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M **MARINE PROTECTED AREAS** A

HORIZON-CL6-2021-BIODIV-01-12:
Improved science based maritime spatial
planning and identification of marine
protected areas

January 2023 – April 2026

MPA Europe

Will map

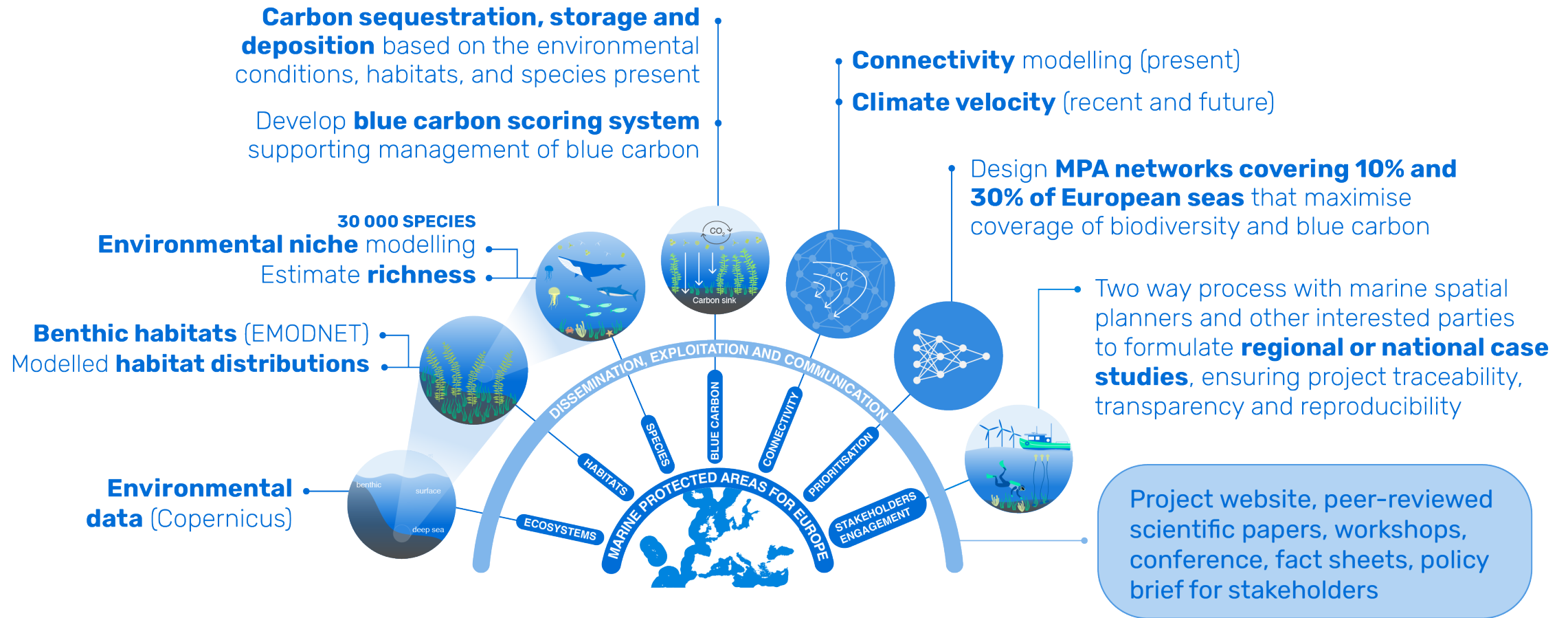
- optimal locations for **Marine Protected Areas** in **European seas** for a network that includes as high **biodiversity of species, habitats, and ecosystems** as possible
- **blue carbon** stores

to consider both in **Marine Spatial Planning** in a changing climate.

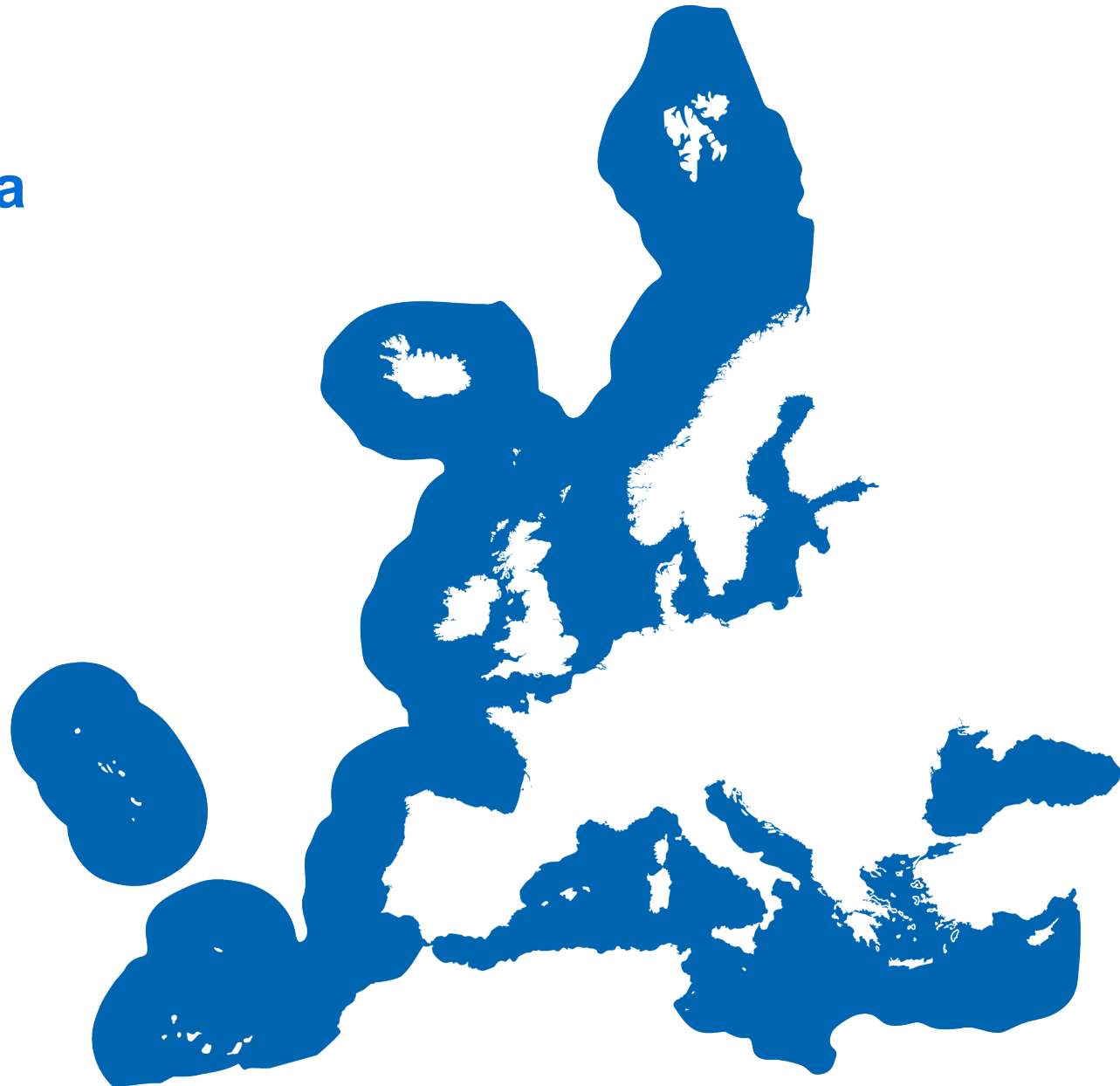
Will **enable stakeholders**, including national and regional authorities, to **optimise the inclusion of biodiversity, blue carbon, and ecosystem services** through Marine Spatial Planning.



MPA Europe process

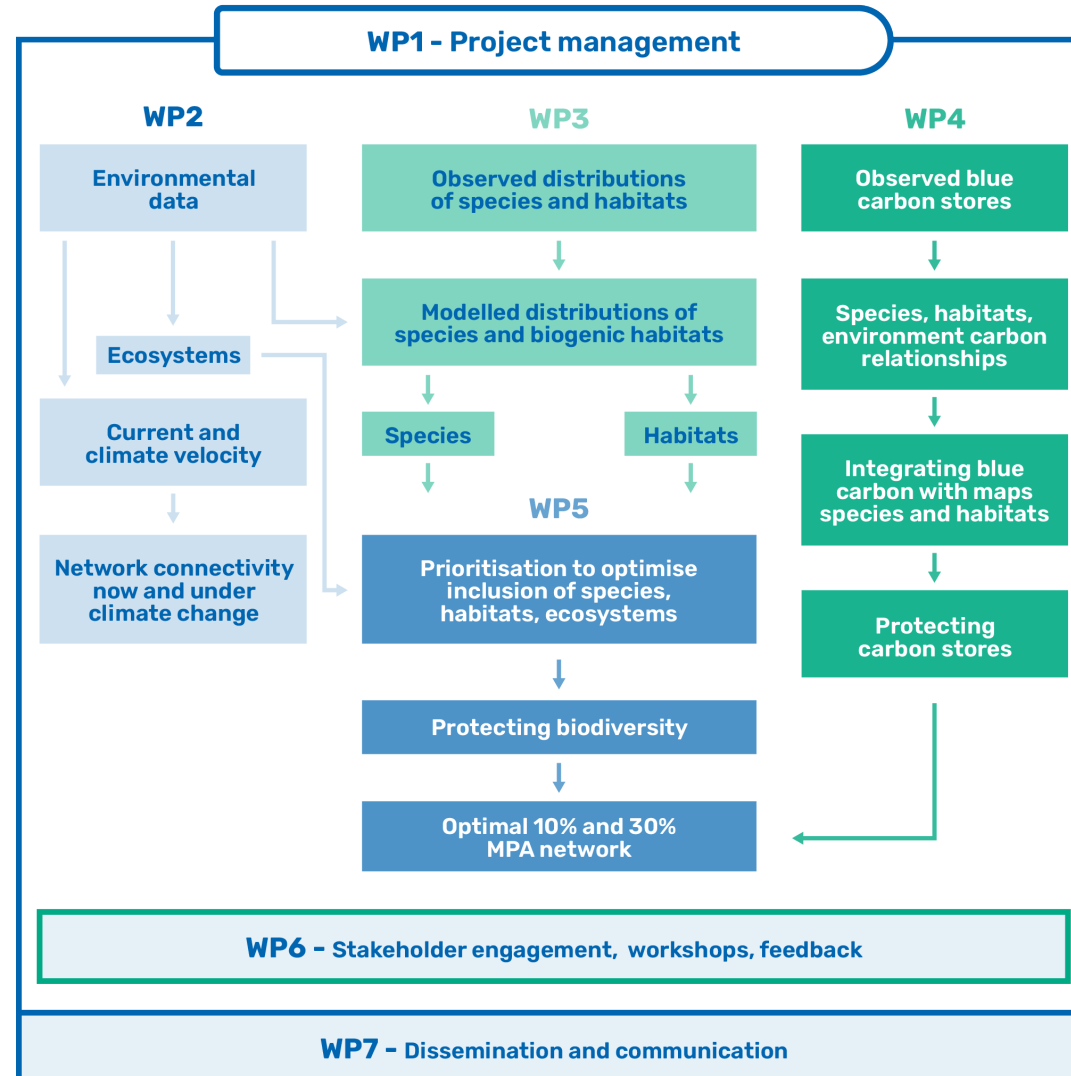


Study area



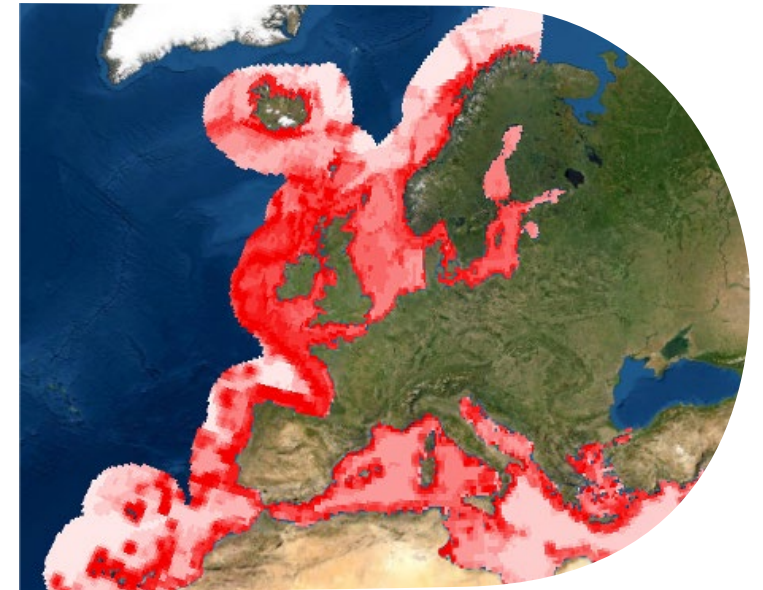
Project organisation

MPA Europe is organised in 7 work packages (WP) with progressing tasks as the project advances.



Project outcomes

- **Map** with optimal locations for protecting **biodiversity** for all European seas to support transboundary **Marine Spatial Planning**.
- **Improve the basis for national authorities** to include marine areas in **climate change mitigation plans** and **design optimal MPAs** including expanding Special Areas of Conservation and increasing levels of protection in existing areas.
- **Maximisation of species, habitats, and ecosystems inclusion** within 30% of the area.



Possible cells of biodiversity by priority level

priority

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