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1. Integrated Maritime Policy

From tunnel vision...
...To the full picture
1. IMP Objectives

• Efficient and competitive maritime transport
• Knowledge and innovation for maritime policy
• Quality of life in coastal regions
• EU leadership in maritime affairs
• Visibility of maritime Europe
1. Integrated Maritime Policy

- Blue growth
- Marine data and knowledge
- Maritime spatial planning
- Integrated maritime surveillance
- Sea basin strategies
Interconnectedness
Sharing data
Working together
Maritime Spatial Planning
2. Maritime Spatial Planning

- Human uses: WHERE and WHEN
- Efficient, safe and sustainable
- Across borders
- Stakeholder involvement
- Continuous process
2.1. The MSP Directive 2014/89/EU

- Designate MSP authorities
- Draw up maritime spatial plans
- Involve stakeholders
- Cooperate with bordering Member States
- Apply an ecosystem-based approach
- Use the best available data
- Take into account land-sea interactions
- Promote co-existence of activities
- Review the plans at least every 10 years
2.2. MSP and blue growth

- Renewable energy production, offshore aquaculture, maritime tourism, etc.
- Reduce conflicts, create synergies
- Stability, transparency and predictability = more certainties for investors
- Simplification = cost reduction
- Environmental protection
MSP and the energy sector

- Different spatial needs
- Land-sea interactions
- Installation and decommissioning = high environmental impact
- Competition for space
- Potential risks for navigation
- Seascape
MSP and the energy sector: synergies

- Wind + aquaculture
- Wave + shore defence
- Offshore installations + MPAs
- Wind + tourism
- Transnational energy grids
MSP, fisheries and aquaculture

- Overfishing and destructive fishing methods
- Aquaculture vulnerable to damage (water quality)
- Spatial competition with shipping, tourism
MSP, fisheries and aquaculture: synergies

- **Offshore energy + aquaculture**

- **Seasonal/partial MPAs + fisheries**
MSP and shipping

- Shipping lanes
- Emissions, noise and collisions
- Pollution (accidental and operational)
- Invasive species
- Ecosystem damage from ports (dredging, wastewater, air quality)
MSP and shipping

- *Enough space for shipping lanes (planning and rerouting)*
- *Forecast of future uses*
- *Maritime Safety*
MSP and tourism

- Conflict between commercial and recreational fisheries
- Whale watching can modify the mammals’ behaviour
- Targeted recreational fisheries
- Increased risk of collision
  - Man-made structures
  - Small boats diverted onto busy shipping lanes
MSP and tourism

- **Touring facilities (aquaculture, offshore energy)**
- **Small-scale fisheries as a tourist attraction**
- **Preservation of the environment**
- **Land-sea interactions**
2.3. Capacity building and studies

- **MSP grants**
  - Cross-border projects supporting the implementation of MSP in the EU
  - Produce data, tools, guidance and pilot MS plans
- **MSP Assistance Mechanism**
  - Website msp-platform.eu
- **Study on International best-practices in cross-border MSP**
  - International MSP conference, co-organised with IOC-UNESCO in Paris, 15-17 March 2017
Thank you for your attention