



Working together for healthy, sustainable Celtic Seas



The Celtic Seas are home to a wide range of habitats supporting a delicate ecosystem of marine wildlife. They are also incredibly important to people across Europe who depend on the Celtic Seas for their livelihoods and well-being.

The Celtic Seas Partnership aims to draw people together from across the Celtic Seas to set up innovative approaches to managing their marine environment. We want to put the people that use the sea at the heart of its management. Our focus is on supporting delivery of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive - key European legislation aiming to conserve and protect Europe's seas while allowing sustainable use of our natural marine resources.

Empowering people to shape the future of their seas

How does European marine policy work? What is the Marine Strategy Framework Directive? See our website for a helpful animation and interviews with European officials.

'You cannot manage what you cannot measure'. So we're putting together a web portal and guide to help people find data and information on the Celtic Seas.

We're developing an information dashboard and a strategic management framework to encourage a joined-up approach to managing coastal waters around Dublin Bay.

What do the Celtic Seas do for us? We're producing tools and recommendations to help evaluate ecosystem services

Encouraging new ways of managing the marine environment across borders

In task groups led by the people who use the sea, we're investigating cross-border initiatives addressing key issues such as marine litter, biodiversity, and non-indigenous species.

What does the future hold for the Celtic Seas? We're analysing future trends in the Celtic Seas and exploring what this means for how we manage our marine environment.

Working across boundaries and sectors is difficult, so we're producing a series of Best Practice Guidelines, drawing on lessons from across the Celtic Seas to provide recommendations on how to work together effectively.

Building relationships

At three multi-national workshops, we're bringing people from across the Celtic Seas together in one place to engage in constructive dialogue, build good working relationships and explore opportunities to work together.

We're also holding two rounds of national workshops in each of the Celtic Seas countries, where people can discuss marine issues in a national context.

We're carrying out a pilot project with Scottish fisheries, government and environmental organisations, to see whether mediation can help to build trust between groups with challenging relationships.

