

# D1.2 - Report on the available frameworks and tools building constituency and expectations management



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This report provides theoretical and experiential foundation for the bottom-up approach and stakeholder engagement. These processes are the basis for our interactions with the Living labs. The report highlights the best practices of stakeholder engagement in three European sea basins (Mediterranean, Baltic, and North-east Atlantic) and offers recommendations for setting up stakeholder engagement in diverse settings.



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## HIGHLIGHTS

The analysis focused on evaluating the benefits and shortcomings of implementing the bottom-up approach in both Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures (OECMs). The insights support our decision to directly engage with stakeholders in Living Labs and also allow us to anticipate potential challenges in these interactions and develop strategies to overcome them.

We have compiled numerous examples of stakeholder engagement from various MPAs, MPA networks, and potential OECMs across Europe. These diverse cases serve as the basis for our recommendations and guidelines for engaging with the Living labs. Notably, we distinguish between stakeholder engagement in different sea basins and in various contexts such as individual MPAs, MPA networks, transboundary MPAs, and OECMs. Our considerations also address gender aspects in the management of protected areas and natural resources.

