

MEER:STARK Final Event: Bridging Science and Policy- Exploring the Marine Protection and Climate Adaptation Nexus

3.-4. November 2025 – Berlin (partly hybrid)

03. November 2025, 12:15 – 17:00 Uhr, hybrid

Program Day 1: 03. November 2025	
Session 1: What is the nexus of marine protection and climate adaptation	
11:30 – 12:15	Registration, welcome coffee & finger food
12:15 – 12:30	Introduction to the workshop & Introduction of participants
12:30 – 13:00	Nexus ○ Project overview and Nexus concept ○ Discussion
Session 2: In-depth topics / Discussion of Recommendations	
13:00 - 14:00	Eutrophication ○ Presentation of MEER:STARK preliminary Recommendations ○ Impulse: • Stephanie Helber (UBA): Eutrophication and its impacts on the marine environment • Joel Lindholm (Under Ytan, Finland): “Combating Eutrophication, a passive or active management approach that needs to be considered in coastal protection.” ○ Discussion & thoughts on our MEER:STARK recommendations
14:30 – 15:00	Coffee break
15:00 – 16:00	Ecosystem-based coastal protection ○ Presentation of MEER:STARK Recommendations ○ Impulse: • Julia Strahl (BUND): “Protecting Nature for Coastal Resilience – insights from METAscales” • Giulia Costa (IUCN): “From practice to policy: Lessons for scaling up coastal ecosystem restoration for climate adaptation” (virtual) • Gonzalo Gutiérrez Goizueta (Global Program on NBS for Climate Resilience, The World Bank): “Nature-based Solutions for Beach Stabilization” (virtual) ○ Discussion

16:00 – 17:00	Climate-Ready MPAs ○ <i>Presentation of MEER:STARK Recommendations</i> ○ <i>Impulse:</i> • <i>Franziska Drews-von Ruckteschell (Submariner): “MPA Community Network: Strengthening Impact Through Cross-European Collaboration”</i> • <i>Belinda Bramley (CLIMAZUL, MPA Europe): “Insights from the MPA Europe project”</i> ○ <i>Discussion</i>
18:00	End of the event and a get together dinner

04. November 2025, 9:00 – 13:00 Uhr, only in person

Program Day 2: 04. November 2025	
Session 3: Working Session on recommendations	
08:45 – 09:15	Welcome coffee
09:15 – 09:30	Summary of the first day, introduction day 2
09:30 – 10:00	Keynote: Nexus presentation ○ <i>Jannica Haldin (Helcom): “Under pressures: Baltic Sea MPAs, expectations, potential and reality”</i>
10:00 – 10:45	Working Session on Eutrophication ○ <i>Discuss and refine the MEER:STARK recommendations and explore their practical implementation</i>
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 – 12:00	Working Session on Coastal Protection ○ <i>Discuss and refine the MEER:STARK recommendations and explore their practical implementation</i>
12:00 – 12:45	Working Session on MPAs ○ <i>Discuss and refine the MEER:STARK recommendations and explore their practical implementation</i>
12:45 – 13:00	Final Plenary: Summary & Next Steps ○ <i>Key takeaways and commitments for follow-up actions</i>
13:00	End of the event and a light lunch