

ROADMAP OB1: Establish an ecological network of MPAs which is representative and connected

« Focus session (FS OB1b) »

**From individual MPAs to coherent networks:
let's move on!**

**Des AMP individuelles aux réseaux cohérents:
allez de l'avant !**

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Scheduling of the session

| | Presentation | Principal contributor | Duration |
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| 1. | Welcome of the participants & Inception of the session by Moderators | Moderators | 5' |
| 1. | Case study 1: Ecological characterisation of sites of interest for conservation in Lebanon | Zeina HASSEN + Ghazi BITAR | 10' |
| 1. | Case study 2: Principles and motivations leading up to a pan-European assessment of the ecological coherence of EU MPA networks | Sabrina AGNESI + Giulia MO | 10' |
| 1. | Questions – short discussion with the 2 speakers | Moderators | 5' |
| 1. | Case study 3: Strengthening interfaces between Science and Policy for the 2020 MPA Roadmap implementation | Antoine LAFITTE + Didier SAUZADE | 10' |
| 1. | Case study 4: How good is your MPA at curbing threats? Assessing the adequacy of Mediterranean MPA regulations at countering anthropogenic pressures | Joachim CLAUDET | 10' |
| 1. | Questions – short discussion with the 2 speakers | Moderators | 5' |
| 1. | Debate | Moderators | 30' |
| 1. | Wrap-up and closure of the session | Moderators | 5' |

Questions to be addressed during the session:

- How do you assess the ecological and geographical representativity of the Mediterranean network of MPAs?
- What are the main underrepresented habitats in the Mediterranean network of MPAs?
- Do we have the scientific tools for promoting MPA connectivity in the Mediterranean?
- What are the main challenges for the development of an ecological network of MPAs, which is representative and connected?