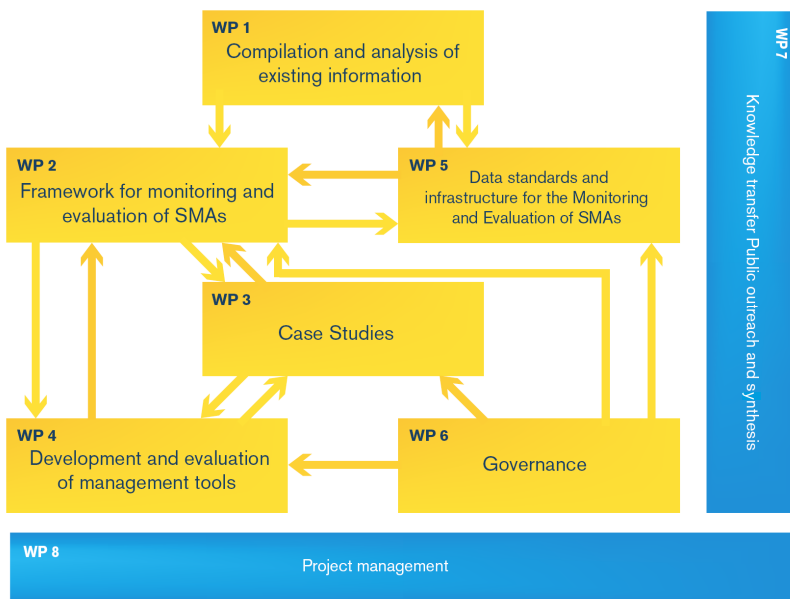# MESMA
Monitoring and Evaluation of Spatially Managed Areas

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MARINE SPATIAL MANAGEMENT - MULTIPLE USERS

European seas and coastal areas are home to a wide range of marine habitats and at the same time support an increasing range of human activities such as commercial fishing, oil/gas production, recreation, and shipping. Well planned ecosystem based management is necessary to balance these competing demands of nature conservation and human use.

WP 1 Compilation and analysis of existing information

WP 2 Framework for monitoring and evaluation of SMAs

WP 5 Data standards and infrastructure for the Monitoring and Evaluation of SMAs

WP 3 Case Studies

WP 4 Development and evaluation of management tools

WP 6 Governance

WP 7 Knowledge transfer Public outreach and synthesis

WP 8 Project management

The EU FP7 project **MESMA** will develop integrated management tools (a generic framework, guidelines, data systems and models) for **MONITORING** and **EVALUATION** of **SPATIALLY MANAGED AREAS**

CASE STUDIES
1. Southern North Sea
2. Penland Firth & Orkney Waters
3. Barents Sea & Lofoten area
4. Celtic Sea
5. Basque country continental shelf (SE Bay of Biscay)
6. Strait of Sicily
7. Inner Ionian Archipelago & adjacent gulfs
8. Baltic Sea
9. Black Sea

INTEGRATIVE APPROACH - ACROSS SECTORS

Within case studies across Europe, the developed methodologies and guidelines will be tested in consultation with all stakeholders, to provide a better insight in the full scope of required strategies to enhance policy instruments for governments, local authorities and stakeholders, for planning and decision making at different European, national, and local scales.

AT A GLANCE

TITLE: Monitoring and Evaluation of Spatially Managed Areas (MESMA)

INSTRUMENT: Large Collaborative Project FP7

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PROJECT COORDINATOR: IMARES (NL)

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