



Republic of Cyprus  
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# CYPRUS MSP LAW

# Maritime Spatial Planning and Related Matters Law of 2017 (Law 144(I)/2017)

- Official Gazette of the Republic: 13.10.2017.
- Harmonized with Directive 2014/89/EU



## Scope (section 3)

To establish a framework for the maritime spatial planning of the Republic aimed at promoting:

- The sustainable growth of maritime economy;
- The sustainable development of marine waters; and
- The sustainable use of marine resources.



## Application (section 4)

The Law applies to:

- The marine waters of the Republic (territorial waters, contiguous zone, EEZ and continental shelf)

The Law **does not** apply to:

- Terrestrial space; and
- Activities the sole purpose of which is defence or national security.



## MSP Competent Institutions

- Competent Authority: Shipping Deputy Minister to the President;
- MSP Committee: 15 members;
- Inter-ministerial Committee: 6 members; and
- Council of Ministers



## Policy Statement (section 8)

- Identifies the key priorities, objectives and strategic orientations for marine waters that aim at sustainable development.
- Takes into account the National Integrated Maritime Policy Strategy
- Approved by the Council of Ministers.
- Necessary for the development of Maritime Spatial Plan.



## Establishment and implementation of maritime spatial planning (section 12)

When establishing maritime spatial planning, the Competent Institutions shall take into account:

- The particularities of the marine region of the Republic;
- The relevant existing and future activities and uses and their impacts on the environment, as well as to natural resources; and
- The land-sea interactions.





## Setting-up of maritime spatial plan (section 17)

- The Competent Institutions shall set up a maritime spatial plan which identifies the spatial and temporal distribution of relevant existing and future activities and uses in the marine waters of the Republic.
- Approved by the Council of Ministers
- The maritime spatial plan, shall be established as soon as possible, and at the latest by 31 March 2021.





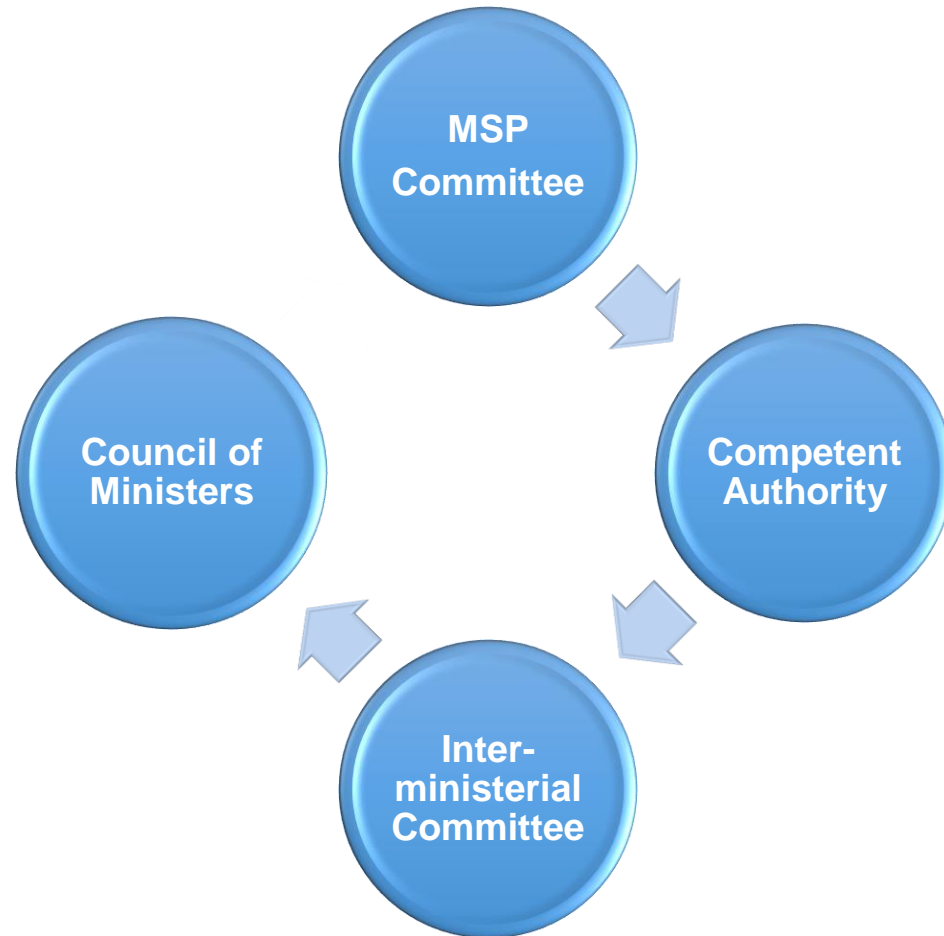
## Setting-up of maritime spatial plan (cont.)

When setting up maritime spatial plan, the Competent Institutions shall take into account:

- The objectives of MSP;
- The minimum requirements for MSP;
- The relevant interactions of activities and uses;
- The conflicts between activities and uses;
- Land-sea interactions;
- Public consultation and participation;
- Data use and sharing;
- Cooperation among Member States and with third countries.



# Maritime Spatial Plan Approval Procedure



## Confirmation of Compliance or Compatibility (section 22 )

- Necessary for any use or activity in the marine waters of the Republic;
- Issued by the MSP Committee;

❖ **Confirmation of Compliance:** The use or activity is provided at the particular marine area by the Maritime Spatial Plan in force.

❖ **Confirmation of Compatibility:** The use or activity\* is **not** provided at any marine area by the Maritime Spatial Plan in force, but is compatible with the Policy Statement and the philosophy of the Maritime Spatial Plan.

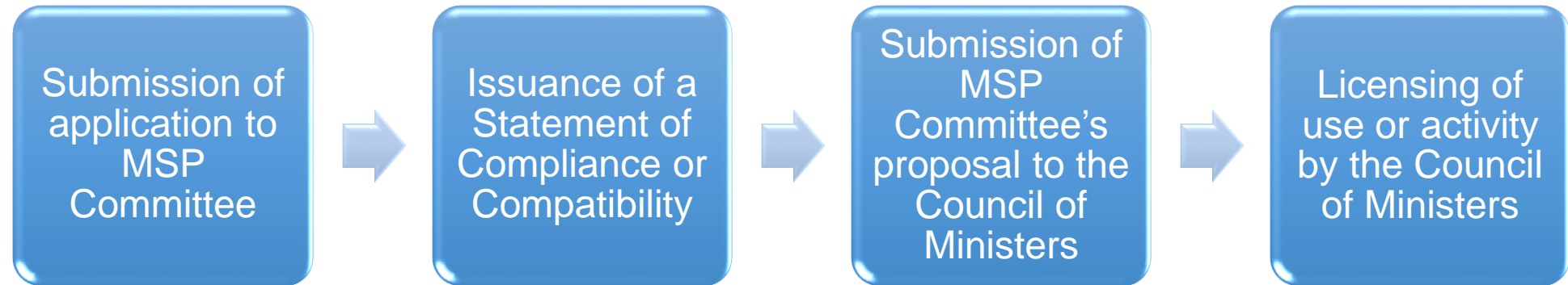
(\* ) Use or activity in the marine waters which has significant economic and/or social and/or environmental added value.



# Licensing procedure for a maritime activity or use which is regulated under existing legislation (section 23)



# Licensing procedure for a maritime activity or use which is NOT regulated under existing legislation (section 24)



Thank you for your attention!



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