



COST Action CA15121

Action Title: Advancing marine conservation in the European and contiguous seas (MarCons)

**Draft Agenda
Management Committee Meeting
Nicosia, Cyprus
2 October 2018, 9:00-13:00**

To be completed by the meeting secretary and circulated to the MC and the COST Association (Science and Administrative Officer)

START of the MC Meeting: 9:00

Coffee break: 10:45

1. Welcome to participants
2. Verification of the presence of two-thirds of the Participating COST Countries or, if applicable, a quorum
3. Adoption of agenda
4. Approval of minutes and matters arising of last meeting
 - 4.1 Decisions through e-vote to be included in the Minutes
5. Update from the Action Chair
 - a) Status of Action: start and end dates of Action, participating COST countries, participating NNC/IPC institutions and Specific Organisations.
 - b) Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM): review of completed reports and new applications
6. Update from the Grant Holder: Action budget status
7. Update from the COST Association, if a representative is present
8. Monitoring of the Action
9. Implementation of COST policies on:
 - a) Promotion of gender balance and Early Career Investigators (ECI)
 - b) Inclusiveness and Excellence (see below list of Inclusiveness Target Countries)
10. Follow-up of MoU objectives: progress report of working groups
 - 10.1 Brief overview of progress and future plans of WG1 (Vanessa Stelzenmüller)
 - 10.2 Brief overview of progress and future plans of WG2 (Valentina Todorova)
 - 10.3 Brief overview of progress and future plans of WG3 (Vesna Mačić)
 - 10.4 Brief overview of progress and future plans of WG4 (Sylvaine Giakoumi)
 - 10.5 Brief overview of progress and future plans of WG5 (Peter Mackelworth)
 - 10.6 Brief overview of progress and future plans of WG6 (Cristina Pita)
 - 10.7 Brief overview of progress and future plans of the 'climate change' working group (Gil Rilov)
11. Scientific planning

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- a) Scientific strategy (MoU objectives, GP Goals, WG tasks and deliverables)
- b) Action Budget Planning
- c) Long-term planning (including anticipated locations and dates of future activities)
- d) Dissemination planning (Publications and outreach activities)
- 12. Requests to join the Action from:
 - a) COST countries
 - b) Institutions in Near Neighbouring Countries, International Partner Countries, and/or Specific Organisations: EU agencies, European RTD Organisation, International Organisations
- 13. AOB
 - 13.1 Plan for integration / synthesis among WGs
 - 13.2 Preparation of policy briefs
 - 13.3 Proposals for small workshops (6-8 participants) beyond our deliverables
 - 13.4 Organizing the final conference
- 14. Location and date of next meeting
- 15. Summary of MC decisions
- 16. Closing

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