

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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation of project and Nexus approach ○ Discussion
Session 2: In-depth topics / Discussion of Recommendations	
13:00 - 14:00	Eutrophication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation of MEER:STARK Recommendations (10min) ○ Impulse: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joel Lindholm, Under Ytan, Finland: “Combating Eutrophication, a passive or active management approach that needs to be considered in coastal protection.” • Further impulse statements to be confirmed ○ Discussion (30min)
14:30 – 15:00	Coffee break
15:00 – 16:00	Ecosystem-based coastal protection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation of MEER:STARK Recommendations (10min) ○ Impulse: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jannis Kuhlmann (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” ○ Discussion (30min)

16:00 – 17:00	Climate-Ready MPAs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Presentation of MEER:STARK Recommendations (10min)</i> ○ <i>Impulse:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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 (30min)</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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Jannica Haldin (Helcom): “Under pressures: Baltic Sea MPAs, expectations, potential and reality”</i>
10:00 – 10:45	Working Session on Eutrophication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Discuss and refine the MEER:STARK recommendations and explore their practical implementation</i>
12:00 – 12:45	Working Session on MPAs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Discuss and refine the MEER:STARK recommendations and explore their practical implementation</i>
12:45 – 13:00	Final Plenary: Summary & Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Key takeaways and commitments for follow-up actions</i>
13:00	End of the event and a light lunch