



Maritime Spatial Planning in the EU

Achievements and future developments

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EU MSP Directive
All EU countries must set plans by 2021



**Funding
MSP cross-
border projects**
Producing data, tools,
methodologies



**EU MSP
Platform**
Technical support,
studies and
workshops



MSP Expert Group
Exchanges of best
practices in the EU



International MSP
Best international practices,
transboundary pilot projects,
international workshops



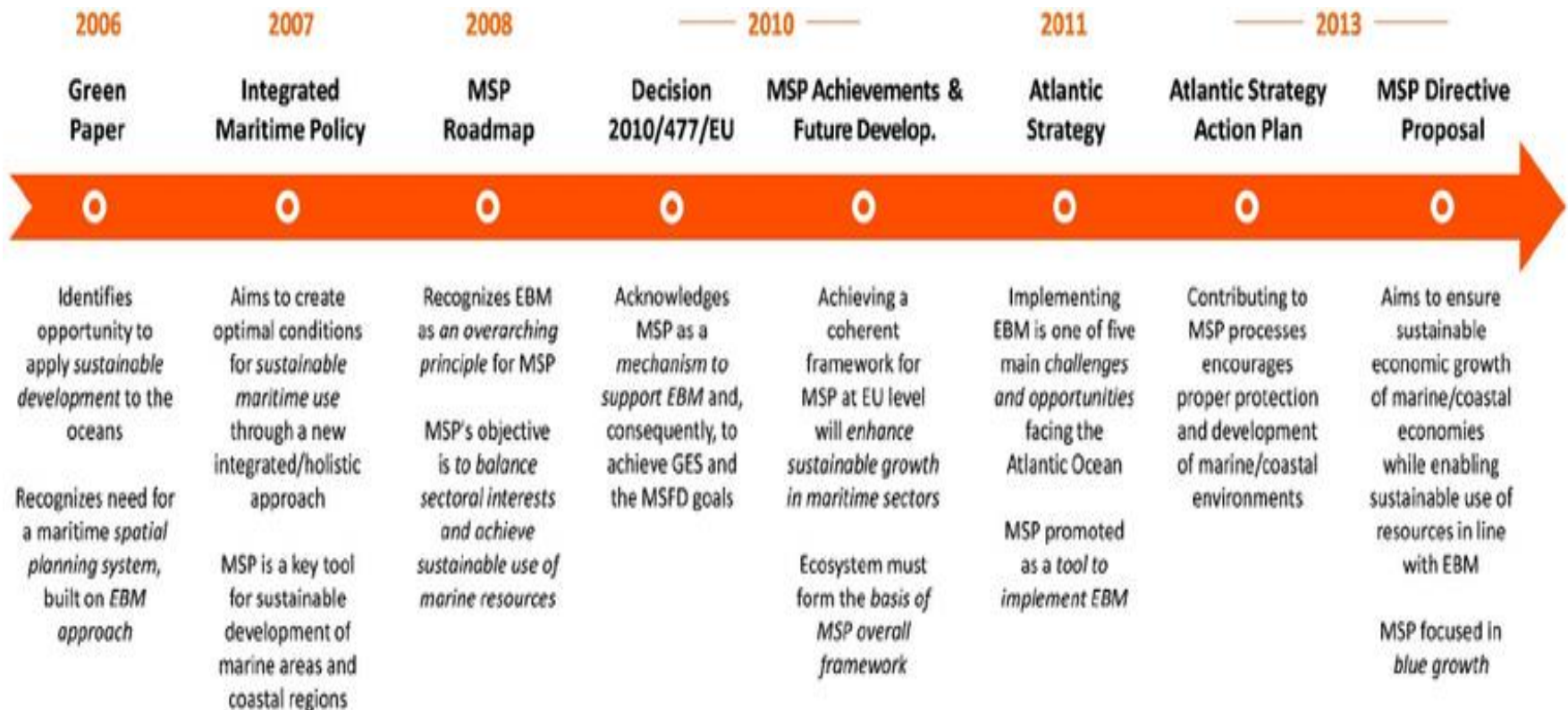


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Timeline of major European policy initiatives addressing maritime spatial planning (MSP)



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,

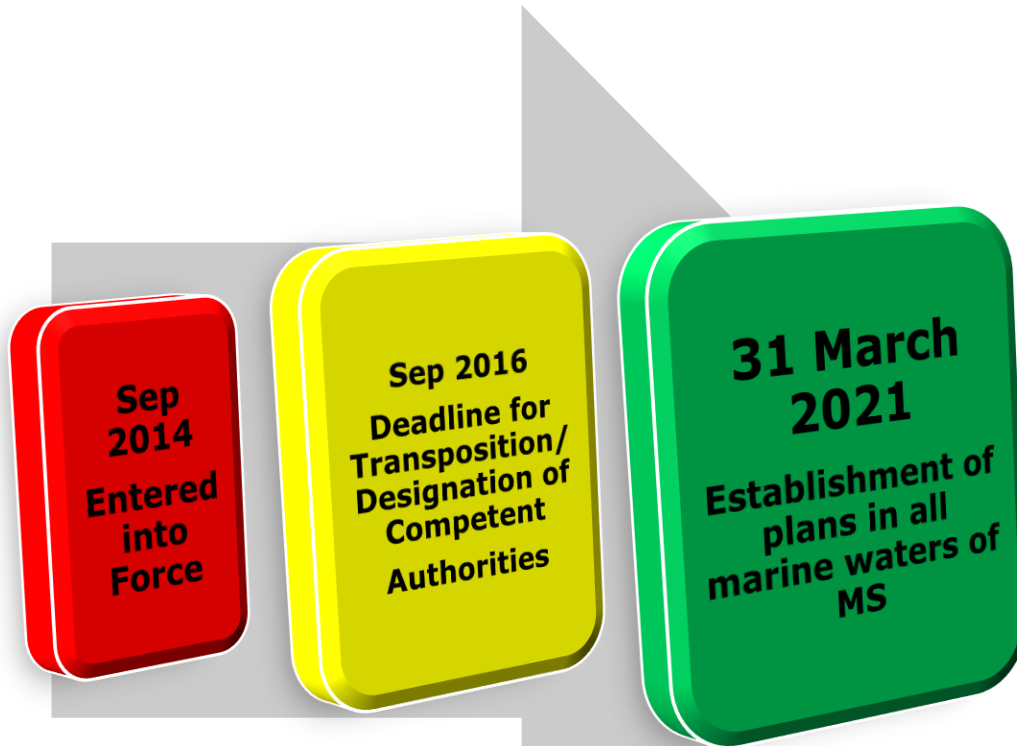
Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee ⁽¹⁾,

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

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

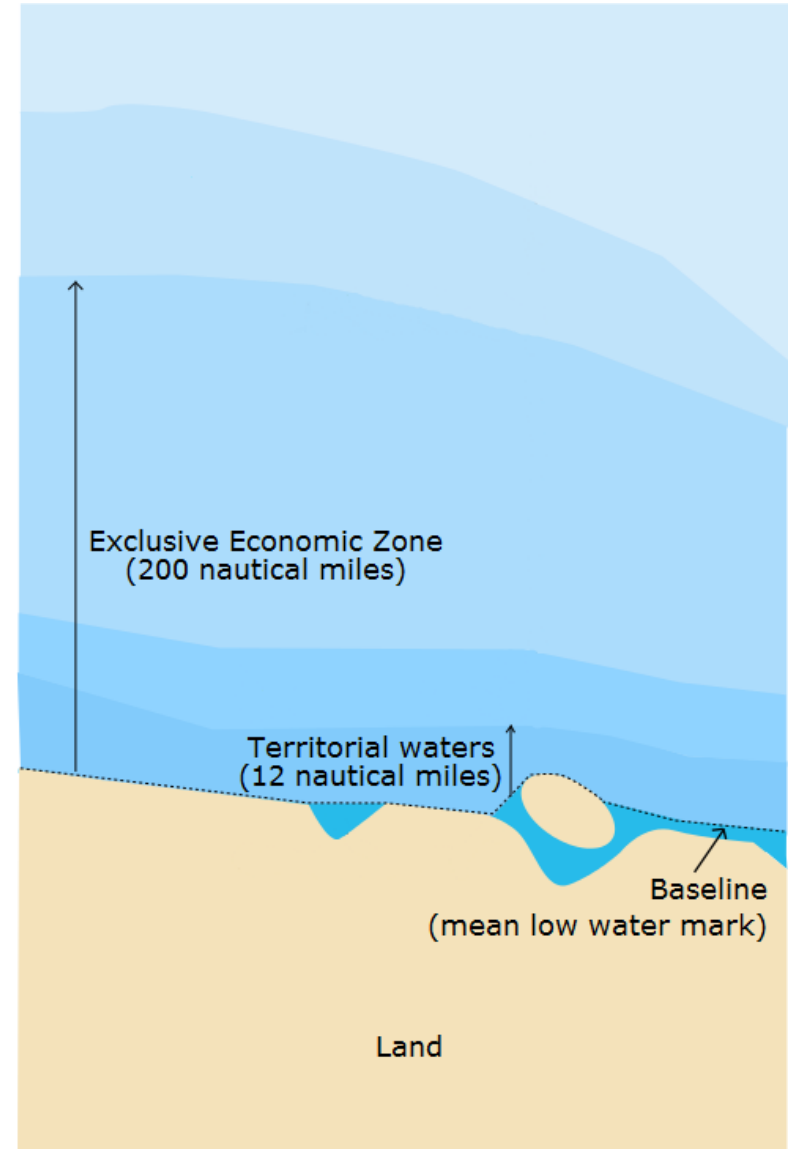
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force
September
2014**

Timing



Geographical coverage

MSP: Marine waters cover coastal waters, territorial sea and EEZ.



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

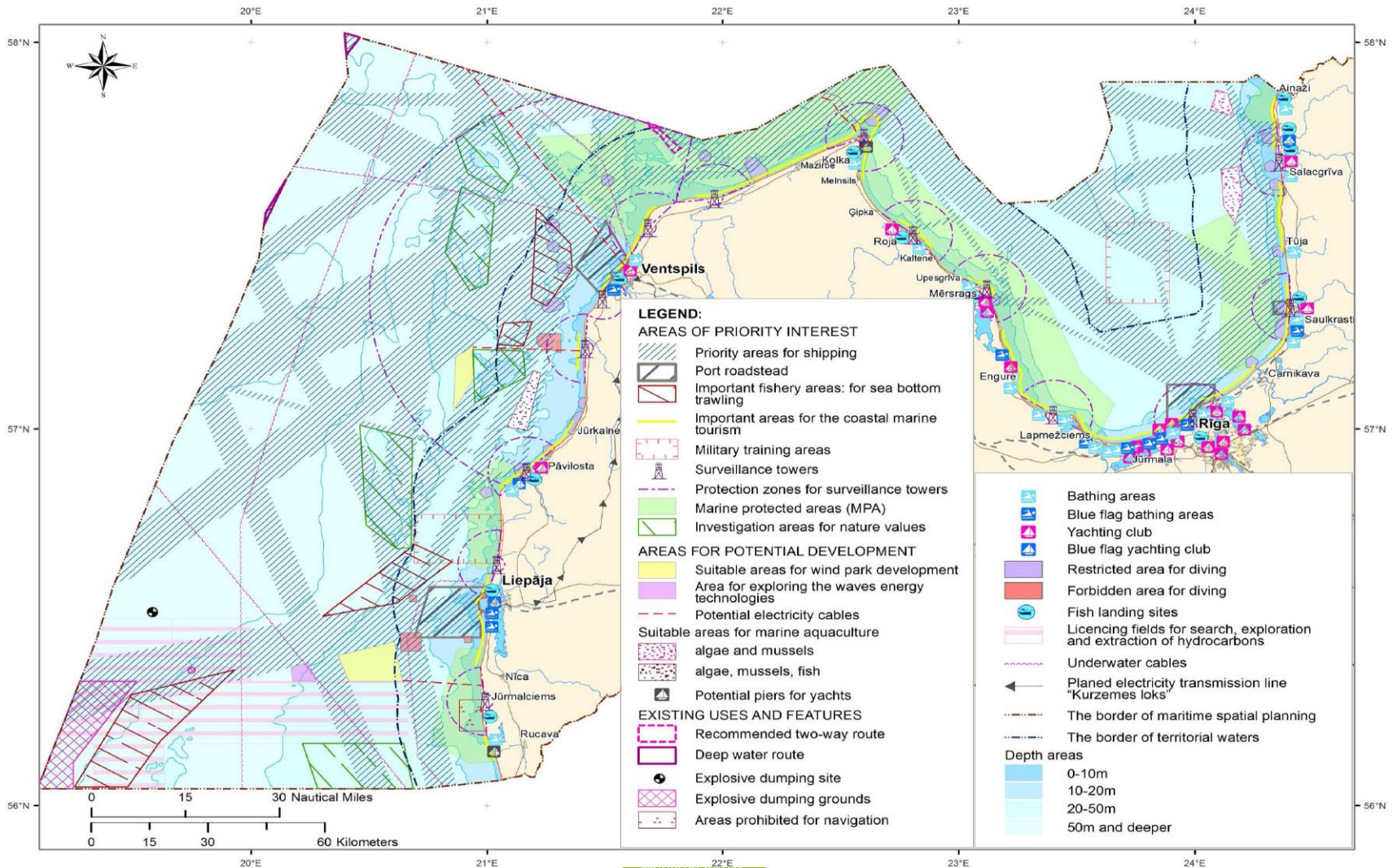
MSPD/MSFD/WFD Areas of joint interest

- More efficient & sustainable management of marine resources
 - ✓ Ecosystem based approach
 - ✓ "Land/sea interactions"
 - ✓ Sound data for decision making
 - ✓ Data exchange & management
 - ✓ Engagement of stakeholders
 - ✓ Cross-border cooperation

MSPD= Maritime Spatial Planning Directive
MSFD= Marine Strategy Framework Directive
WFD= Water Framework Directive



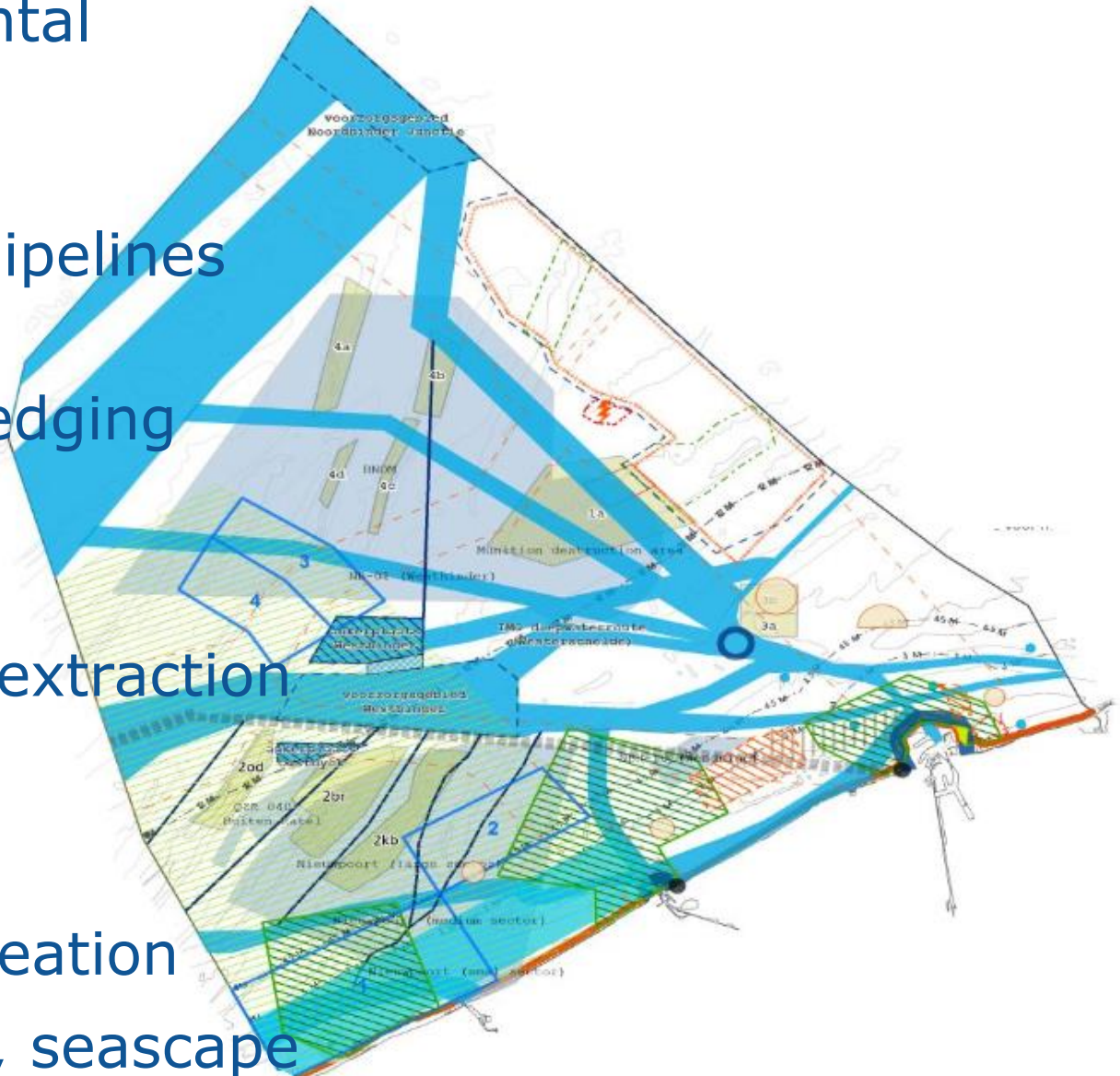
MSP example: Latvia





MSP example: Belgium

- Good environmental status, nature conservation
- Energy, cables, pipelines
- Shipping, port development, dredging
- Fisheries, marine aquaculture
- Sand and gravel extraction
- Coastal defence
- Military use
- Tourism and recreation
- Cultural heritage, seascape



MSP Directive Implementation Support - tools

- **Priorities :**

- capacity building*

- cross-border cooperation*

- **Tools:**

- a. expert group*

- b. assistance mechanism*

- c. funding projects*





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Member State Expert Group on MSP



- *Direct exchanges between experts*
- *Identifying common challenges*



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**EU MSP
Platform**
Technical support,
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"EU MSP Platform"

- **Technical support for Member States**
 - Focal Points
 - Website Platform
- **Studies on key requirements**
- **Conferences**
- **Website : <http://msp-platform.eu/>**



Studies in 2017

- [MSP Data Study](#) – Evaluation of data and knowledge gaps to implement MSP
- MSP and Blue Growth (under development)

Workshops and Conferences

- June 2017 ([Land-Sea Interactions](#))
- October 2017 ([MSP and Blue Growth](#))

Assistance mechanism



<http://msp-platform.eu/>



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MSP Database

We invite you to search for MSP implementation experiences in the [Practices Database](#) and to take a look at the comprehensive [MSP Projects database](#). You can also explore the extensive [FAQ page](#), or [Submit a question](#).

Key messages and additional outputs from MSP4BG conference

Additional outputs are now available from the conference [Maritime Spatial Planning for Blue Growth: How to plan for a Sustainable Blue...](#)

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MSP in Europe

The European Maritime Spatial Planning Platform provides a single interface to draw together experience and expertise from across Europe and make it available in a readily accessible, implementation-oriented format. It serves as the gateway and exchange forum for all involved in MSP throughout Europe.

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Upcoming Events

COP23
World leaders will meet to decide on the next steps to be taken to combat climate chang...

Tweets by @EU_MSP_Platform

EU MSP Platform @EU_MSP_Platform
Key Message Lucky Number 7 #MSP4BG
Mapping of areas of high potential is key! Take into account the markets (e.g. what sort of fish?

Open calls

ENI CBC Mediterranean Sea Basin Programme
2014-2020 Deadline: 15 December. Eligible countries: Cyprus, France, Italy, Malta, Portugal &



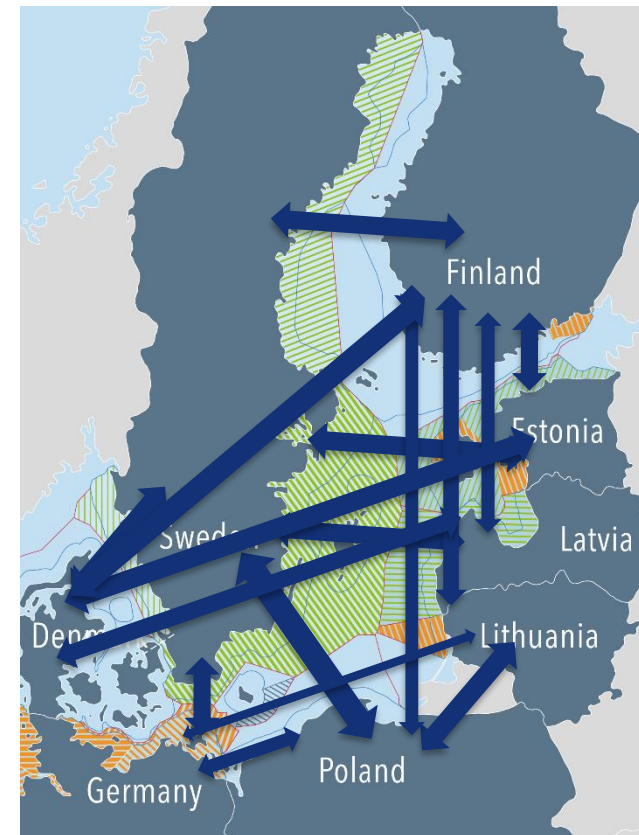
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A circular icon of a globe in dark teal, with three white curved arrows pointing downwards and to the right, symbolizing movement or flow.

Cross-border or transboundary?





MSP Directive (2014/89/EU)

Art 11 Cooperation among Member States

*1. As part of the planning and management process, 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. Such cooperation shall take into account, in particular, issues of a transnational nature.*

2. The cooperation referred to in paragraph 1 shall be pursued through:

(a) existing regional institutional cooperation structures such as Regional Sea Conventions; and/or

(b) networks or structures of Member States' competent authorities; and/or

(c) any other method that meets the requirements of paragraph 1, for example in the context of sea-basin strategies.



Tool: Funding MSP projects through the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)

- **Support the work of competent authorities** *in launching their planning and putting into place structures for cross-border planning*
- **Develop a vision for a sea basin:** *use a scenario based method identifying and evaluating future potential uses, needs and maritime spatial development options*
- Ensure an **effective engagement with and participation of stakeholders** *in the design and implementation of MSP processes*

Up to date: 25 Million EUR for MSP cross border projects

Grants covering all sea-basins on a rotating basis to continue until 2020.

MSP Directive Implementation Support - projects



MSP Plans established at the latest 31 March 2021

EMFF FUNDED
Completed – **ongoing** – **just launched**

R&D FUNDED

INTERREG FUNDED

« IMP » FUNDED



PanBaltic Scope

SEANSE

BalticScope



SIMCELT



OCEAN METISS

Simnorat



MARSPLAN BS

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International MSP

Best international practices,
transboundary pilot projects,
international workshops

EU is leading on
MSP

46% of all MSP
initiatives
worldwide take
place in EU waters
+ a common
legislation for 23
countries



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INTERNATIONAL MSP CONFERENCE: outcome



Conference Conclusions: adoption of a joint roadmap

Joint Roadmap to accelerate Maritime/Marine Spatial Planning processes worldwide (MSP)

Introduction

Oceans have an essential role for life on earth, sustainable development, employment and innovation. However there are increasing pressures facing oceans: climate change, acidification, eutrophication, biodiversity loss, pollution, over-exploitation and illegal activities. Many countries have undertaken the transition to move towards a more integrated and ecosystem-based management of the marine environment, in the pursuit of sustainable development of the ocean and seas.

The Joint Communication on International Ocean Governance by the High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and the European Commission identifies priority areas for EU action; in particular action 10 on maritime spatial planning.

Joint roadmap EU Commission (DG MARE) / IOC-UNESCO

24 March 2017: Adoption of a Joint Roadmap on MSP (DG MARE/IOC UNESCO)

Priority area 1: Transboundary MSP

- Actions 1-3: guidance, pilot projects, international conference

Priority area 2: Blue economy

- Actions 4-5: indicators, study, MSP and BG Conference

Priority area 3: Ecosystem- based MSP

- Key action 6: develop knowledge on EBA, GES, ecosystems

Priority area 4: Capacity building

- Key actions 7 -8: training, pilot project

Priority area 5: Building Mutual understanding

- Key actions 9 -10: International MSP Forum, communication tools

International cross-border projects Adhoc EU grant to IOC UNESCO

IOC-UNESCO ad hoc grant: 1.4 million € to develop a set of international guidelines on trans-boundary cooperation on MSP.

2 international cross-border MSP pilot projects in 2018 –in the Western Mediterranean and in the South Pacific

Creation of an International Platform with its 1st joint DG MARE-IOC-UNESCO workshop held on 24-25 May 2018 in Brussels.

Looking ahead...

2018

- 8-9 October: Meeting of the Member States Expert (MSEG) Group on MSP in Brussels.
- MUSES final conference - back to back MSEG beginning of October (Brussels).
- November: EU - IOC/UNESCO 2nd workshop on International MSP in La Réunion.
- End 2018: release of EMSA's eLearning MSP course.
- Launch of DG MARE study on Economic Impacts of MSP.
- Release of MSP Platform studies:
 - Conflict resolutions between stakeholders
 - Cross-border consultation

Looking ahead...

2018 and further...

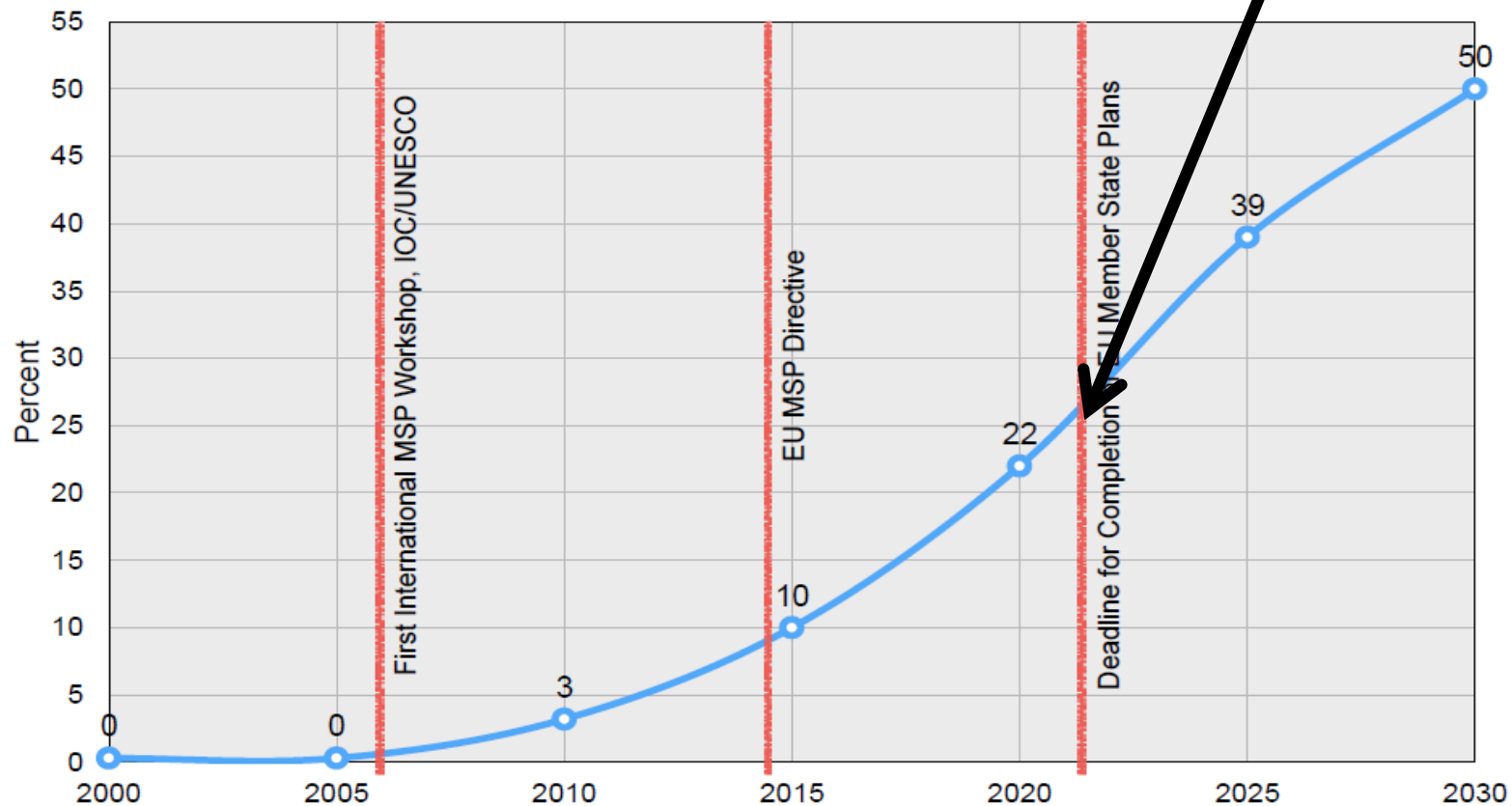
- SUPREME & SIMWESTMED: joint final conference.
- SIMNORAT: Final conference.
- NorthSEE and Balt LINES final conferences - End 2018 or beginning 2019
- IOC/UNESCO international guidelines for transboundary MSP
- Launch of the EC study on the Ecosystems Based Approach and MSP

The way ahead...



...for the EU

Percent of Surface Area of World's Exclusive Economic Zones Covered by Approved Marine Spatial Plans



Thank you for your attention

More background information at:

http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/policy/maritime_spatial_planning/index_en.htm

