



Maritime Spatial Planning and Blue Growth

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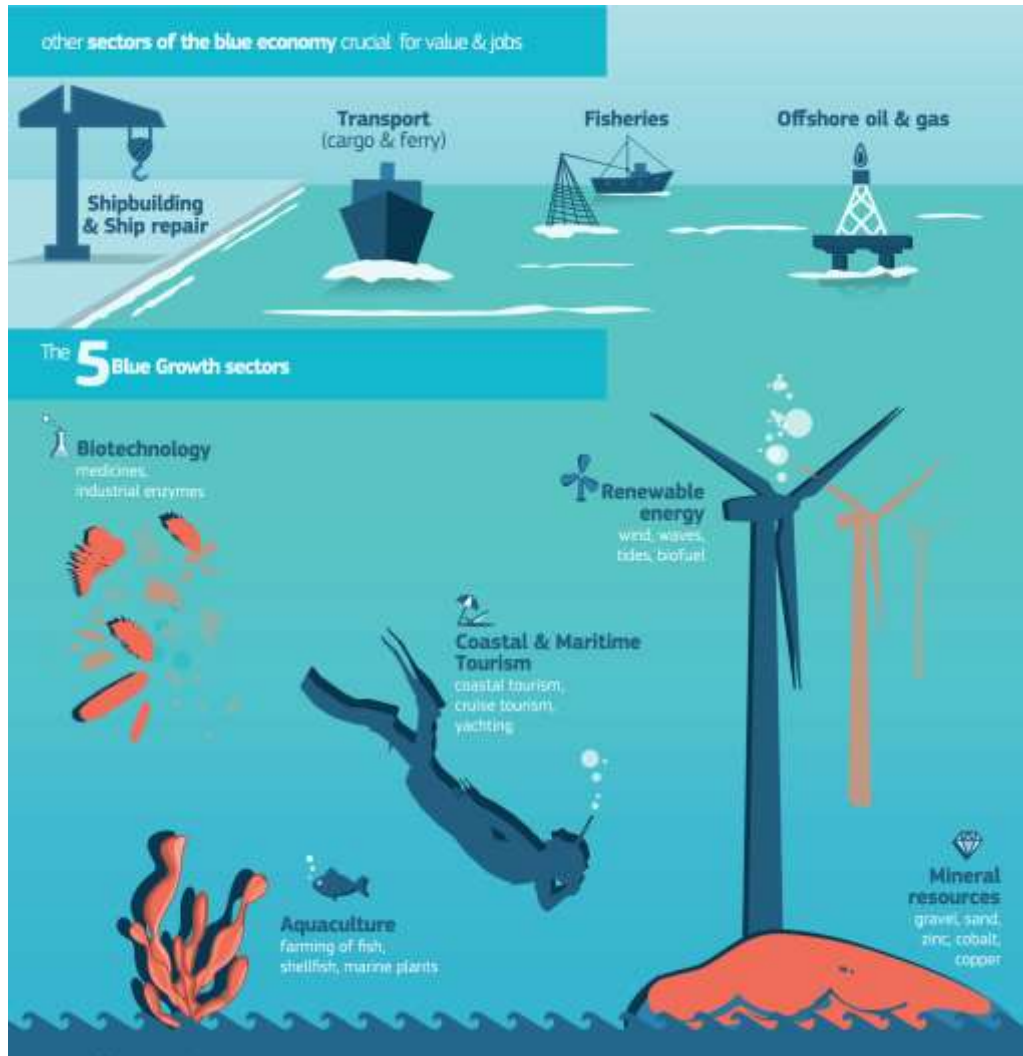
*Competition for maritime space has highlighted the **need to manage our waters more coherently and sustainably.***



A public process that is used to decide what mix of outputs or goods and services from the marine area should be produced over time and space
= *Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP)*



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Traditional sectors

- Shipping, shipbuilding and marine equipment
- Fisheries and Aquaculture
- Offshore oil and gas
- Coastal Tourism

Emerging sectors

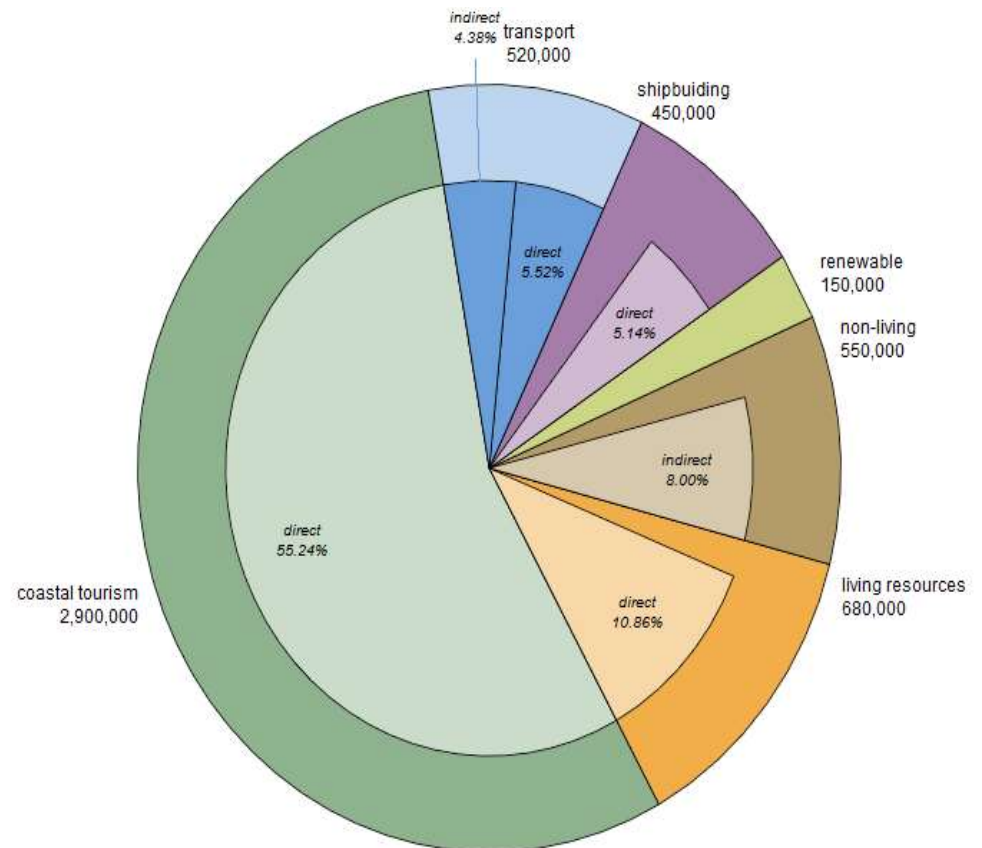
- Blue data
- Offshore energy
- Marine biotechnology
- Seabed mining

500 billion EUR Gross value added

4% of the EU economy

5 million jobs

The largest Exclusive Economic Zones in the world (more than 20 million km²)



Benefits of MSP?

- Reduce conflicts & create synergies
- Increase certainty for businesses and investors (predictability, transparency, clearer rules)
- Reduce administrative burden
- Reconcile economic and environmental objectives
- Create a long-vision for a sea basin



Political declaration of North Seas countries on energy cooperation:

- *coordinating the planning and the development of offshore energy projects*
- *developing common environmental assessment framework*
- *better exchange of data*

MSP and Ocean Energy

- sector to deliver up to 10% of EU energy needs by 2050
- call for proposals on environmental monitoring for tidal and waves devices



MSP and Aquaculture

- *Critical issues:*
 - lack of suitable areas for aquaculture
 - spatial conflicts
 - administrative burdens
 - access to space and water
 - investment
 - competitiveness

DIRECTIVES

DIRECTIVE 2014/89/EU OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
of 23 July 2014
establishing a framework for maritime spatial planning

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Articles 43(2), 100(2), 192(1), and 194(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

After transmission of the draft legislative act to the national parliaments,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee ⁽¹⁾,

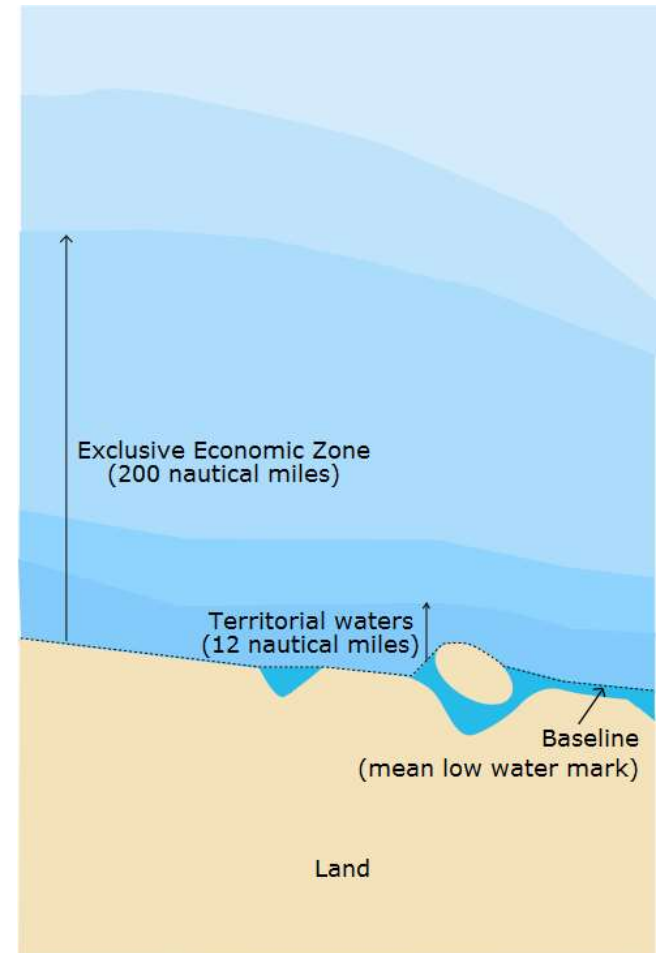
Having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions ⁽²⁾,

Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure ⁽³⁾,

**Entered into
force
September
2014**

Timing

- 2014:** Entry into force
- 2016:** Transposition (process) and Designation Competent Authorities
- 2021:** Establishment of plans in all marine waters of MS



Key requirements of the MSPD

1. Involve stakeholders
2. Develop cross-border cooperation
3. Apply an ecosystem-based approach
4. Use the best available data and share information
5. Take into account land-sea interaction
6. Promote the coexistence of activities
7. Review plans at least every 10 years

Tool: EU MSP Platform

- **Technical support to Member States**

- **Focal points** for the different Sea-basins to be able to answer Member States/NGOs/Industries' questions at short notice
- Disseminate practical information and gather best practices in a practical way: **Website of the European MSP Platform**

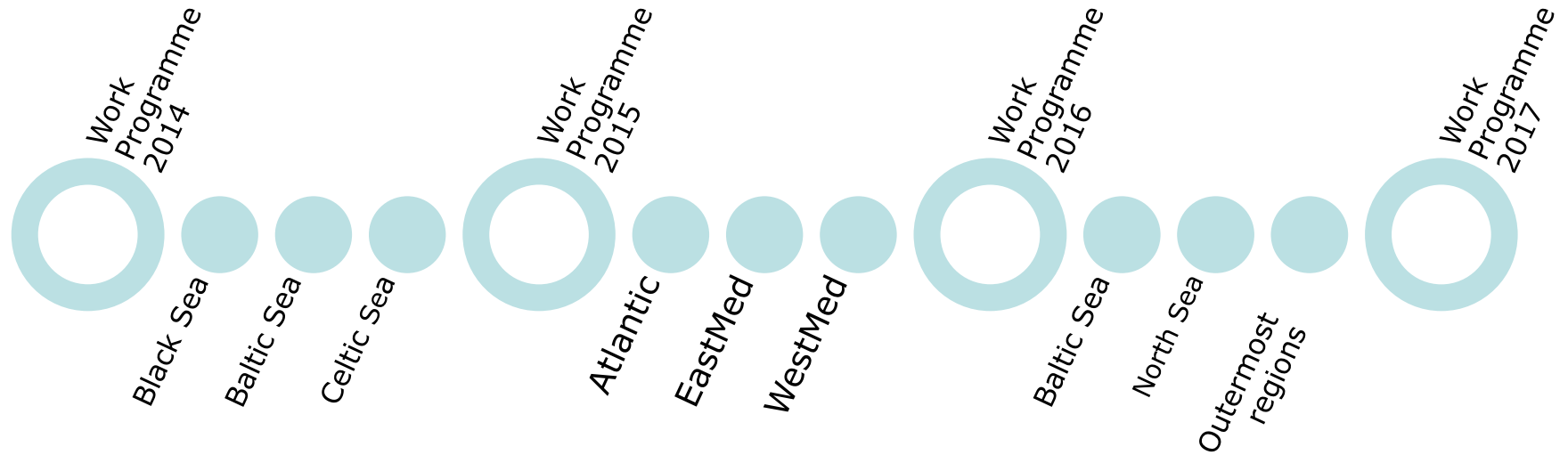
- **Studies**

- Where a gap in knowledge has been identified by the Commission and the expert group. (MSP and Blue Growth, 2017)

- **Workshops and Conferences**

- **June 2017** (*Land-sea interactions*)
- **October 2017** (*MSP and Blue Growth*)

MSP cross-border projects



MSP Plans established at the latest 31 March 2021



Tool: Funding cross-border projects

- **Support the work of competent authorities**
- Improve **understanding of actions** taken by neighbouring countries and develop ties between planning authorities
- Ensure an **effective engagement with and participation of stakeholders** *in the design and implementation of MSP processes*
- Develop a **vision for a sea basin**

Up to date: 18 Million € for MSP cross border projects



Directive 2014/89/EU

Article 11

Cooperation among Member States

(...) Member States bordering marine waters shall cooperate with the aim of ensuring that maritime spatial plans are coherent and coordinated across the marine region concerned (...)



Cross-border cooperation

ex. Baltic SCOPE (SE, DK, DE, PL, LA and EE)

- **Common approach** to move the MSP process forward
- Increased **collaboration and coordination** between national authorities and other key stakeholders
- **Stronger links** *between the planning authorities*
- New **knowledge, tools and methods** to deal with transboundary issues



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The conference is aimed at maritime industry representatives, MSP practitioners and experts. It will be attended by Mr. Karmenu Vella, Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries.



Maritime Spatial Planning Conference on Blue Growth

How to plan for a Sustainable Blue Economy?



11-12 October 2017
Brussels, Belgium
#MSP4BG



This conference aims to provide a forum for discussion and exchange, offering concrete examples and guidelines on how to apply MSP as a tool to support sustainable maritime economic development ('Blue Growth').

Thank you!



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