



The Integrated EU Maritime Policy and Maritime Spatial Planning - The Way Ahead



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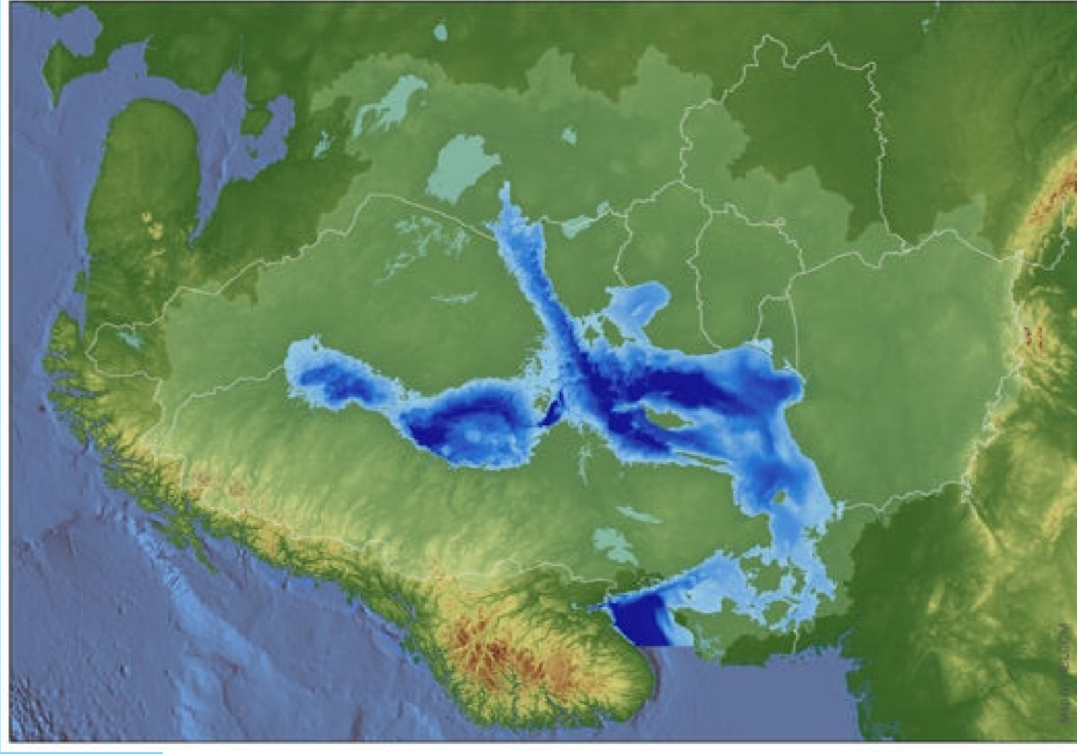


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The Rationale

- Virtually all human activities have a **maritime dimension**
- **Fragmented** way of policy making
- Adoption of **conflicting measures**
- **Unintended consequences** that can be costly





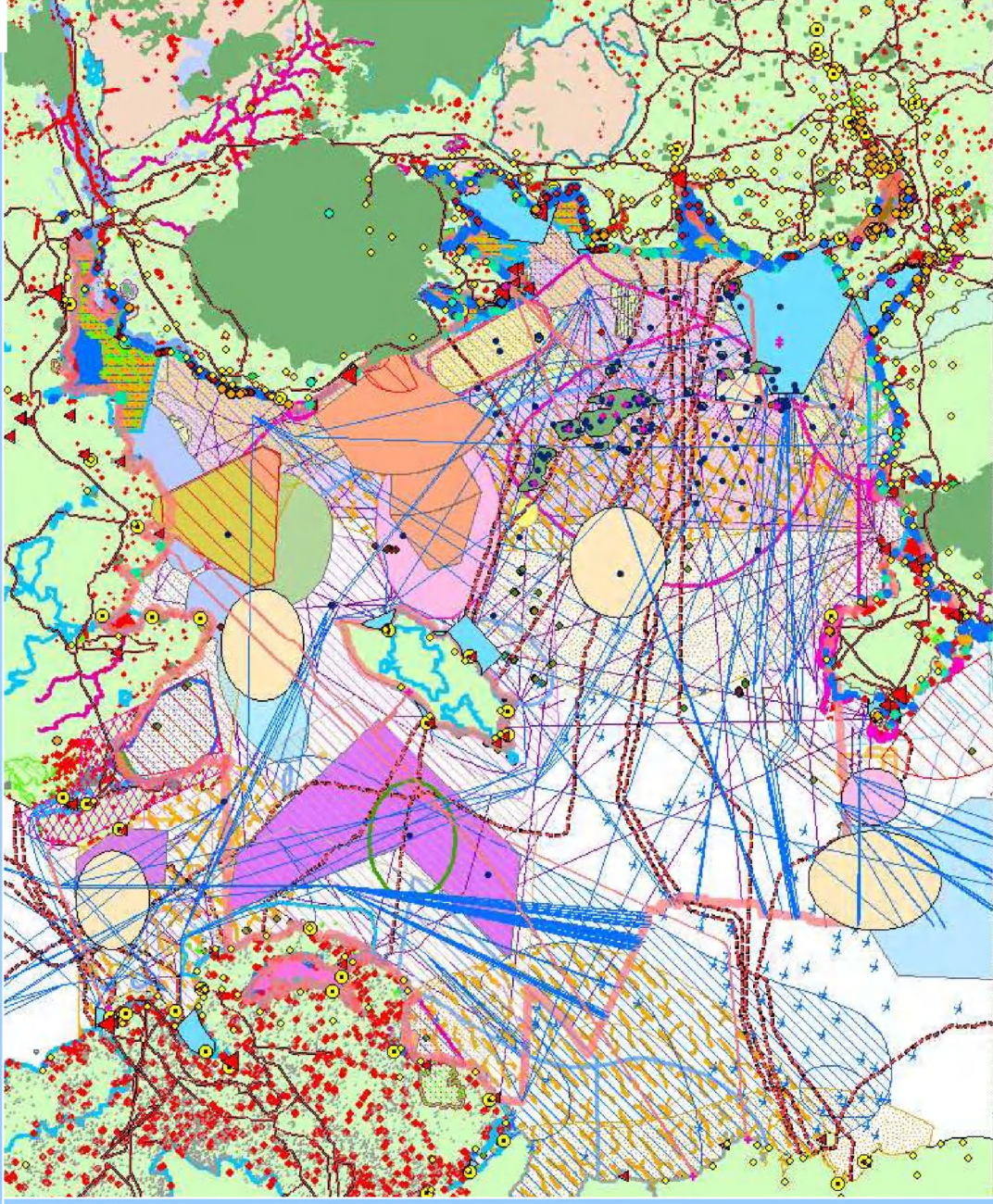
Why do we need management of marine space?

- **Currently: use without coordination**
- **Increased activities on European coasts and seas**
- **Growing competition for limited marine space**
- **Growing pressure on the environment**



COMPETING CLAIMS Maritime Policy

- Land use
- Tourism
- Oil & Gas
- Mariculture
- Coastal Defence
- Ports & Navigation
- Military Activities
- Culture
- Conservation
- Dredging & Disposal

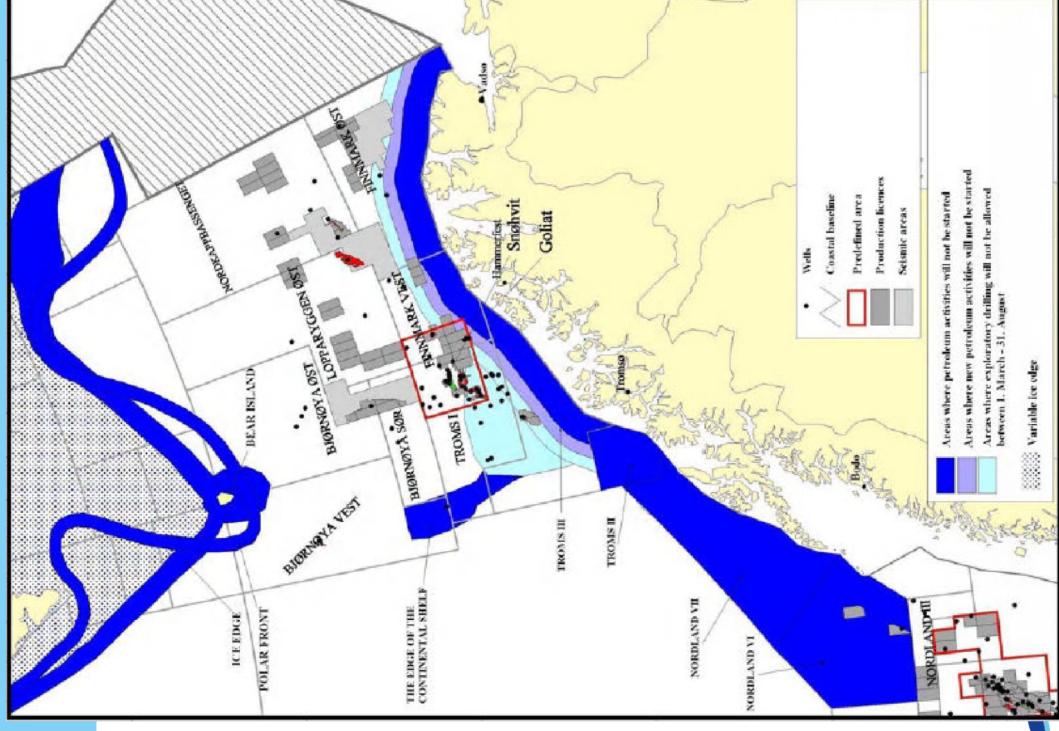


- Submarine Cables
- Fishing
- Renewable Energy
- Marine Recreation
- Mineral Extraction



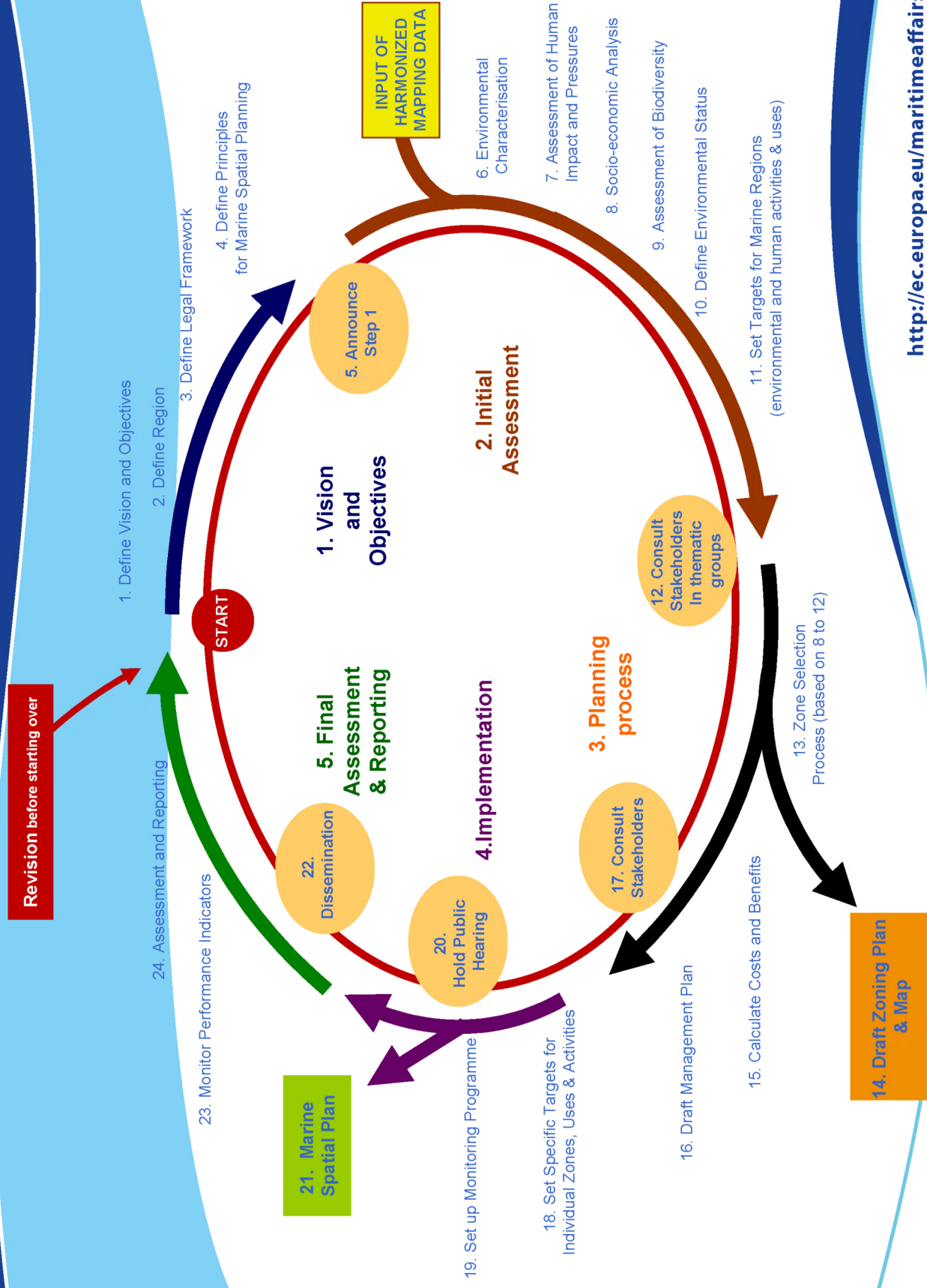
Norway – Integrated Management Plan Barents Sea and area off the Lofoten Islands

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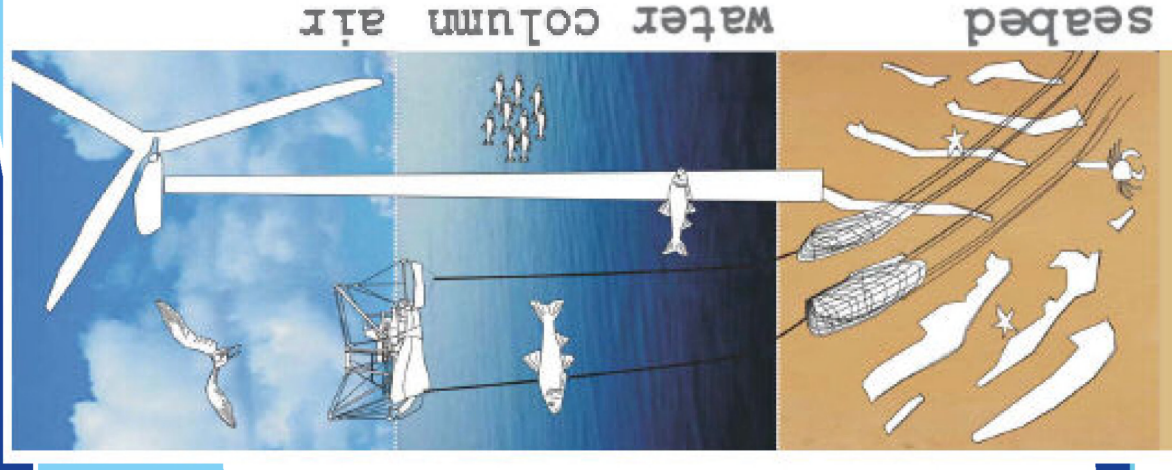


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The benefit of a European approach

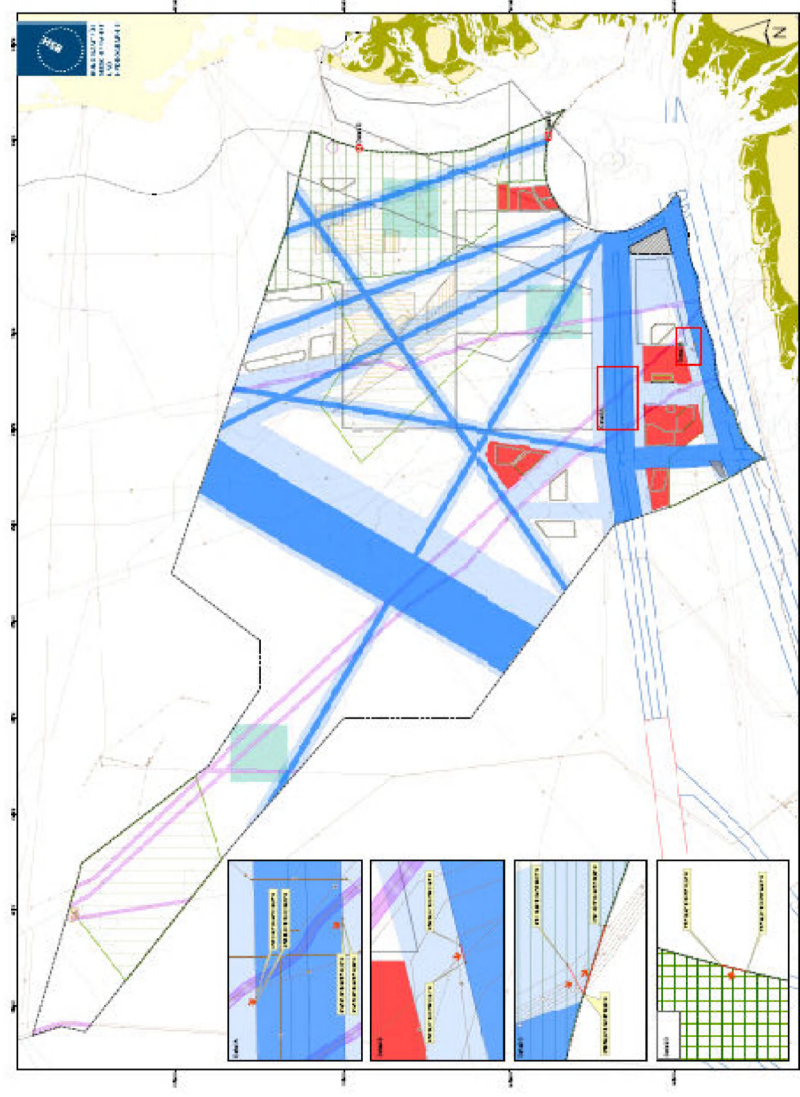
- **Strengthen the competitiveness of EU's maritime economy**
- **Provide reliable planning framework for the Internal Market**
- **Build on the ecosystem based approach**
- **Encourage cross-border cooperation**
- **Coordinate sectoral approaches and reducing the costs of non-coordination**
- **Facilitate common understanding of MSP**





Current practices – main messages

- **Increasing number** of EU Member States use MSP
- MSP also as a tool to implement **MSFD**
- Increasing activities for **regionalised implementation** of MSP (e.g. by Regional Conventions) and cross-border cooperation
- Need for **common** understanding at EU level





Current practices – Example The Netherlands

- Integrated Management Plan North Sea 2015
- **3 themes:** healthy, safe and profitable sea
- Co-production of **four ministries**
- **Stakeholder participation** throughout the process
- Decision by council of Ministers and approved by Parliament



Current practices – Example The Netherlands

- Identification of **increasing** uses:
 - ✓ Sand extraction
 - ✓ Offshore wind farms
 - ✓ Protection of nature
 - ✓ Aquaculture
 - ✓ Recreational uses
- **Conclusions** by the Spatial Planning Process
 - ✓ **Enough space** for increasing uses
 - ✓ Preferred areas by most location-based uses



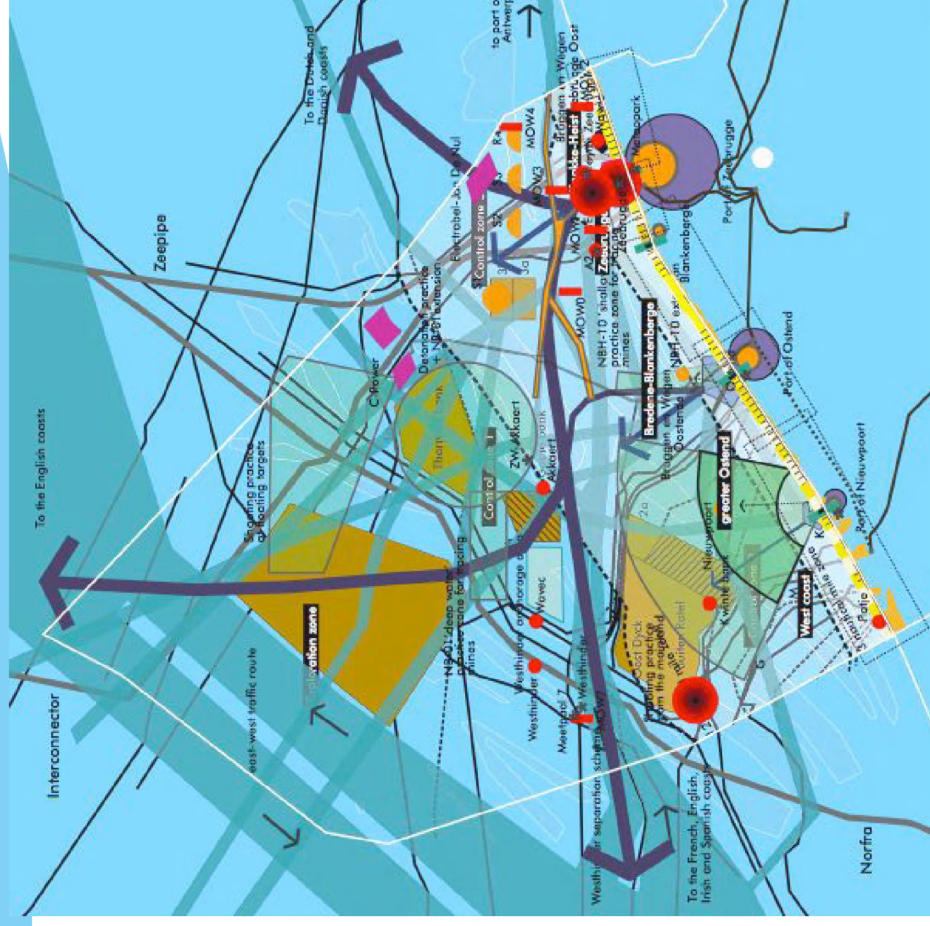
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Current practices – Example Belgium

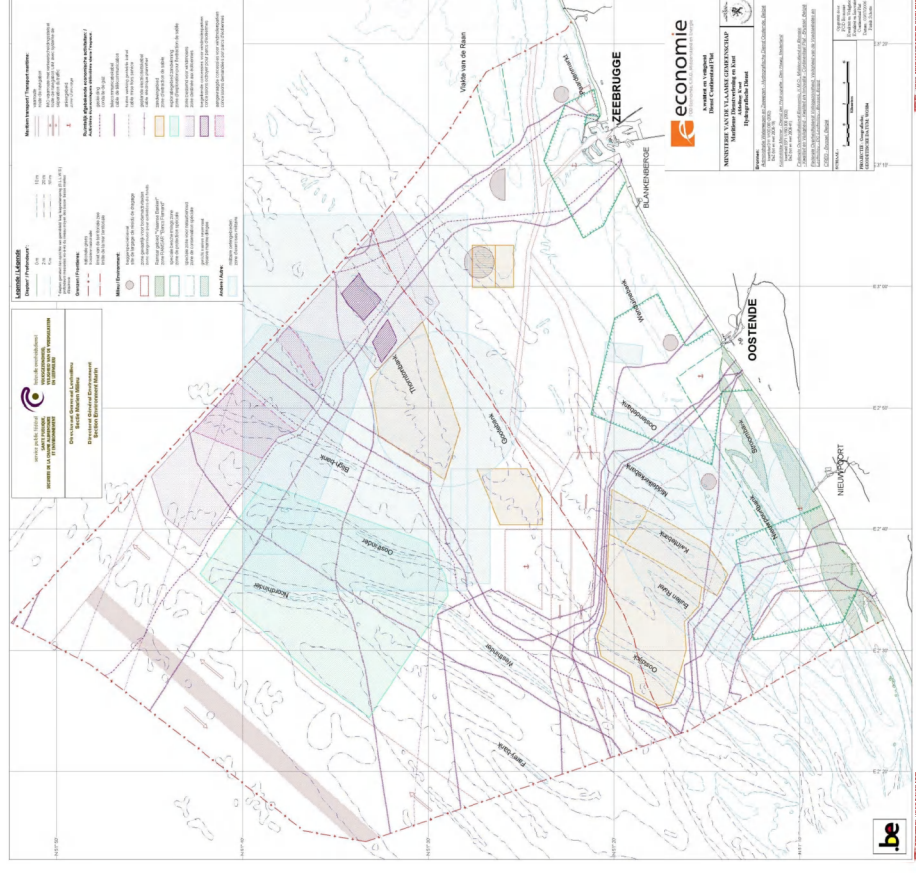
- **Research project** (GAUFRE) on maritime spatial planning
- Project has produced GIS and spatial structure **maps**
- Development of six different **scenarios**
- Feed in to Belgian MSP development





Current practices – Example Belgium

- Current overall **management plan** of the **BPNS**
- “Management of Request”
- Requests for licences have to be sent to the responsible ministry
- Uses are **not allowed outside** the designated zones
- Zones for **sand and gravel extraction**, nature protection, development of offshore wind, aquaculture





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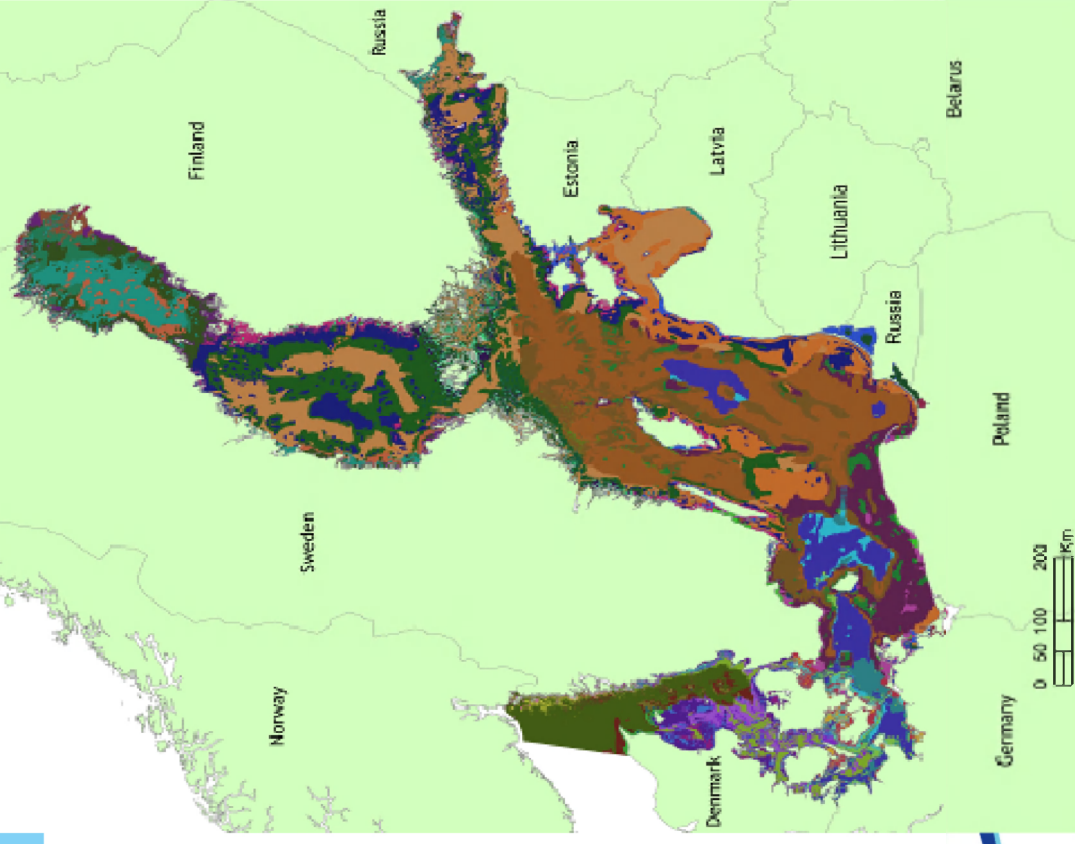


Marine landscapes – Characterising the Sea

Example BALANCE project



Baltic Sea marine landscapes



- A broad scale environmental characterisation of the sea floor
- Describe the marine ecosystem
- 60 benthic landscapes identified
- Validated with biological data
- Will be expanded to cover the European Seas



Benefits for the dredging sector – in a nutshell

- **Rational use of maritime space – important for location-based uses like sand and gravel exploitation**
- **Stable regulatory framework – ease the dredging industries engagement e.g. in coastal protection measures**
- **Increase of effectiveness and coherence of policies**
- **Ecosystem-based approach**
- **Predictable framework for investments – will be of benefit not only for the dredging sector itself but also for activities that are interlinked with the sector**
- **Streamlining of regulatory procedures – particularly relevant in densely used areas**



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Achievements: The Roadmap on MSP

- **Communication adopted on 25th November 2008**
- **Identifies 10 key principles for MSP in the EU**
- **Stimulate a wide debate on development of a common approach to MSP in Europe**
- **Important delivery of the Integrated EU Maritime Policy**





The Roadmap – 10 key principles

- 1. Using MSP according to area and type of activity**
- 2. Defining objectives to guide MSP**
- 3. Developing MSP in a transparent manner**
- 4. Stakeholder participation**
- 5. Coordination within Member States – simplifying decision processes**





The Roadmap – 10 key principles

- 1. Ensuring the legal effect of national MSP**
- 2. Cross-border cooperation and consultation**
- 3. Incorporating monitoring and evaluation in the planning process**
- 4. Achieving coherence between terrestrial and maritime spatial planning – relation with ICZM**
- 5. Strong data and knowledge base**





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Achievements and next steps in the EU-process on MSP

- Series of **4 workshops** to discuss the key-principles of the Roadmap.
- **kick-off conference** on 26.02.2009 – more than 130 participants from Member States and maritime sectors





Workshop ISPRA (Italy) – 23. – 24. April 2009

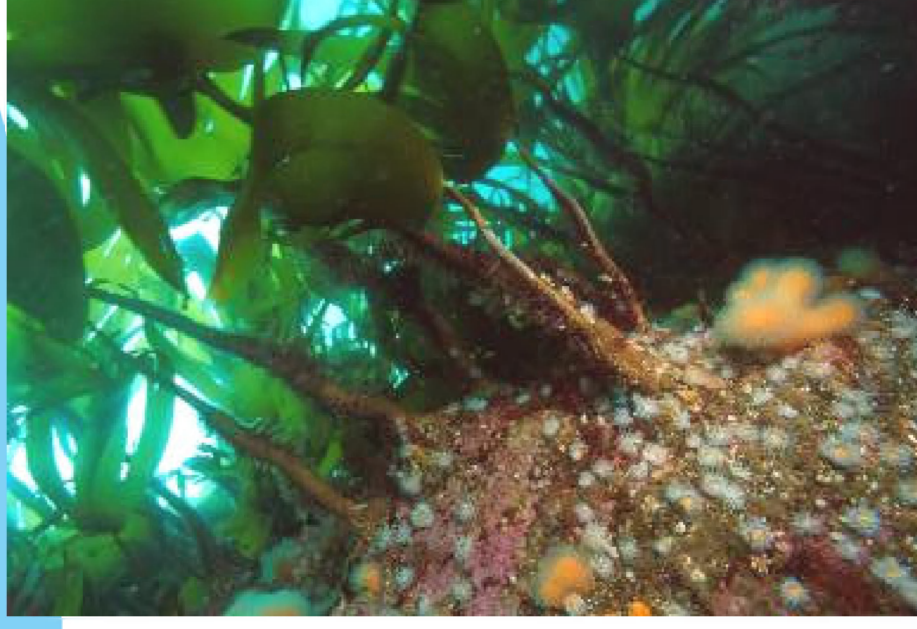
- Organised in cooperation with the Joint Research Centre (JRC)
- The **key principles** discussed:
 - ★ Using MSP according to area and type of activity
 - ★ Defining objectives to guide MSP
 - ★ Ensuring the legal effect of national MSP
 - ★ Coherence between MSP and terrestrial planning





Workshop Azores (S.Miguel) - 2. – 3. July 2009

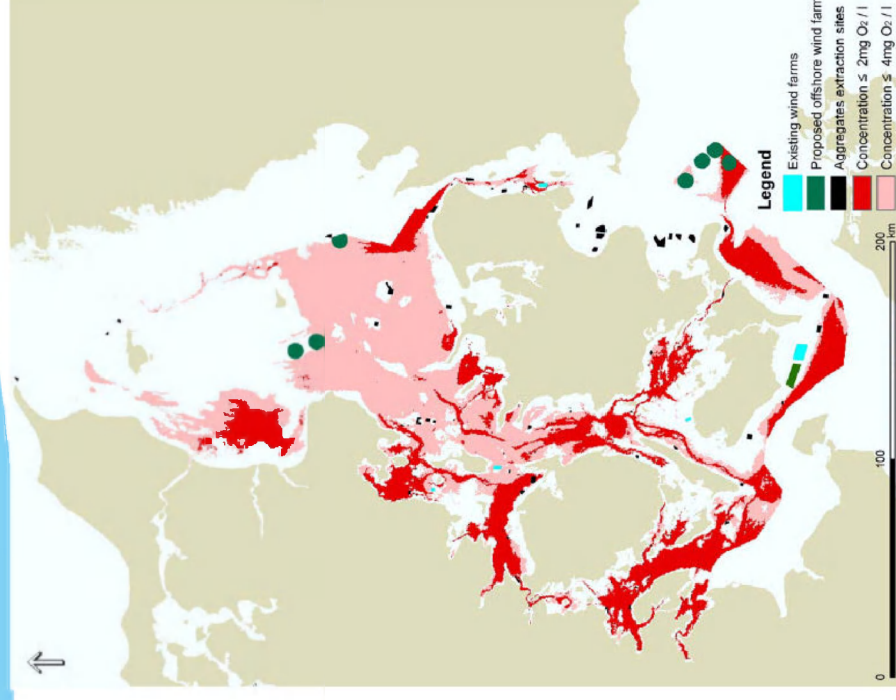
- Organised in cooperation with the University of the Azores and OSPAR, involvement of other Regional Sea Conventions.
- The **key principles** to be discussed:
 - ★ Cross-border cooperation
 - ★ Incorporating monitoring and evaluation
 - ★ Strong data and knowledge base
 - ★ Coordination within Member States – simplifying decision processes
 - ★ Developing MSP in a transparent manner





Final workshop and concluding conference Sweden – date still tbc

- Organised in close cooperation with the Swedish EU Presidency
- The **key principles** to be discussed:
 - ★ Stakeholder participation
 - ★ Cross-border cooperation
 - ★ Debate on the future
- **Outlook and future steps** in 2010 and beyond





Achievements and next steps in the future EU-process on MSP

- Study on **economic benefits** of MSP
- **Launch** of study during first half of 2009
- Development of terms of reference ongoing
- Expected final report beginning of 2010





Achievements and next steps in the future EU-process on MSP

- **Two preparatory actions** in the Baltic and the North Sea / North East Atlantic
- **Development** of cross-border cooperation aspects of MSP
- Encourage Member States to **identify a shared sea area** and develop **MSP objectives** and a **management plan** for this area





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