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Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) for Blue Growth: Handbook for developing MSP-relevant visions

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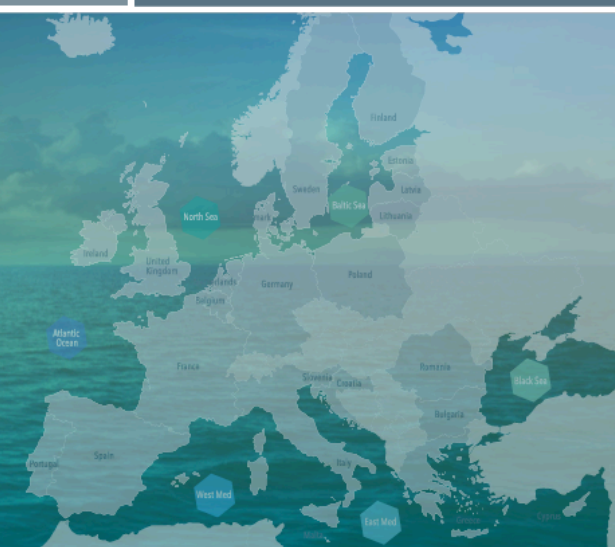
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- **Country information**
- **MSP Practices database (349)**
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- **List of funding opportunities**
- **Member States expert group on MSP (EU COM)**
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FAQ

There are many resources available on the European MSP Platform to address questions that may arise about MSP. On this page you will find several FAQs according to specific MSP related topics. When questions are submitted to the MSP Platform, they are answered individually. If the questions are recurring, they will be generalised and the corresponding answers provided will be added to this page.

The answers on the FAQ page are continuously kept up to date and linked to more practices and projects as they are added to the website. This ensures that the answers will always refer to the most relevant and advanced information, knowledge and experiences with MSP today.

TOPICS

MSP Visions	▼
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MSP Sectors	▼
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Land-Sea interactions in MSP	▼
Ecosystem-based approach	▼
Environmental assessments	▼
Cross-border Cooperation	▼
Stakeholder involvement	▼
Climate change	▼

Frequently Asked Questions



14 topics
71 FAQs



Are there examples of macro-regional / maritime strategies and Action Plans providing input for a vision supporting the growth of maritime economy, environmental and social improvement?



How can research on potentials of sea and coastal areas be translated into a vision, which guides the development for the future planning of the sea?

Research is fundamental in order to develop a clear Intervention Logic for a possible initiative to be taken in order to address identified problems, with a clear focus on the added value for the relevant sub-sea basin. This research will have to convey aspects such as the definition of the problems or existing challenges, the underlying factors and root causes that underpin that problem or challenges or what is the actual scale of the issue at stake. The practice within the preparation of the **Western Mediterranean Maritime initiative** shows that, at the time of developing the vision, an overall framework has to be prepared.

At the heart of this framework lies the response capacity, defined as the ability of systems and structures in the Western Mediterranean (businesses, research organisations, authorities and the civil society at large) to fully address the range of challenges and opportunities posed by the regional and global context in which they operate. If such response is not efficient and effective, the outcomes and impacts of such response are expected to be unsustainable (e.g. socially, environmentally and/or economically) either in the short- or the mid/long-term. A key element in the response capacity is the extent to which the existing policy framework is providing effective and efficient regulation and incentives, for the system to function properly. This approach allows for the identification of possible gaps emerging in such support through time, which may require additional action.

Adding to this, the **North Sea 2050 Spatial Agenda** (Netherlands - MSP) constitutes a joint research report on the long term potential of sea and coastal areas, translated into a vision, series of ambitions, opportunities, points of action and maps.

Finally, the **BaltSeaPlan Vision 2030** undertook an in-depth research on how MSP processes would impact upon the planning of the Baltic Sea by 2030, especially in relation to shipping, fishery, offshore energy and environmental planning. The principles and transnational topics identified in the vision have been leading guidelines for MSP processes throughout the Baltic Sea Region.



Are there examples of MSP sea-basin wide visions?

Technical Study: “MSP for Blue Growth: MSP as a tool to support a sustainable Blue Economy”

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Key tasks of the technical study

visions for maritime space
(national as well as sea-basin wide)

future **spatial demands** in
key maritime sectors

indicators on how MSP
processes and plans cater for Blue
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Task 1 Handbook for developing MSP relevant visions

- To showcase existing maritime **Visions but also all other MSP-relevant Forward Looking Processes - FLPs** (scenarios, strategies, action plans, roadmaps, etc.);
- To highlight lessons learned and good practices for MSP authorities in the form of a **handbook from which they can pick and choose** appropriate formats for possible own FLPs.

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Study approach

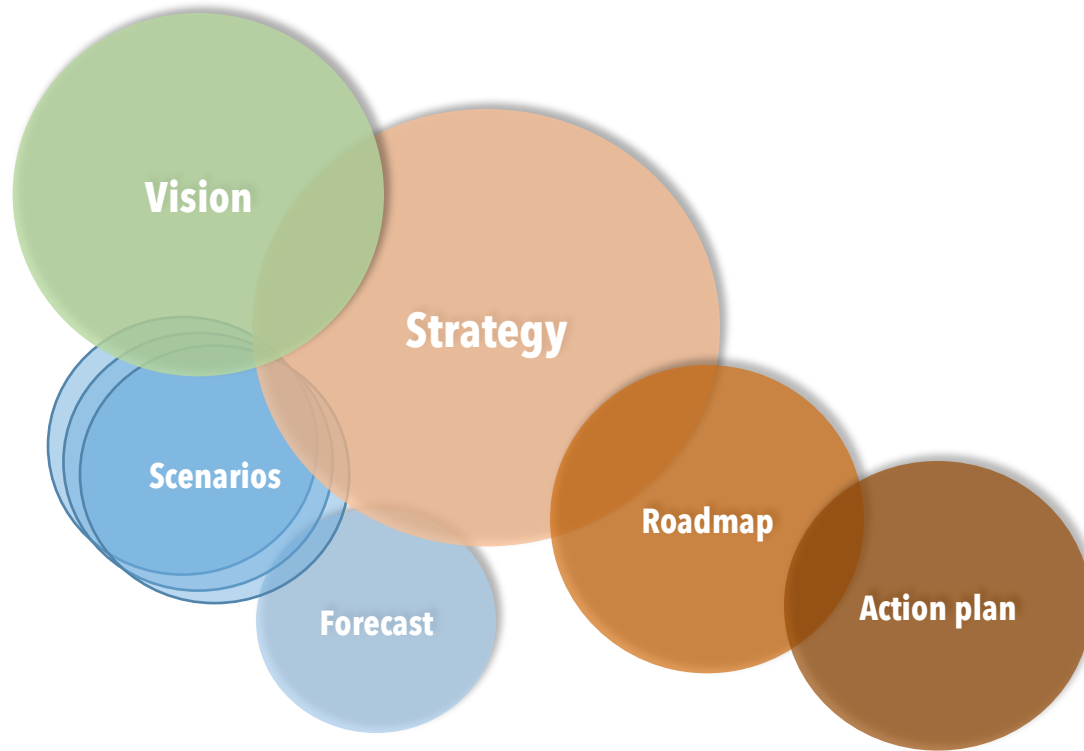
- Over 50 interviews
- Validation of the results at various events
- Publication December 2017

- Analysed over 30 processes
 - Statutory / voluntary
 - Local / national / regional
 - Part of the MSP / MSP relevant / other processes with potentially transferable tools and practices

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What is meant by Vision or a Forward-Looking-Process (FLP) ?



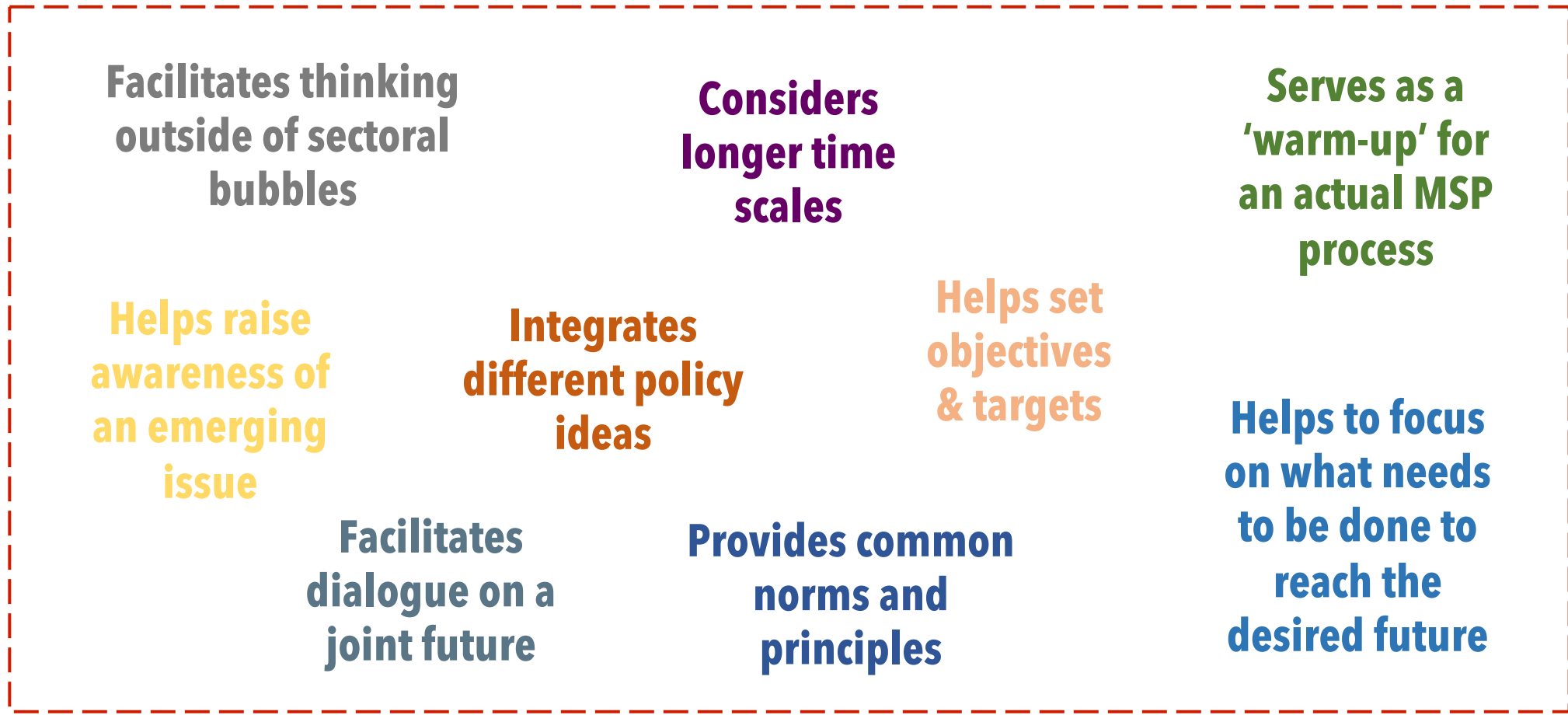
- **Terms understood and used arbitrary**
- **Combinations of formats used to organize an FLP vary widely**

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What is the purpose of a Forward-Looking-Process?

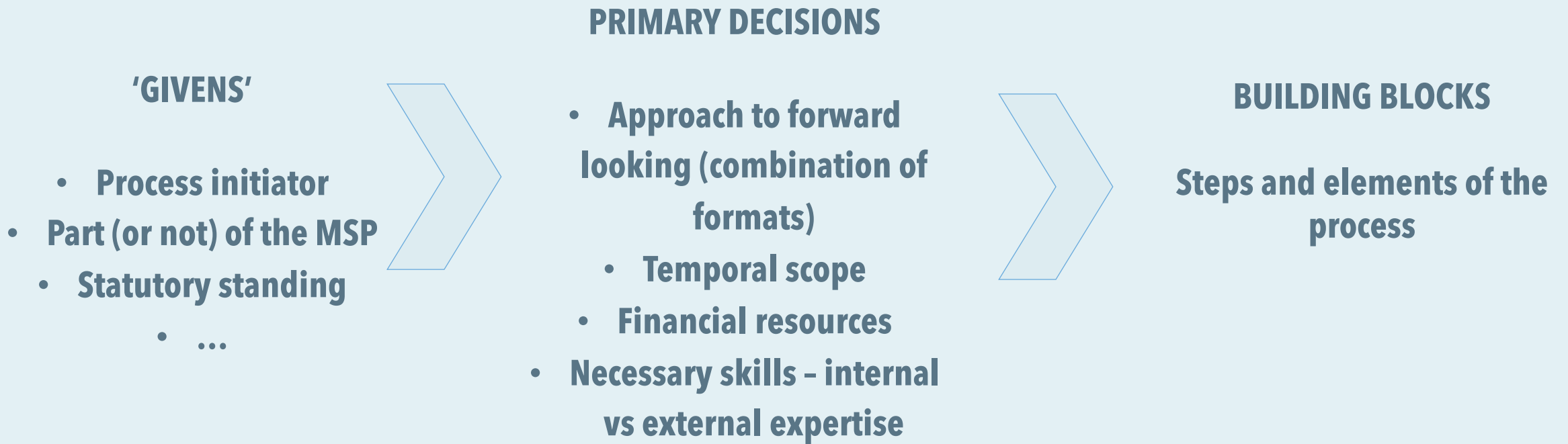


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FLP Decision-making framework – the core of the handbook



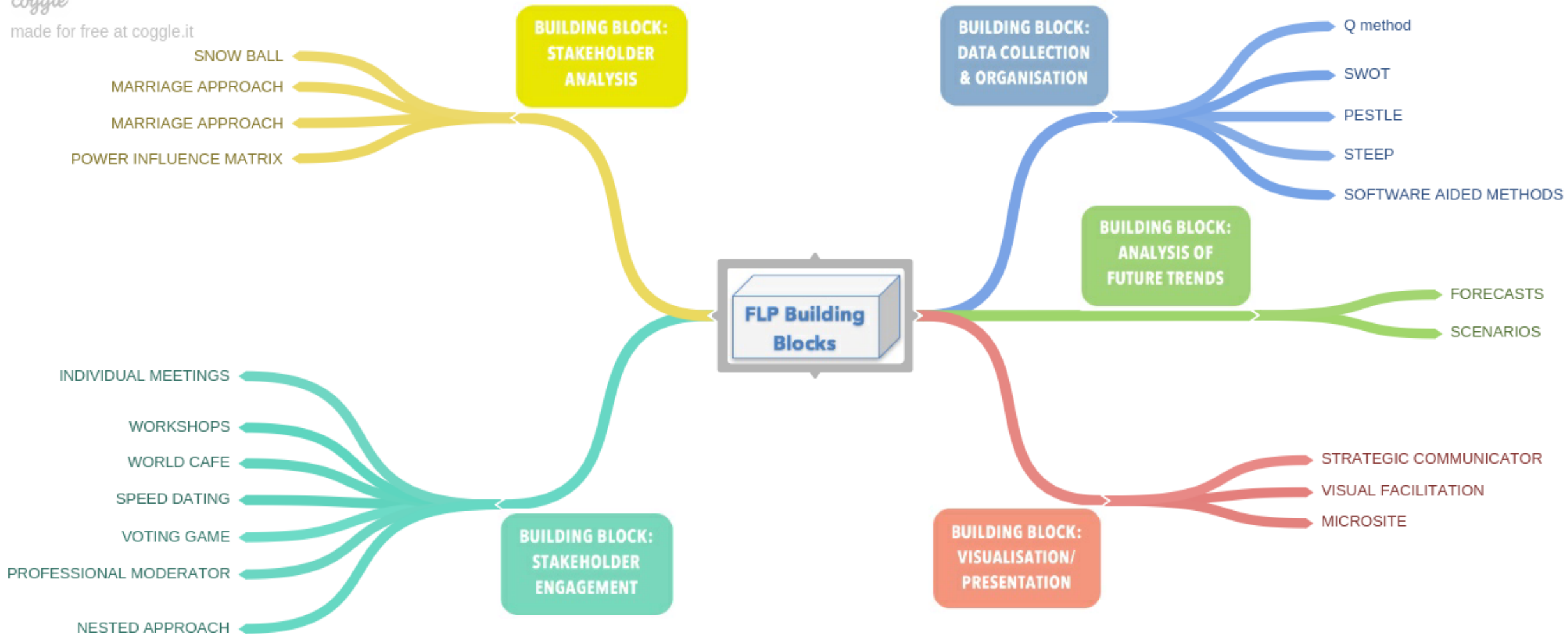
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Building Blocks & Elements of FLP

coggle

made for free at coggle.it



Time Scope

- Depending on necessary detail and precision time scopes vary significantly
- Some processes use nested approach



Building Block II: Analysis of Future Trends

Scenario

Focus on key variables and relationships
Requires further judgment
Empirical / discussion

Forecast

Analyses historical data
Directly usable in decision-making
processes
Quantitative/ technical skills

Examples of scenario formats:

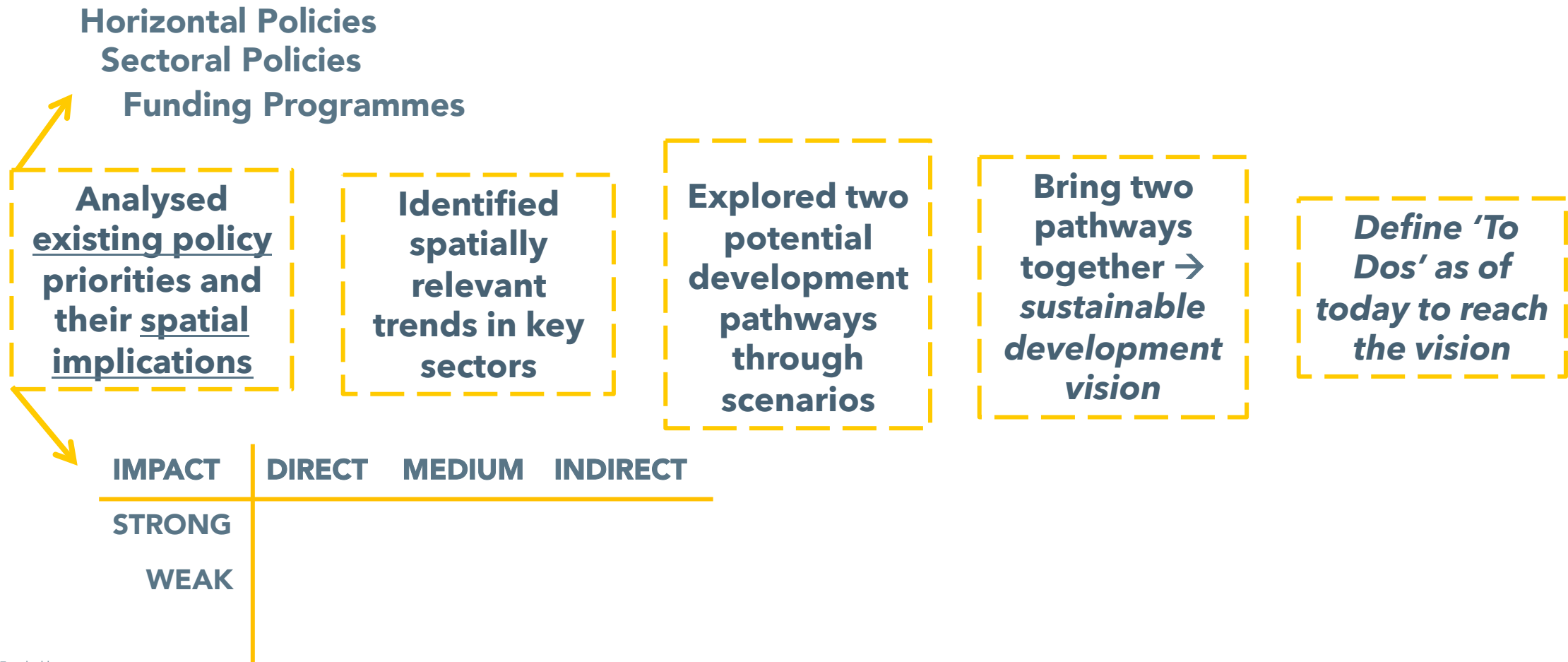
Narrative	Visual
Stories	Pictures
Letters	Maps
Postcards	Graphics/diagrams
Roleplay	Drawings
	Timelines
Videos (with or without narrative)	

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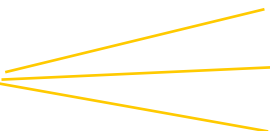
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BaltSeaPlan Vision 2030



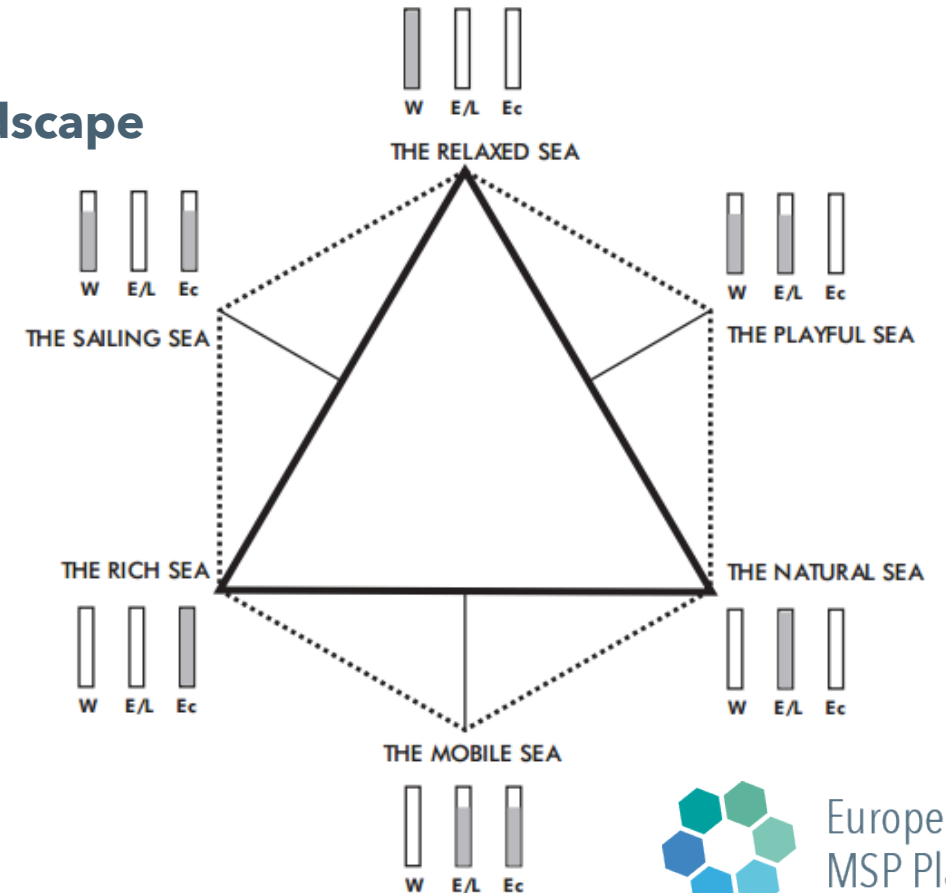
GAUFRE scenario development process

1. Analysed policy objectives and their spatial claims ➤ 267% total claim for space

2. Identified key values  Well-being
Ecology and landscape
Economy

3. Developed six scenarios based on these values

4. Agreed on a vision balancing all the scenarios



GAUFRE scenario development process

- Unmanned shipping movie played at the stakeholder workshop to inspire people to think far ahead
- Established 'User committee' - those on whom active use and implementation of vision depend on
- Used structural instead of GIS maps - flexible discussion tool
- Developed 'What if' software model to potentially be used by decision makers

- Raised awareness about MSP
- Stimulated MSP process
- Gathered stakeholders at the same table

Belgium 2050 Vision

PROCESS FACTS

- To be an annex to the revised MSP 2020-26
- Process structured into three thematic working groups:
environment - blue growth - multi-use
- Stakeholders = the main source for the future trends information
- Approx. 5 workshops per WG between Jan-July 2017
- Maps for collecting the spatial information instead of traditional Q&A

CHALLENGES & SOLUTIONS

- **Complex structure** – stakeholders divided into three working groups that should have been integrated
- Difficult to get the stakeholders to **break out of their 'sectoral shell'**, so the compilation of principles was made to surpass the sectoral approach, e.g. 'No more private ownership at sea'
- **Professional assistance would have been a plus** - workshop moderators or trend watchers.

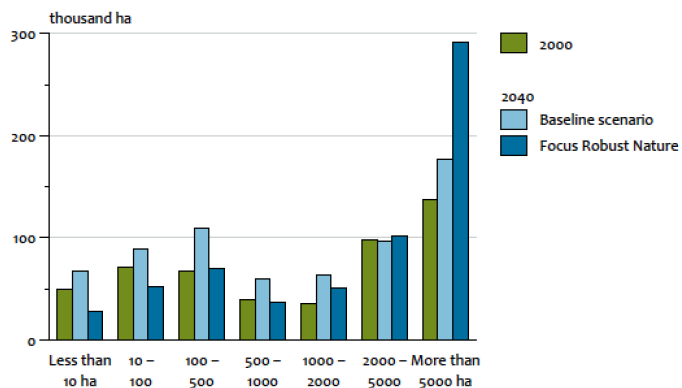
Scenario format examples

Celtic Seas Partnership – Future Trends for the Celtic Seas

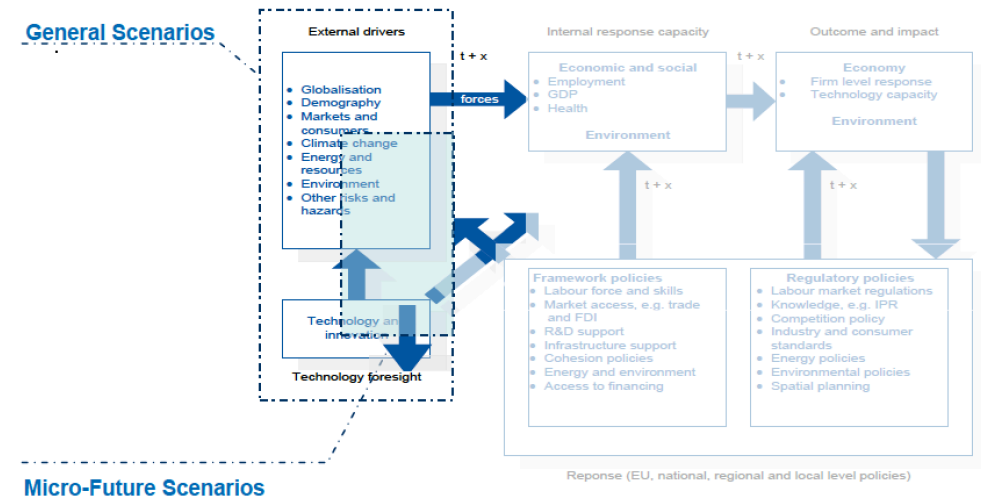


Netherlands of the Future

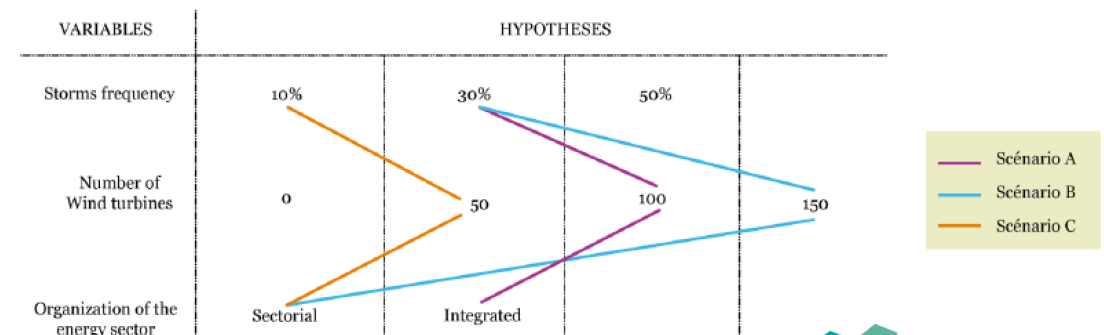
Nature surface area, per land surface area



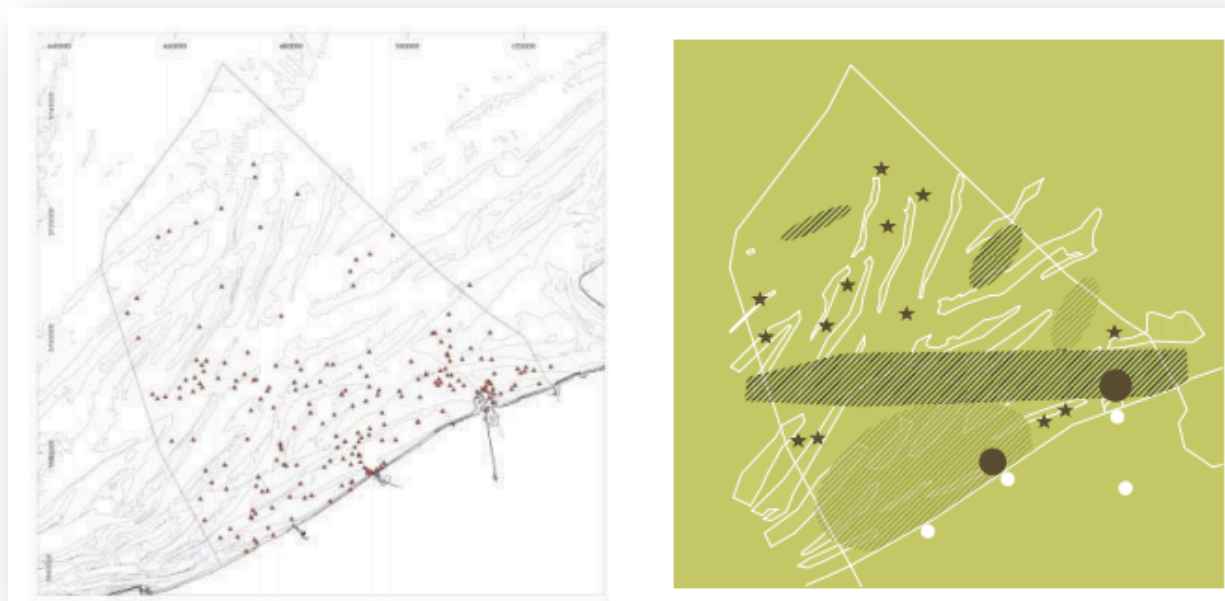
Blue Growth Project



VALMER Scenario Development Process



Examples of spatial scenarios



- ## ➤ GIS vs Structural maps: GAUFRE Project



- **Moderators drew the input on the GIS maps during the workgroup meeting: Dutch Scenarios (in progress)**


if spatially mapped, the scenarios or the forecasts are usually of more use in an actual MSP process

Availability of the Handbook

- **Full handbook publication, Dec 2017**
- **Presentation 'MSP for Blue Growth Conference' 11-12 October**
- **Postcard style summary** →
- **Features on the EU MSP Platform - immediate links to the building blocks and the FAQs** →

Visual facilitation

Workshops can be accompanied by a "graphic recorder", who provides a „live protocol“ of the discussion. This is one of the ways to create a visual draft of the FLP as a result of the workshop

<p>Usefulness:</p> <p>Visual facilitation has proved useful in highly participatory processes, where the intention was to develop a shared vision for a maritime space.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✚ Process increases cooperation and interaction among participants;✚ Graphics created during the workshop contribute to a coherent and engaging documentation;✚ Results can be used further as part of the dissemination process.	<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✚ 'Wales We Want' vision,✚ 'Implementation Strategy for the Baltic Blue Growth Agenda' 
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What are available scenario development techniques?
What time horizon spans can be used in an FLP?
What skills are necessary for developing an FLP?



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