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**FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE MEMBERS
OF THE MARINE STRATEGY COORDINATION GROUP**

Subject: Invitation to the 17th meeting of the Marine Strategy Coordination Group (MSCG) –5th November 2015 (Brussels)

We are pleased to invite you to the **17th meeting of the Marine Strategy Coordination Group (MSCG)**, which will take place in **Brussels on Thursday 5 November 2015**. The meeting will be held in the Conference Centre Albert Borschette (36, rue Froissart, B-1040 Brussels, room 2A).

The draft agenda and the meeting documents are currently under preparation and will be posted in due course on the MSCG CIRCABC site (you will be informed): <https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/83e306ea-e30a-4221-8725-98ac5ac5f270>.

We plan to start the meeting at 10:30 and finish by 18:00. Please note that the meeting will be preceded by the 10th meeting of the MSFD Regulatory Committee. A meeting of the Project Coordination Group will also be taking place the afternoon of the 4th November (see separate invitations).

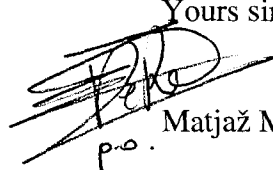
The Commission will **reimburse the travel expenses of one MSFD Committee representative per Member State** attending also the **Marine Strategy Coordination Group meeting**. Practical information concerning the arrangements for reimbursement will be sent separately through the MSFD Committee.

Member States and the Regional Sea Conventions' Secretariats, are also invited to report during the meeting on their activities in relation to the implementation of the Directive.

The meeting will be held in English and participants are kindly requested to bring their own copies of documents.

We would be grateful if you could **confirm your participation** to this meeting to Giulia Marano (giulia.marano@ext.ec.europa.eu) by **Friday 30 October** at the latest also providing your **date of birth and ID card number**. We would like to stress that confirmation of participation is compulsory as we have to send the complete list of participants to the security service prior to the meeting. Please make also sure to bring this invitation with you on the day of the meeting.

Yours sincerely,


p.o. Matjaž Malgaj