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Integrated Maritime Policy: Recent and future developments at EU Level

**7th Meeting of the
Working on IMP in the
Mediterranean
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2014)**



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...enhancing Blue Economy...

Blue Growth Agenda

Address
difficulties
hindering
sustainable
growth of
marine/
maritime
sectors

Promote sea-
basin maritime
strategies /
macro-
regional
strategies

Undertake
actions on
marine/
maritime
sectors of
particular
potential

Develop
transversal
tools



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**...promoting actions on marine/
maritime sectors with particular
growth potential...**

Blue Energy

- Seas and ocean offer a vast renewable energy resource (offshore wind, ocean energy)
- Communication on Blue Energy adopted in January 2014
- Highlight challenges the ocean energy sector faces
- Pinpoint actions needed to deliver on the potential of ocean energy in European seas and oceans by 2020 and beyond (set up an Ocean Energy Forum, develop a Strategic Roadmap)

Coastal and Maritime Tourism (CMT)

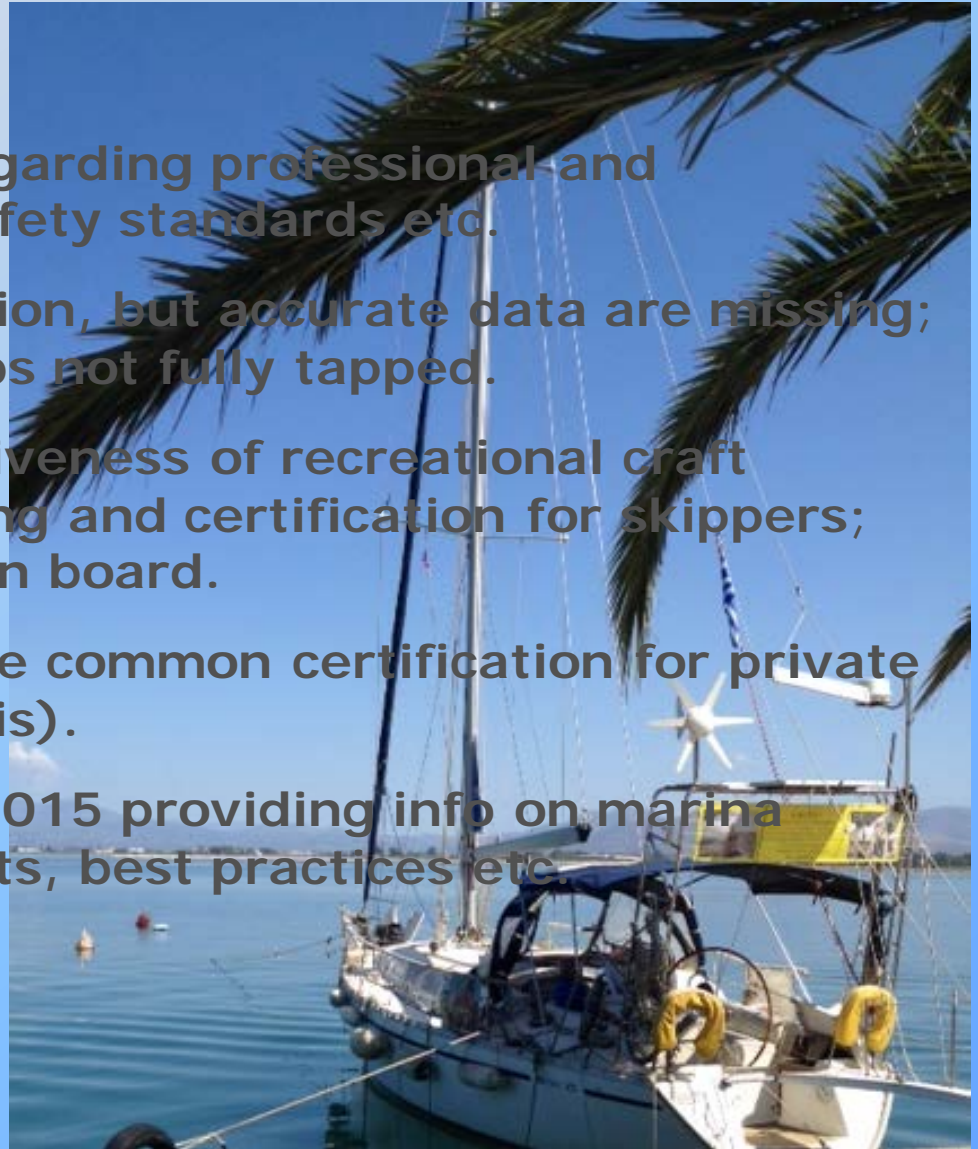


- Cruise tourism in 2013: €38 billion in goods and services in Europe; 326,000 jobs.
- Cruise industry: 10% annual growth for last 10 years
- 3.2 million employed in 2012 (about 1.3% of total EU employment)
- % employment in coastal tourism in Med countries is much higher than EU average: CY (8.6%), MT (7.2%), EL (3.7%) and ES (3.3%). Locally it can reach 25%.
- BUT: problems with port reception facilities, port congestion, environmental & social challenges, innovation needed etc.

**Platform for pan-European dialogue amongst
cruise industry stakeholders kicking off February
2015**

Nautical Tourism

- Discrepancies among MS regarding professional and recreational licenses and safety standards etc.
- Europe is a leading destination, but accurate data are missing; potential for growth and jobs not fully tapped.
- Planned: Study on competitiveness of recreational craft industry: common EU training and certification for skippers; aligning safety equipment on board.
- Working towards on possible common certification for private boaters (on a voluntary basis).
- Launching a mobile app in 2015 providing info on marina services, safety requirements, best practices etc.





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... developing transversal tools...

Marine Spatial Planning in the European Union

Directive 2014/89/EU of the European
Parliament and of the Council of
23 July 2014 establishing a framework
for maritime spatial planning



Innovation in the Blue Economy



Priorities:

- Marine Knowledge and Seabed Mapping
- A Marine Research Information Platform
- Skills for the Blue Economy

Communication : Innovation in the Blue Economy: realising the potential of our seas and oceans for jobs and growth - COM(2014) 254 (08/05/2014)

Maritime Surveillance and Security

- 350 maritime surveillance authorities from 7 sectors (coastguard, customs, navy, fisheries inspectors etc.)
- Cooperation is poor, communication and information exchange are inefficient and unnecessary overlap exists.
- Combatting illegal activities is hampered, knowledge not shared, nor resources.

Solutions:

- **EU Maritime Security Strategy**: to achieve coherence and cooperation between authorities on external action, crisis response, risk management, training, research, information sharing
- **Maritime CISE**: a voluntary collaborative process in the EU to enhance information sharing between authorities involved in maritime surveillance. Savings: 400€ Mio per year only (conservative estimate)
- **EMODNet (European Marine Data and Observation Network)**: increase knowledge of sea and resources; enhance their sustainable use; promote blue innovation; EU seabed map by 2016.



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**... ensuring financing of EU's IMP
development...**

European Maritime Fisheries Fund (EMFF)

The EMFF (Regulation No 508/2014) is the fund for the EU's maritime and fisheries policies for 2014-2020. It is one of the five European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds which complement each other and seek to promote a growth and job based recovery in Europe.

The fund:

- helps fishermen in the transition to sustainable fishing
- supports coastal communities in diversifying their economies,
- finances projects that create new jobs and improve quality of life along European coasts,
- makes it easier for applicants to access financing.





EMFF – IMP Actions

Integrated Maritime Policy actions could be financed under Articles 81, 82 of the EMFF (direct management)

The Commission will launch actions aimed at supporting better coordination and sustainable growth from sea-related activities, and related policy tools which cannot be developed within individual policy areas or at Member State level, e.g. Maritime Spatial Planning, Marine knowledge, etc.

How? Launch of **calls for proposal** or **calls for tender** for studies, projects, networks, conferences, etc. (eligible operations under Article 82)

EMFF - Geographical Scope

- **Article 2** – "This Regulation shall apply to operations carried out in the territory of the Union unless otherwise expressly provided for in the Regulation"

Some derogations to this principle...

- **Article 80:** measures financed under direct management in the field of Integrated Maritime Policy may be conducted outside the EU territory.
- **Article 83:** accompanying measures for the CFP and IMP under direct management may be conducted outside the EU territory



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**... enhancing regional co-operation on
marine / maritime issues in the MED...**

Improve management of marine and maritime space and its governance

- Promote ratification of UNCLOS
- Promote work with and through regional conventions and Union for the Mediterranean as an all-inclusive forum
- Promote application of international and EU legislation
- Regular cross sectorial dialogue (IMP MED Working Group)
- IMP-MED project (to be renewed in 2015)
- MED Coastguard Functions Forum,
- seabasin strategies/macroregional strategies – Adriatic Ionian
- 12th FEMIP conference, Athens 2013

A European Union Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Seas (EUSAIR)





Jobs for the Med

Finished: study on identification of elements and geographical scope of maritime co-operation in the Mediterranean

- Further seabasin cooperation should be envisaged (call for proposal)
- blue growth assessment/potential for the southern shores 2015/16

Finished: study on maritime clusters in Med/Black Sea: seabasins lag behind northern Europe but Southern Med faster growing in terms of clustering than northern Med

- Further support for establishing a network

Ongoing: Virtual Knowledge Centre on marine and maritime affairs

- Further research work for blue economy development and innovation

Jobs for the MED

Planned: study on networking of maritime training academies and institutes in the Mediterranean

Objectives:

- To map existing universities, academies, institutes, organisations, centres or other type of entities providing education and training related to maritime sectors and activities
- To map existing networks (if any)
- To determine whether and what maritime activities and economic sectors would benefit from promotion and/ or reinforcement of a network
- To analyse, conceive and design a roadmap for reinforcing or creating such networks
- increase capacity to match skills and demand, particular for emerging sectors

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