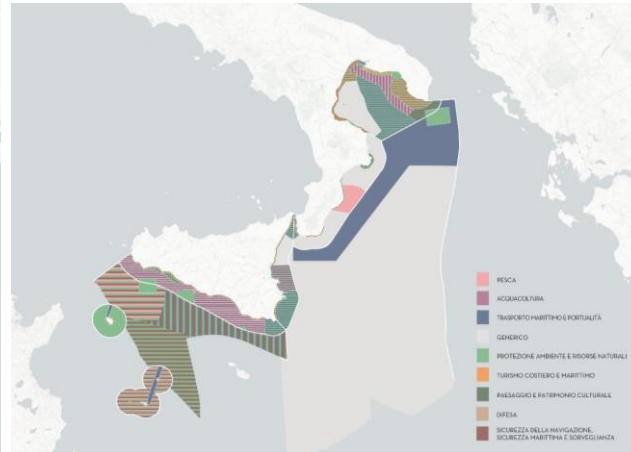
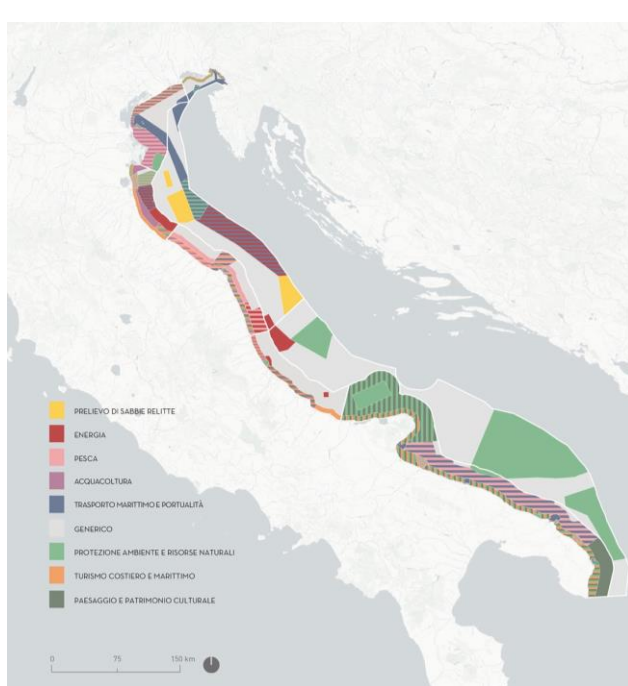


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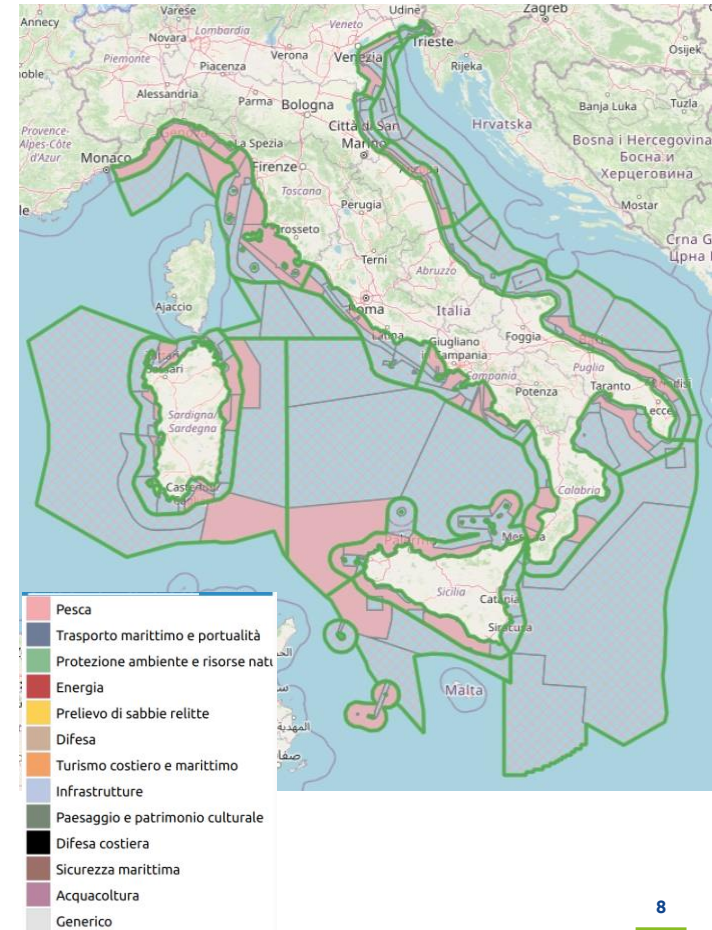
How it looks like: Planning Units and vocations

- ✓ 3 Maritime Areas
- ✓ 27 Sub-Areas
- ✓ 331 Planning Units
 - ✓ 37 Generic use
 - ✓ 267 Priority use
 - ✓ 33 Limited use
 - ✓ 7 Reserved use

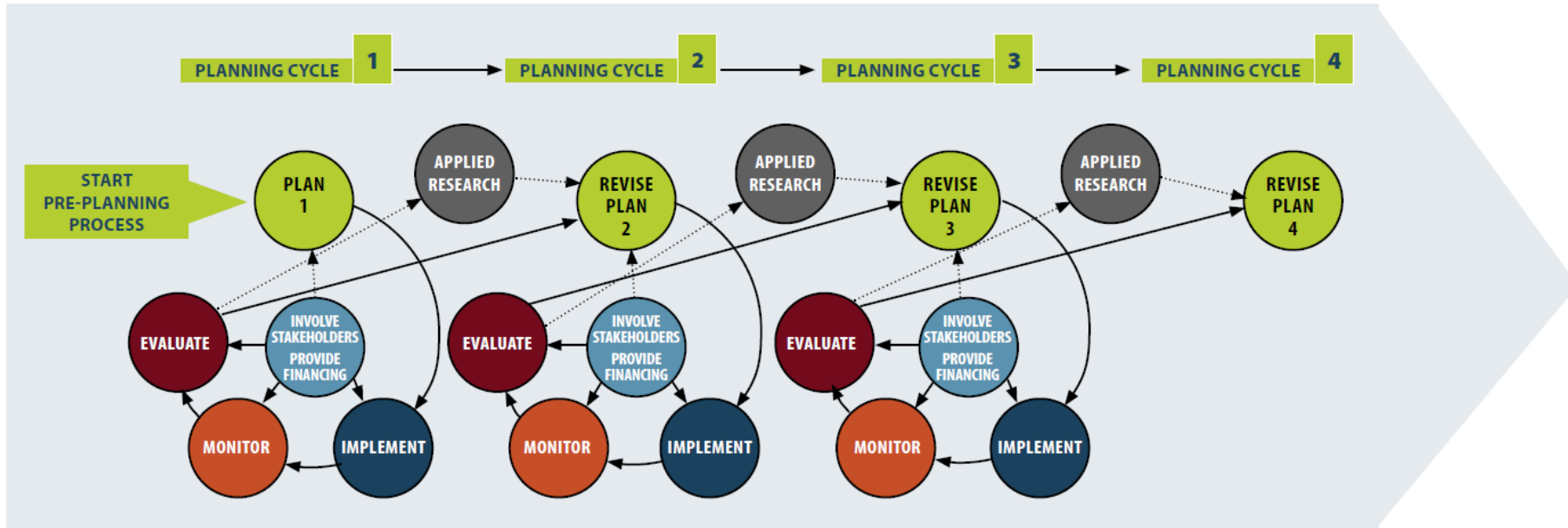


MSPItaly on fisheries

- **Co-planning** involving MASAF and fisheries Dept. of Italian Regions
- Fishery is present as a **priority in 64 Planning Units**, while the plans are not establishing new limitations compared to existing regulations and plans
- **6 Strategic Objectives** on:
 - *Sustainable development of the fisheries sector,*
 - *Implementation of European and National Multiannual Management Plans in GSAs*
 - *Promotion, development and spatial management of small-scale coastal fishery*
 - *Recovery and protection of fish stocks and protection of Essential Fish Habitats (EFH)*
 - *Cooperation among States in order to achieve concerted measures for the sustainable management of the activities of their national fisheries sectors*
 - *Monitoring and combating illegal fishing*
- **12 National measures** directly referred to fisheries, plus other measures aimed at promoting co-existence between uses
- Several **Sub-area measures** (in territorial waters) on fisheries



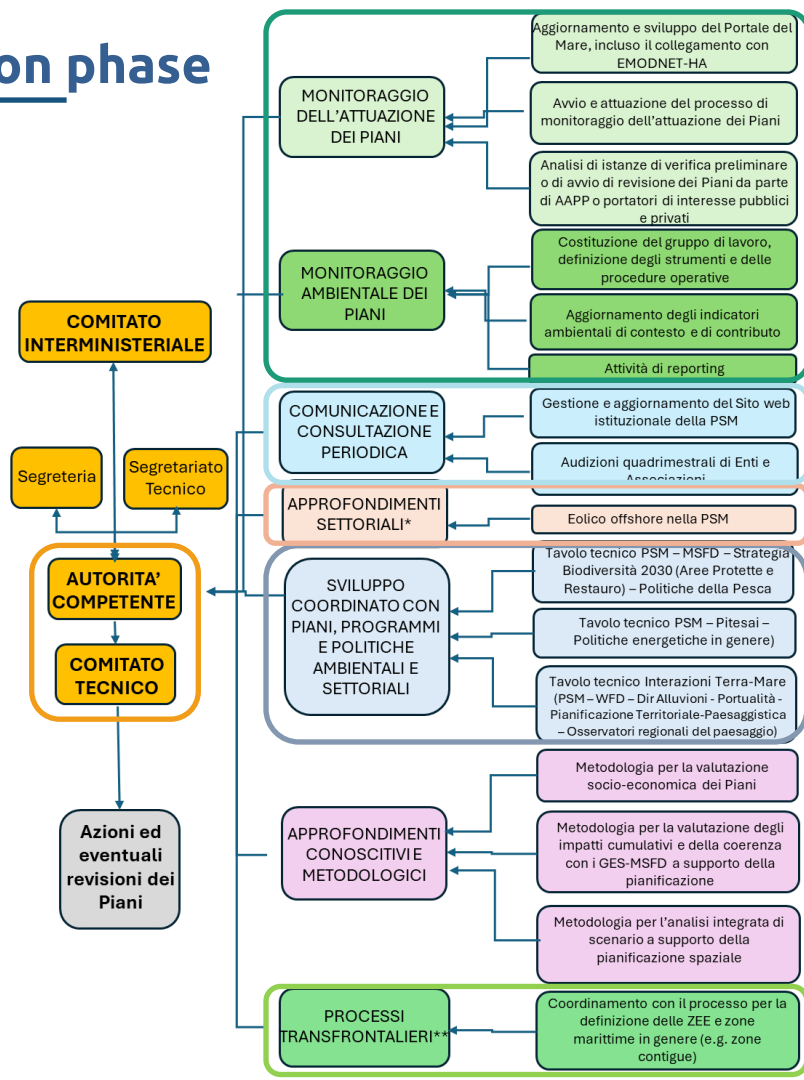
MSP is a continuous adaptive process



(Ehler & Douvere, UNESCO-IOC, 2009)

Priority Actions for the implementation phase

- 7 Themes, 16 Actions
- **Key role of the CA and the TC**
- **Monitoring the process and its performance**
- **Continuous and structured consultation**
- **Sectoral demands to be better integrated (e.g. OWE)**
- **Ensure coherent and cross-compliant implementation of policies (sectoral and environmental)**
- **Coordination with changes in jurisdiction (e.g. EEZ and contiguous zones)**



Thank you for your attention

More on:

<https://www.mit.gov.it/documentazione/pianificazione-dello-spazio-marittimo>

<https://maritime-spatial-planning.ec.europa.eu/countries/italy>

<https://geoplatform.tools4msp.eu/>