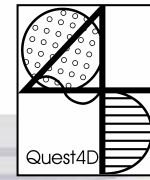


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DEBATE FRAMEWORK AND OBJECTIVES

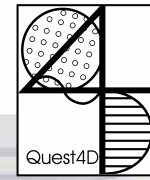
- MSFD = environmental pillar of EU's maritime policy
- Central concept: Good Environmental Status
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STIMULATING INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATIONS

- A general introduction to the Marine Strategy Framework Directive
 - David Connor (EC)
- • Challenges in defining GES for Belgian waters: Marine Biodiversity
 - Jan Haelters (MUMM)
- • Case 1: How to integrate historic knowledge in defining GES for gravel bed integrity?
 - Jean-Sébastien Houziaux (MUMM)
- • Case 2: Ecosystem engineers indicating Seafloor Integrity
 - Marijn Rabaut (Ghent University)



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