



EU maritime policy

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Latest developments in the EU policy for a sustainable blue economy

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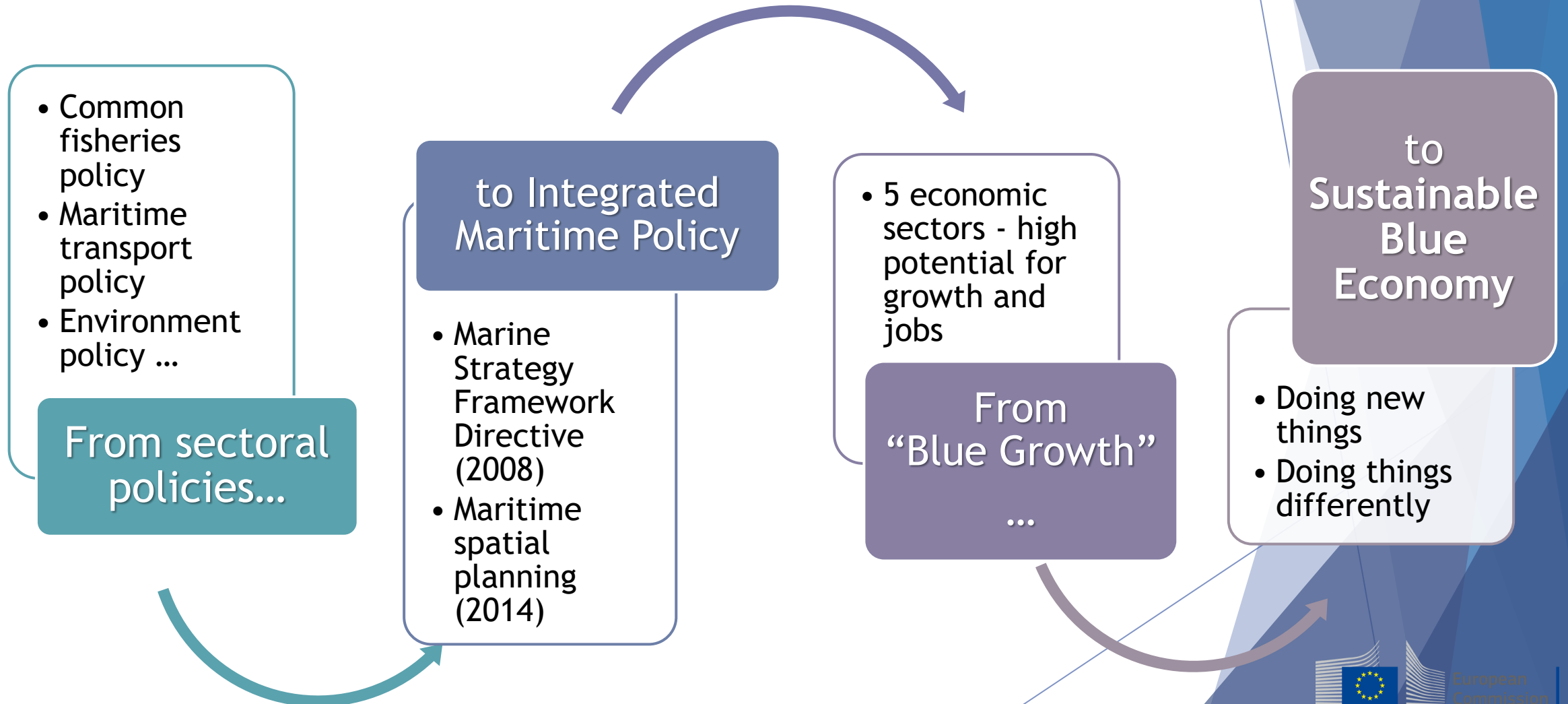
BLUE ECONOMY

All economic activities relating to the oceans, seas and coasts. Blue Economy covers a wide range of interlinked established and emerging sectors.

New approach for a... Sustainable Blue Economy



Policy: from sectoral approaches to a Sustainable Blue Economy



Transforming blue economy value chains

Decarbonisation

- Explore full potential of offshore renewable energy
- Transition to zero emission vessels
- Transform ports into hubs for sustainable development
- Etc...



Examples: [Euronews ocean videos](#)

Biodiversity and coastal resilience

- Protect and restore coastal and marine ecosystems
- Invest in nature-based solutions
- Value natural capital by promoting sustainable tourism
- Etc...

Responsible food systems

- Meet the CFP sustainability standards
- Implement the strategic aquaculture guidelines
- Invest in macro and micro algae
- Etc...

Circularity

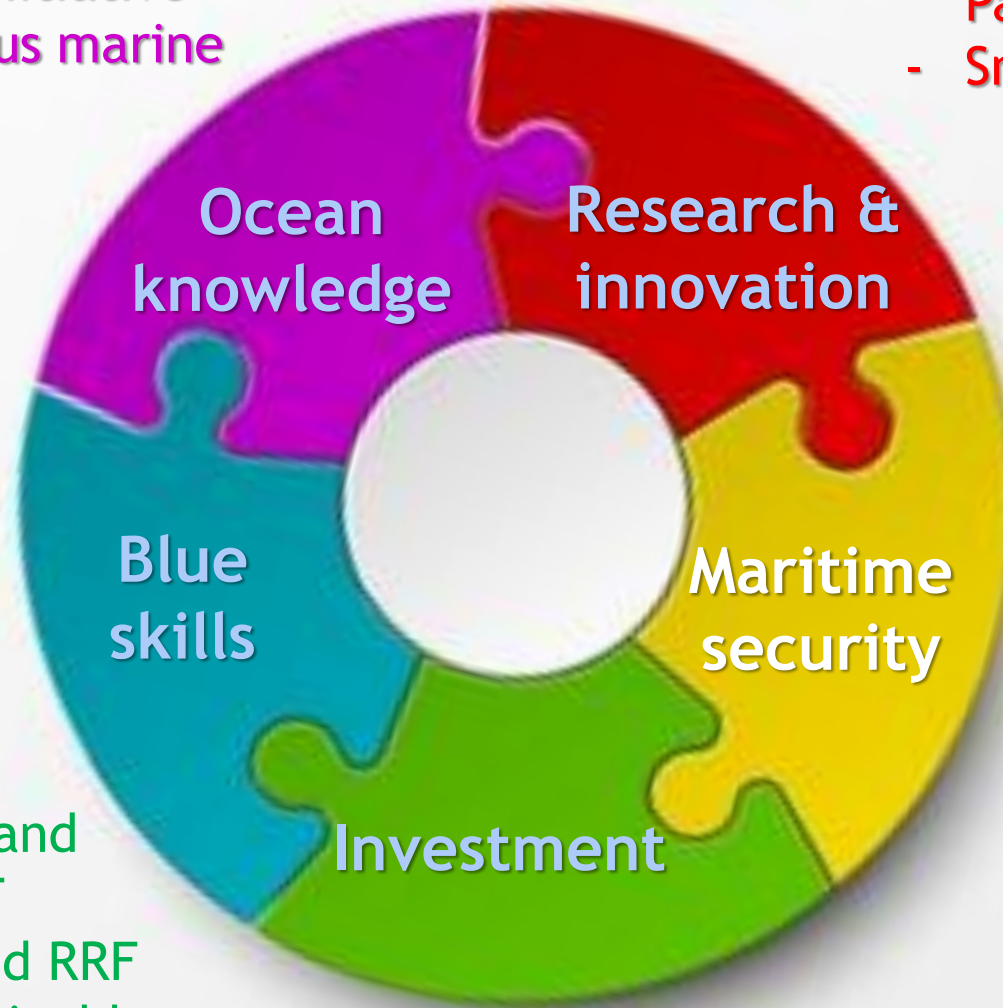
- Get rid of macro-plastics
- Invest in circular design of fishing gears
- Develop recycling facilities for ships, recreational boats, offshore platforms and wind farms
- Etc...

Setting the right conditions

- Ocean observation initiative
- Expanded Copernicus marine service
- Blue observatory on economic data

- Skills partnerships
- Dedicated call for proposals on blue careers and women in blue economy
- Working conditions (ILO/IMO)

- BlueInvest Platform and equity fund; EIB /EIF
- ESIF (incl. EMFAF) and RRF
- EU Taxonomy / Sustainable Blue Finance

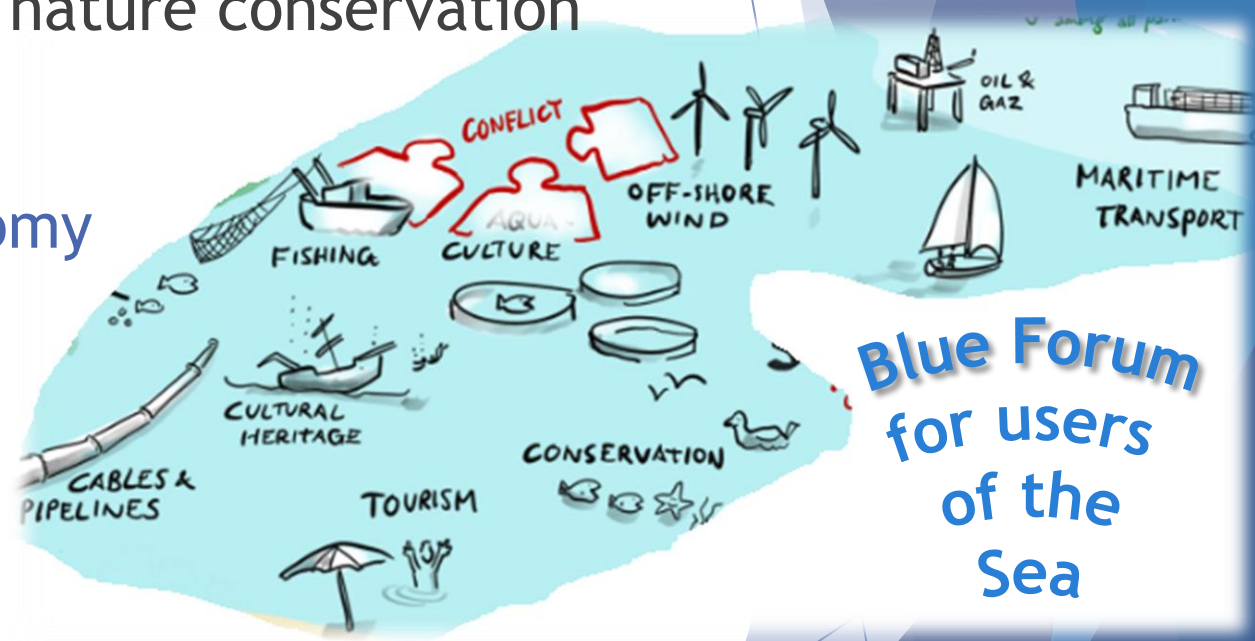


- Mission "Restore our ocean and waters by 2030"
- Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership
- Smart specialisation

- EU maritime security strategy
- Coastguard cooperation
- CISE operational phase

Changing the Blue Economy governance

- **Maritime Spatial Planning:** preventing conflicts, exploring synergies and reconciling nature conservation and economic development;
- **Sea basin strategies and Blue Economy strategies for outermost regions:** taking into account regional specificities and cross-border challenges;
- **Ocean literacy:** raising public awareness; empowering EU citizens.



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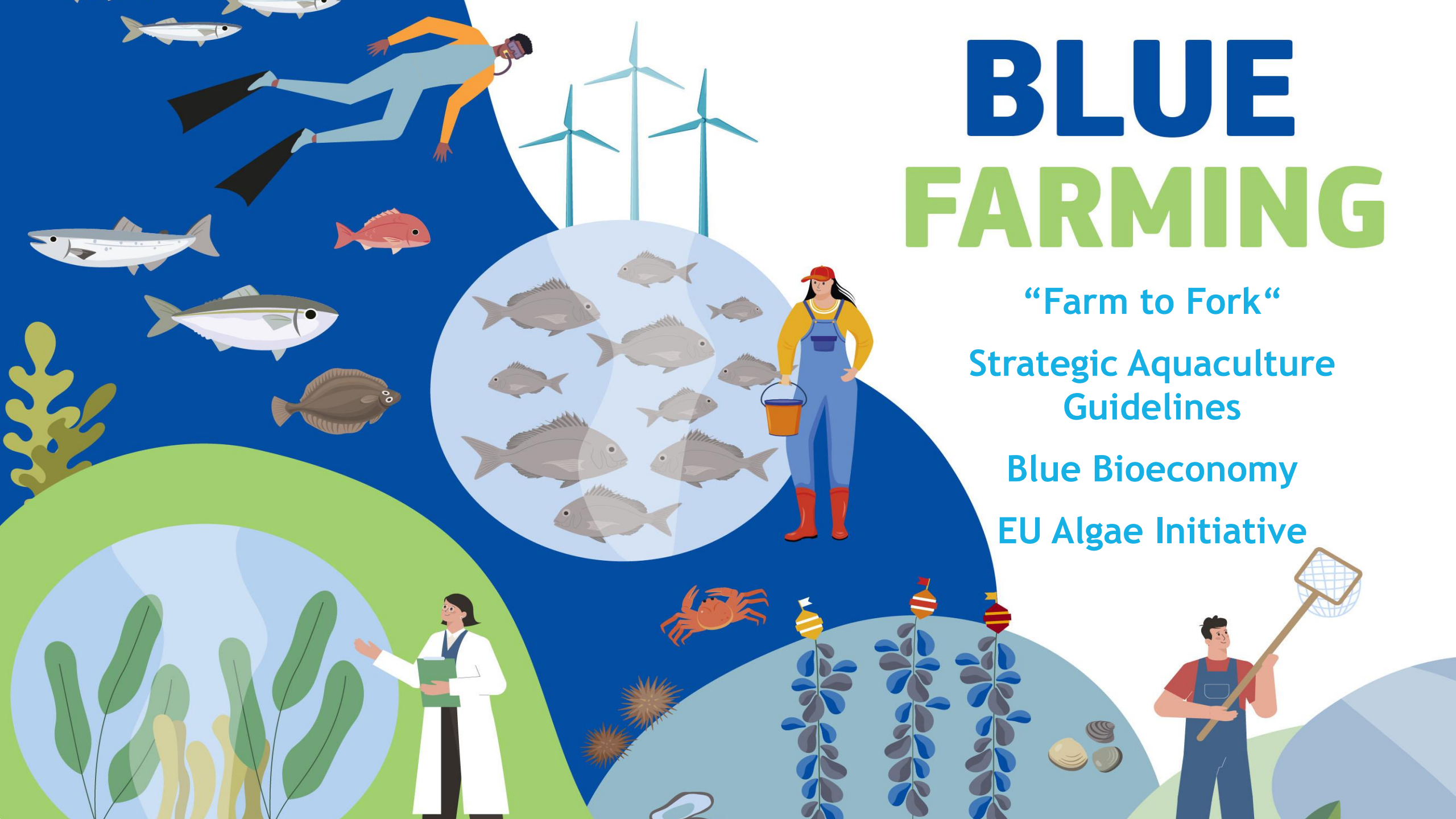
BLUE FARMING

“Farm to Fork”

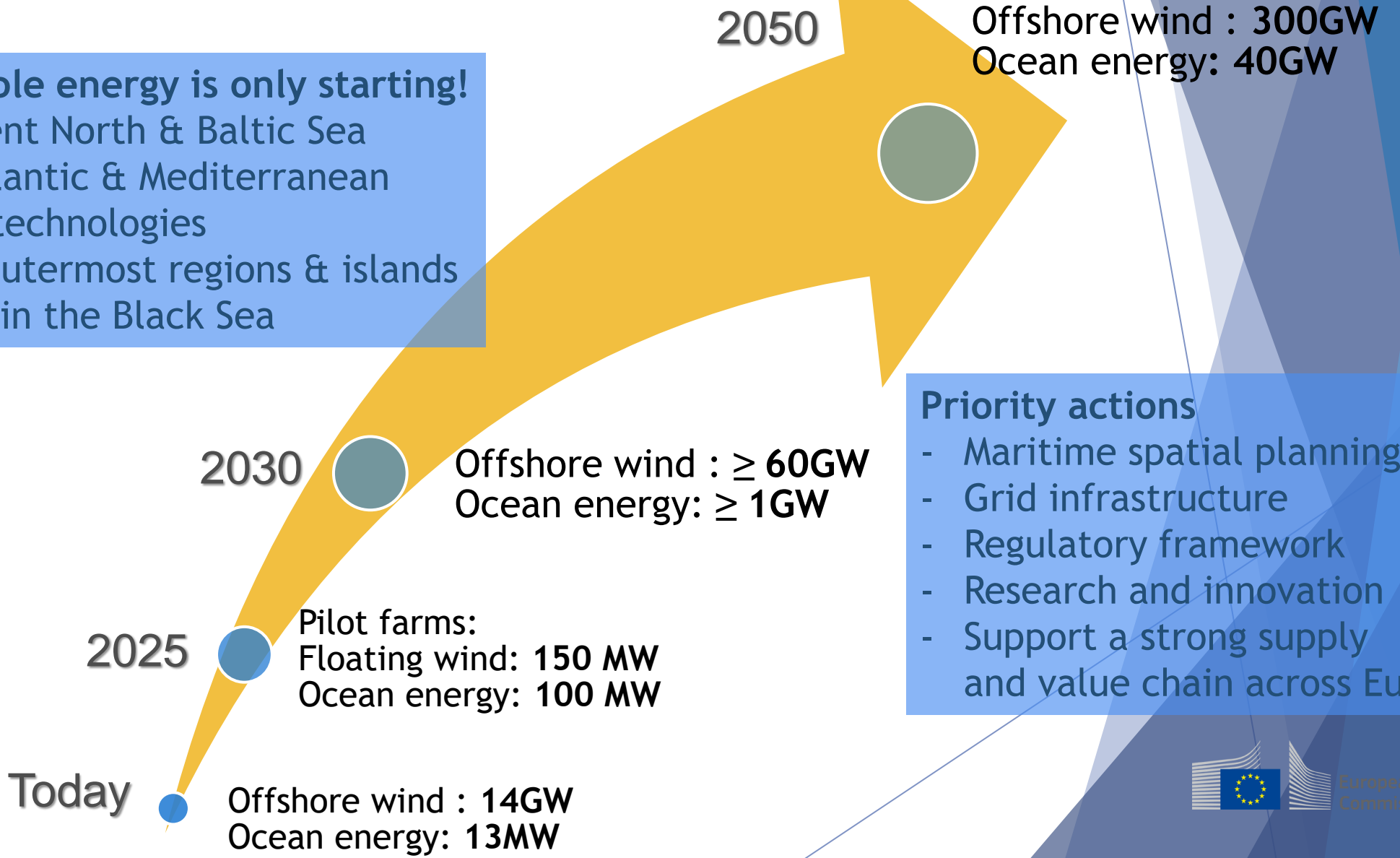
Strategic Aquaculture
Guidelines

Blue Bioeconomy

EU Algae Initiative



Blue Energy - EU Offshore Strategy (2020)



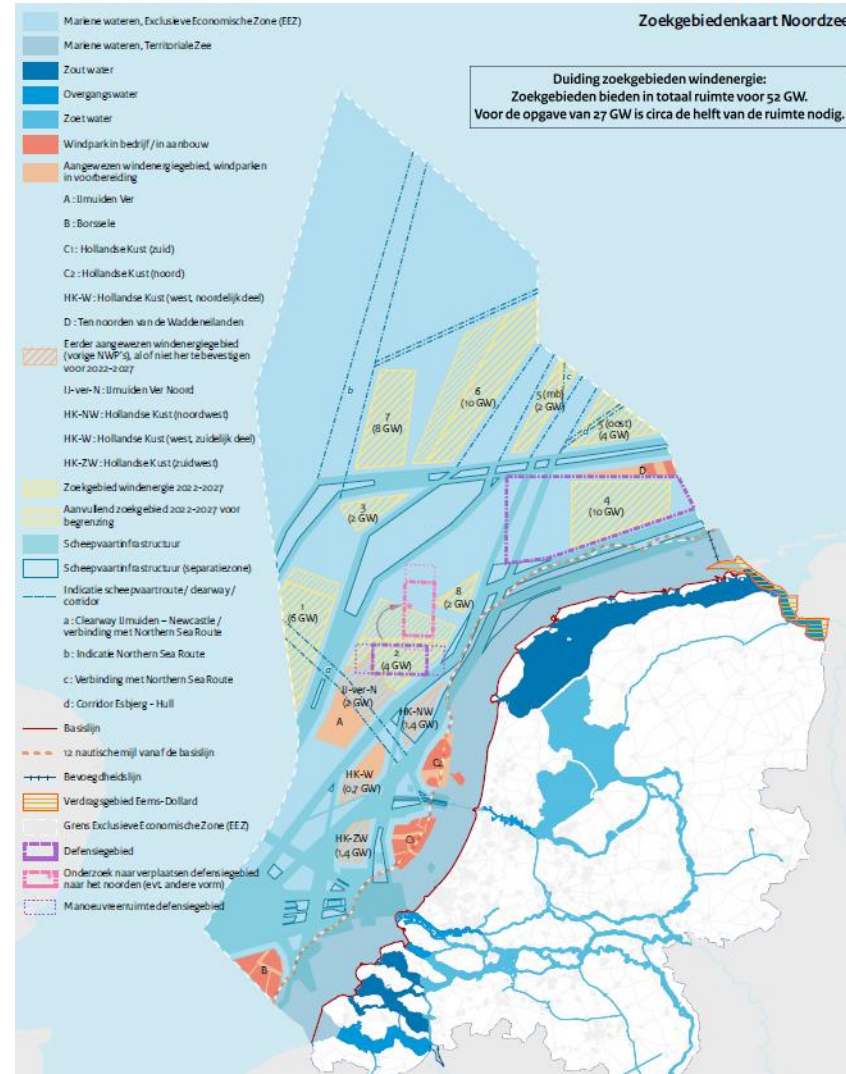
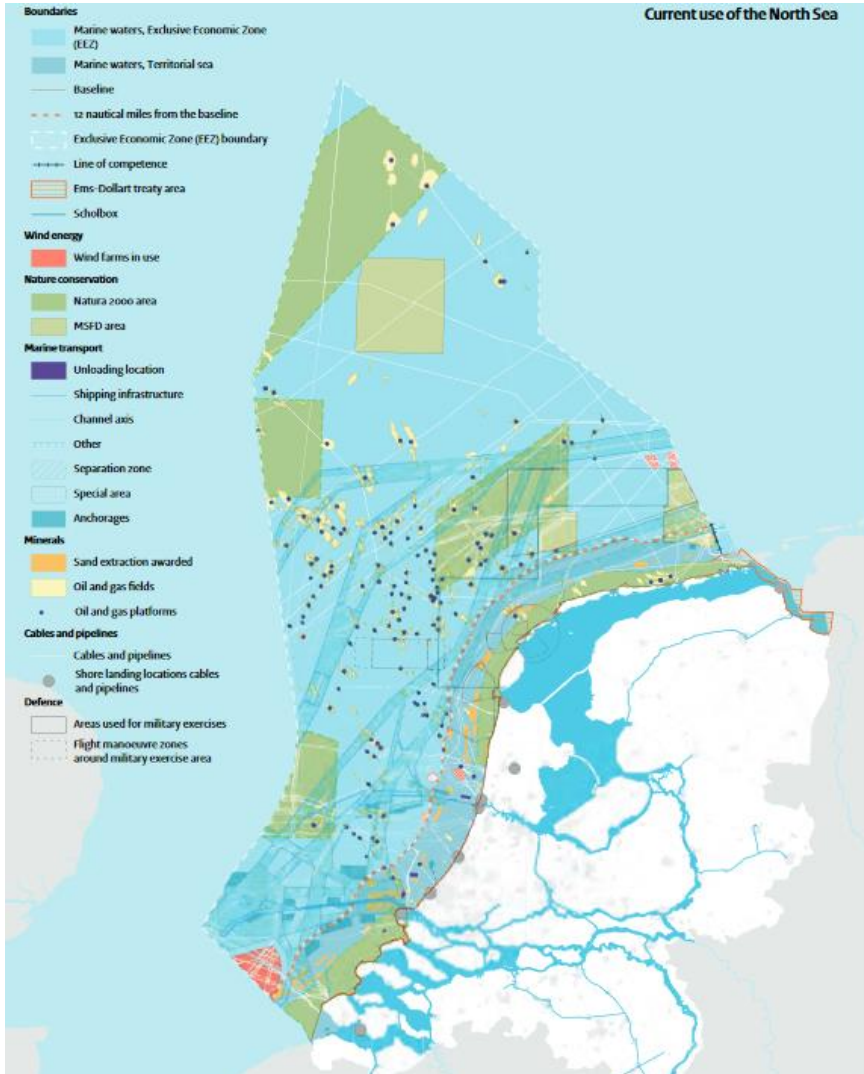
Offshore renewable energy is only starting!

- Fast development North & Baltic Sea
- Taking off in Atlantic & Mediterranean with emerging technologies
- Good case for outermost regions & islands
- Good potential in the Black Sea

Priority actions

- Maritime spatial planning
- Grid infrastructure
- Regulatory framework
- Research and innovation
- Support a strong supply and value chain across Europe

Anticipating future sea use - MSP



Outermost Regions

A **pro-active and engaged MSP stakeholder community** is developing in the EU, providing a **point of reference** for best practice in MSP

15 Maritime Spatial Plans by Member States in 2021

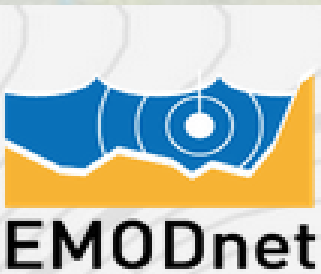
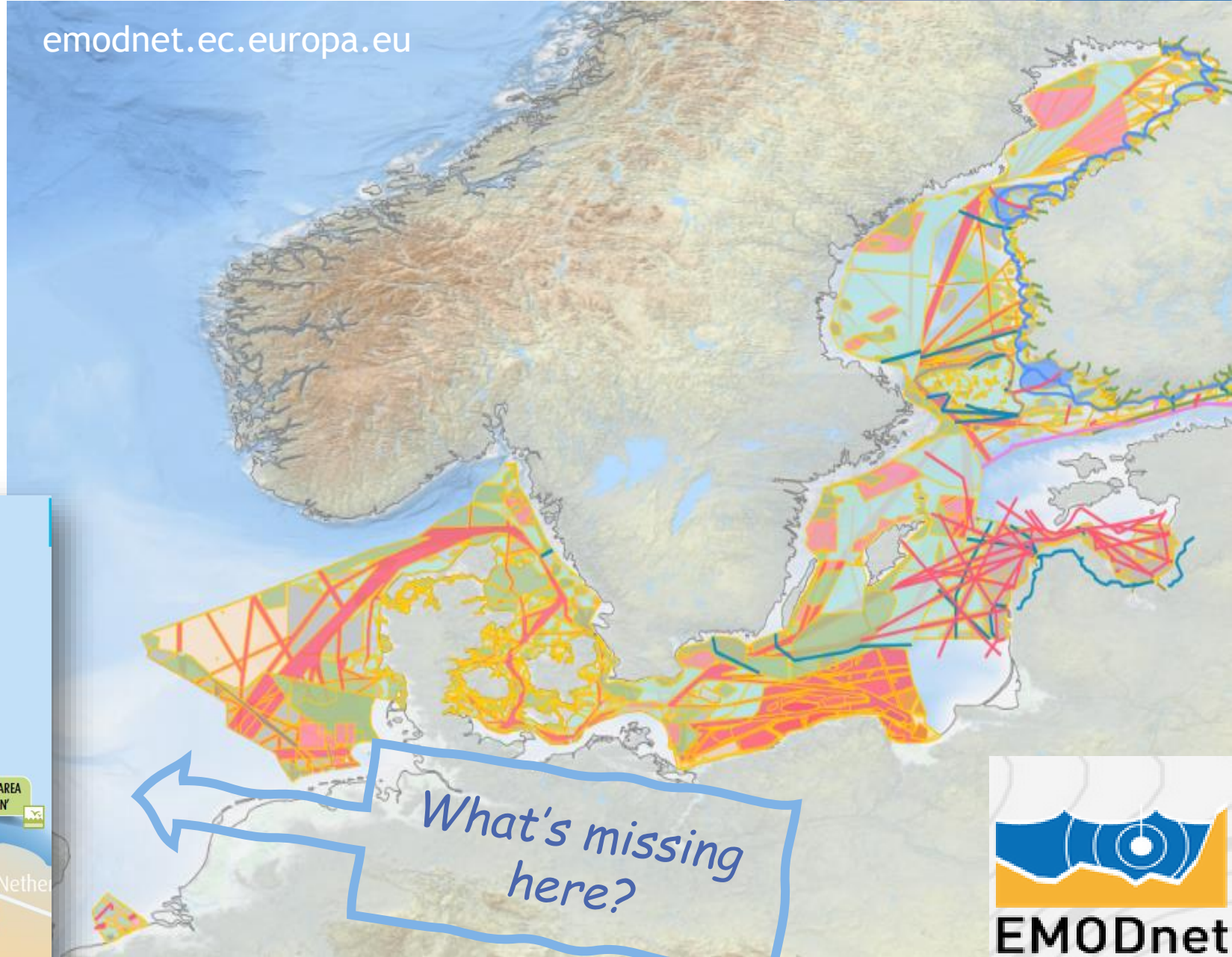
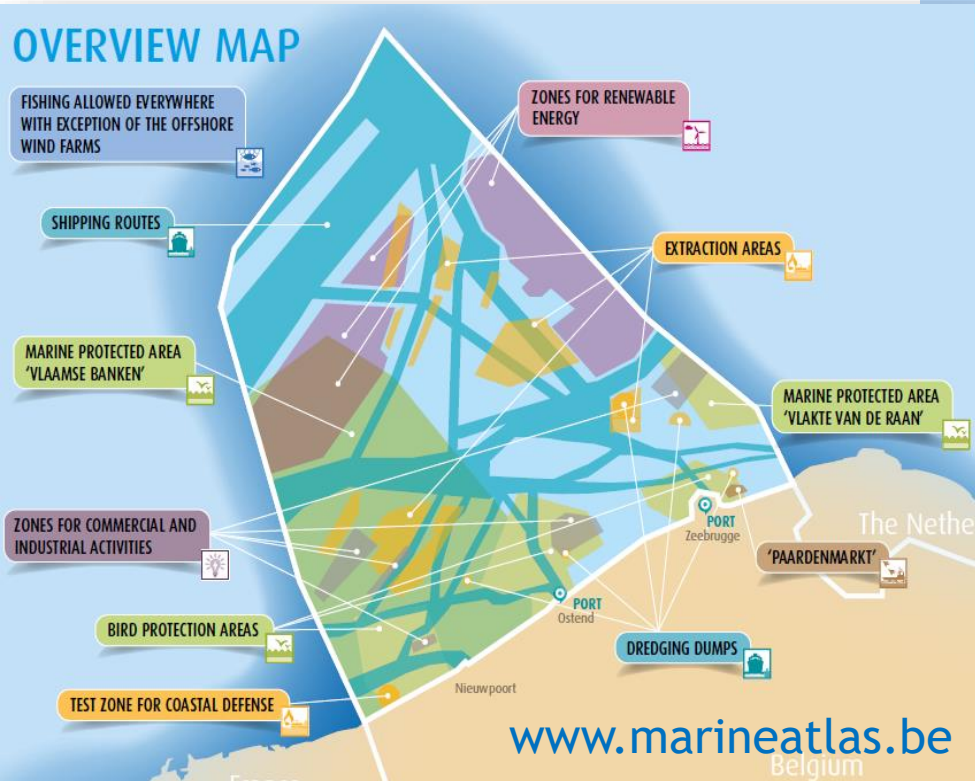
18 regional and cross-border projects under EMFF/EMFAF direct

Maritime Spatial Planning in the EU

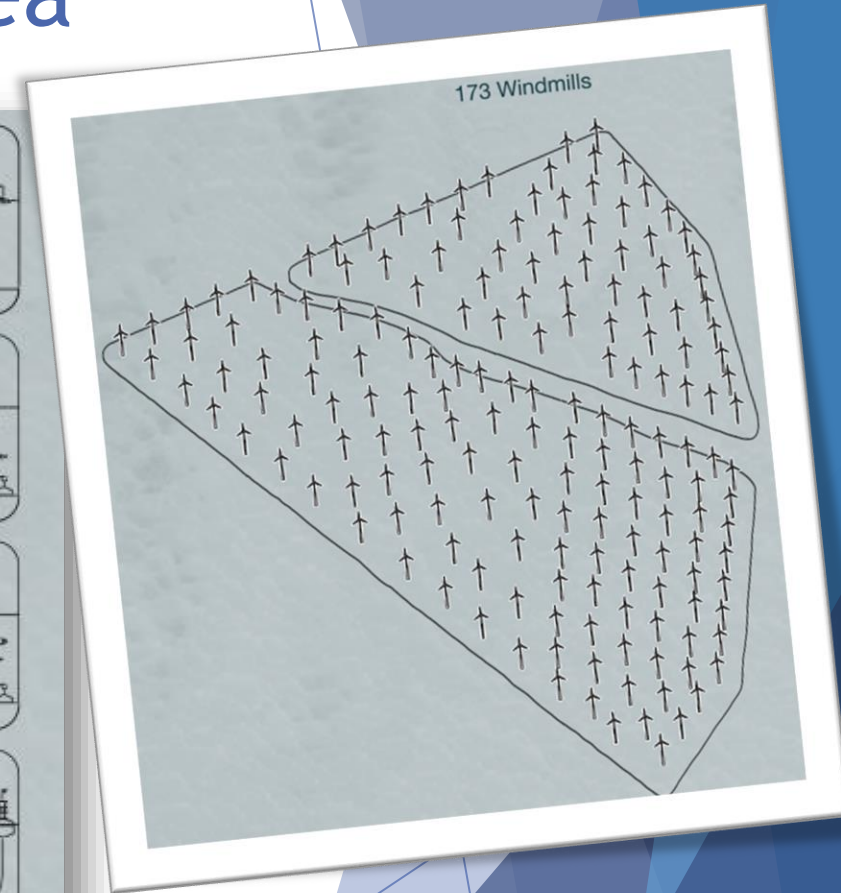
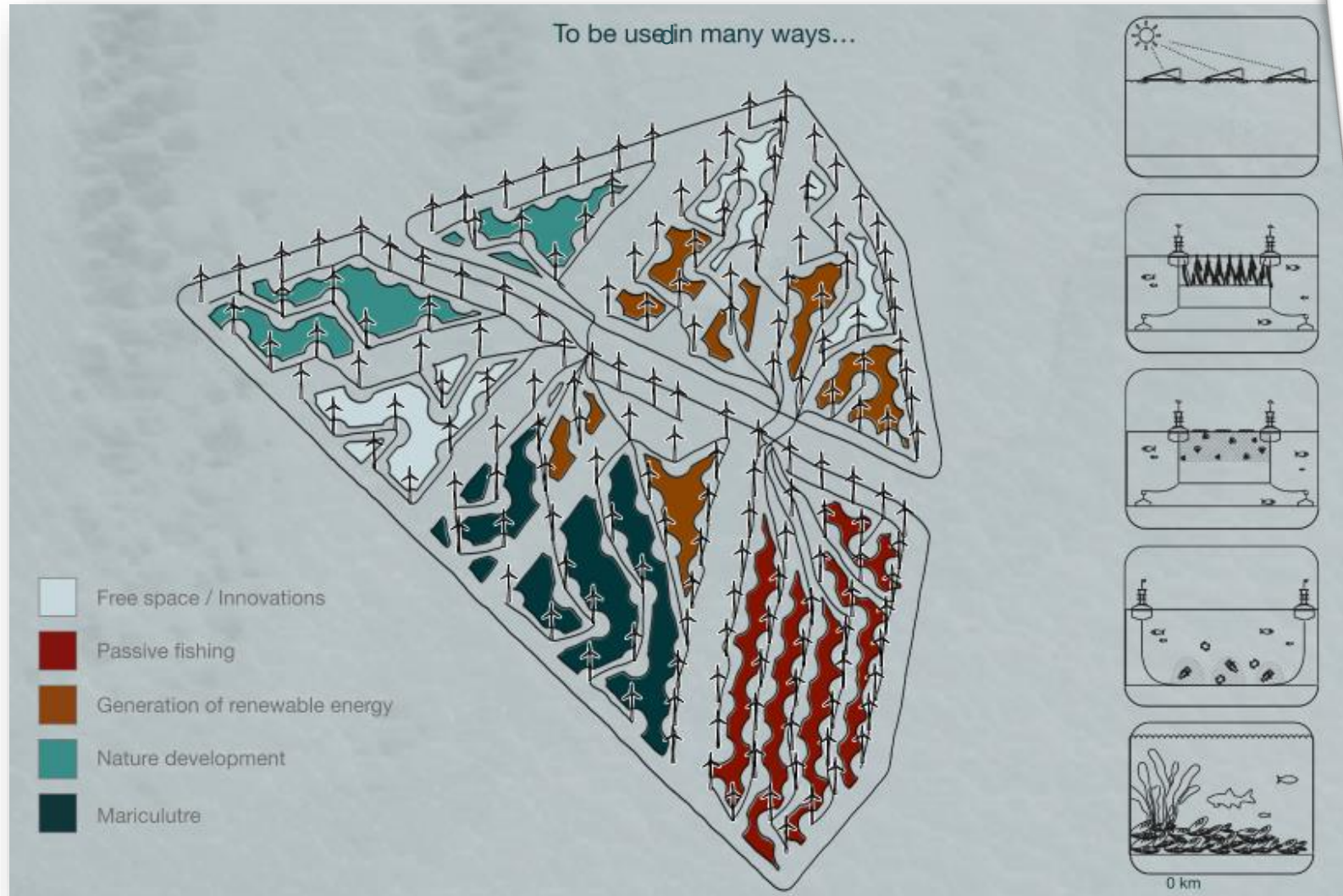
- ▶ MSP Directive 2014/89/EU - implementation report 2022 - 7 MS still without plans
- ▶ Since 2015 supported cross-border cooperation through EMFF/EMFAF
- ▶ Up next: making MSP pan-European & digital, involve stakeholders more systematically
- ▶ Blue Forum for sea users - launch 26 May 2023
- ▶ EU MSP platform: <https://maritime-spatial-planning.ec.europa.eu/>

Maritime Spatial Planning

emodnet.ec.europa.eu



Combining multiple uses of the sea





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