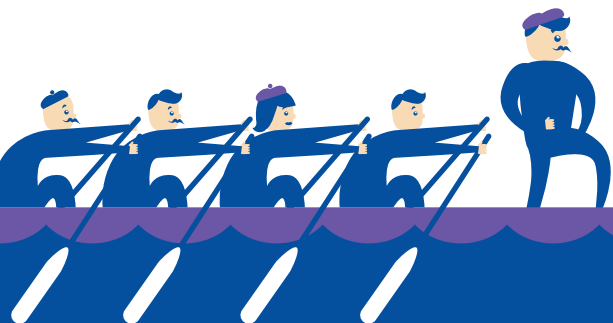



Macro-regional strategy
Sea basin strategy

What is
what?





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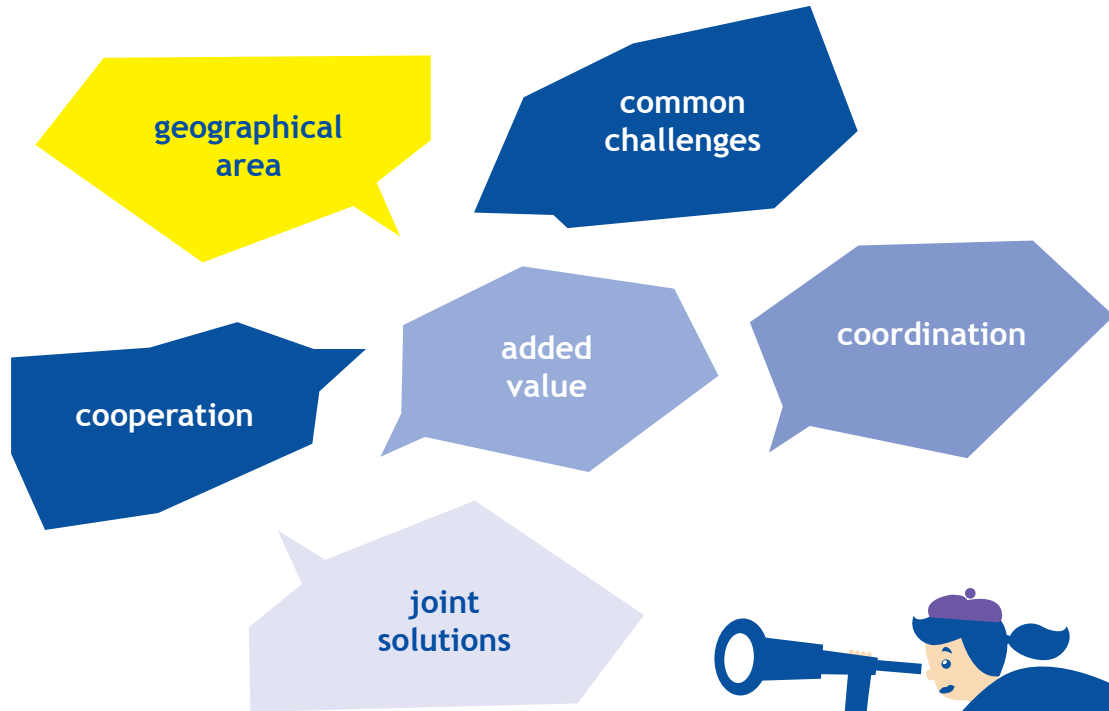
If you are interested in
macro-regional
and **sea basin strategies**,

their comparability
and main principles,

then this brochure
is for you!



What is it all about?





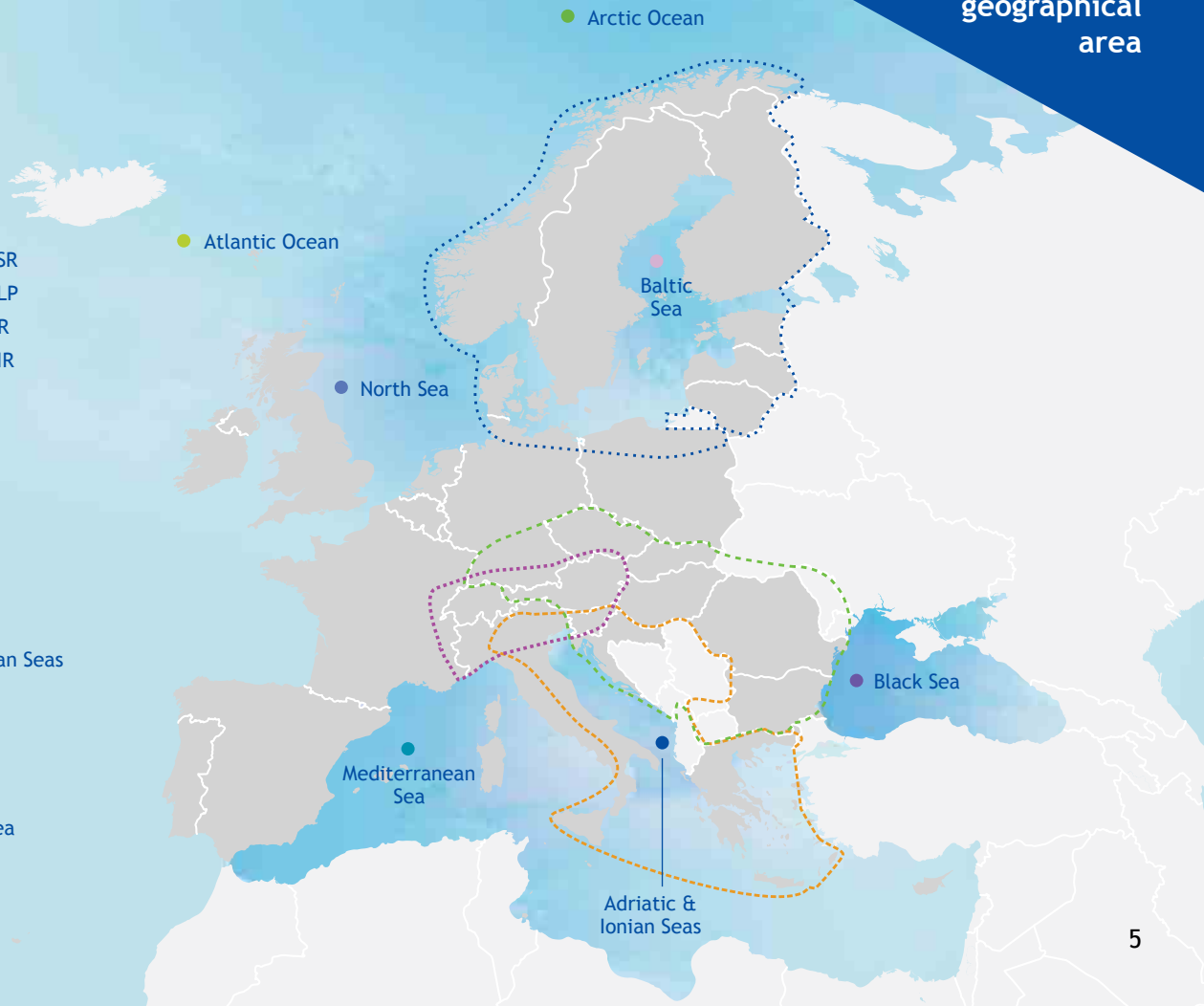
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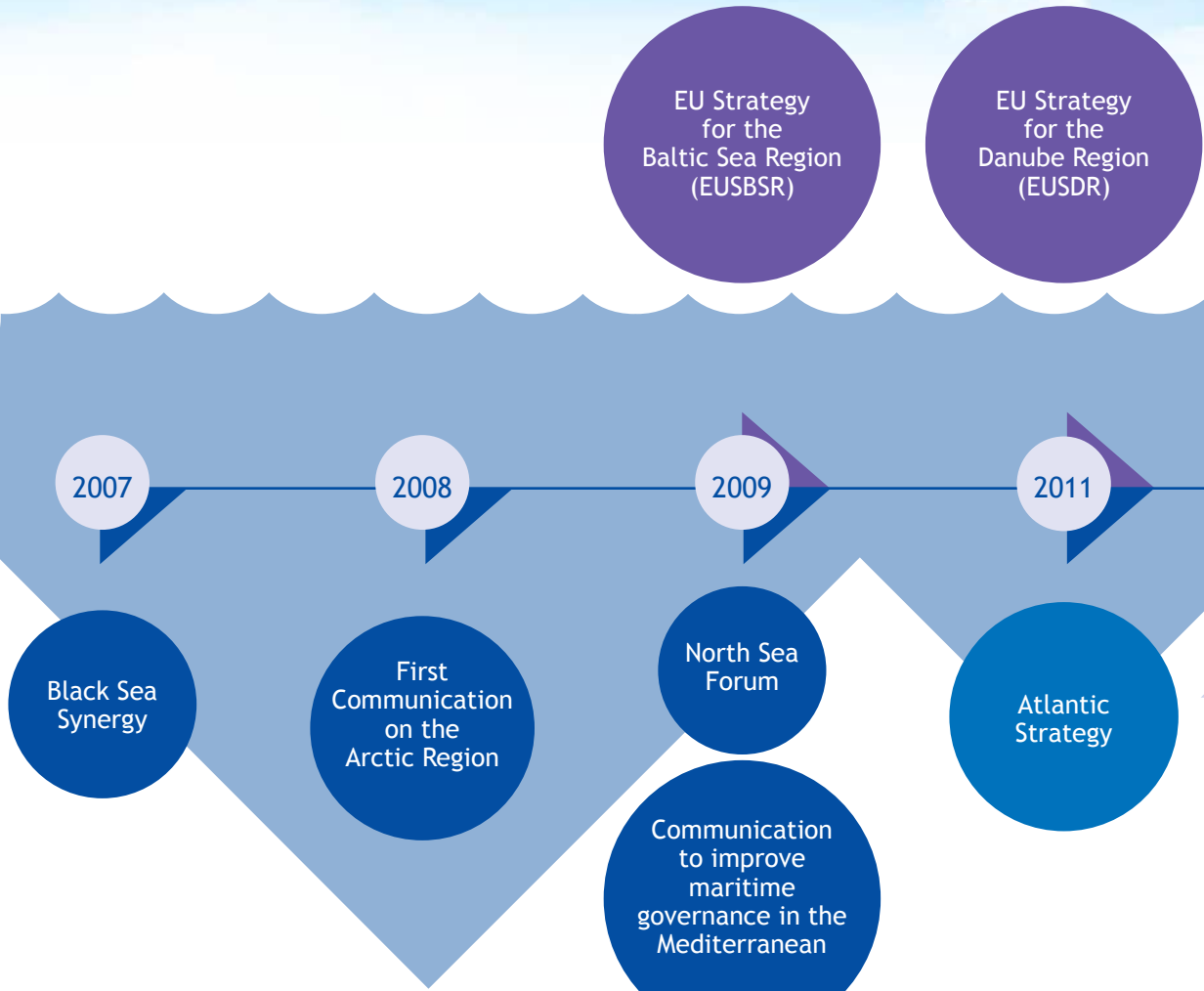
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- EUSALP
- EUSDR
- EUSAIR

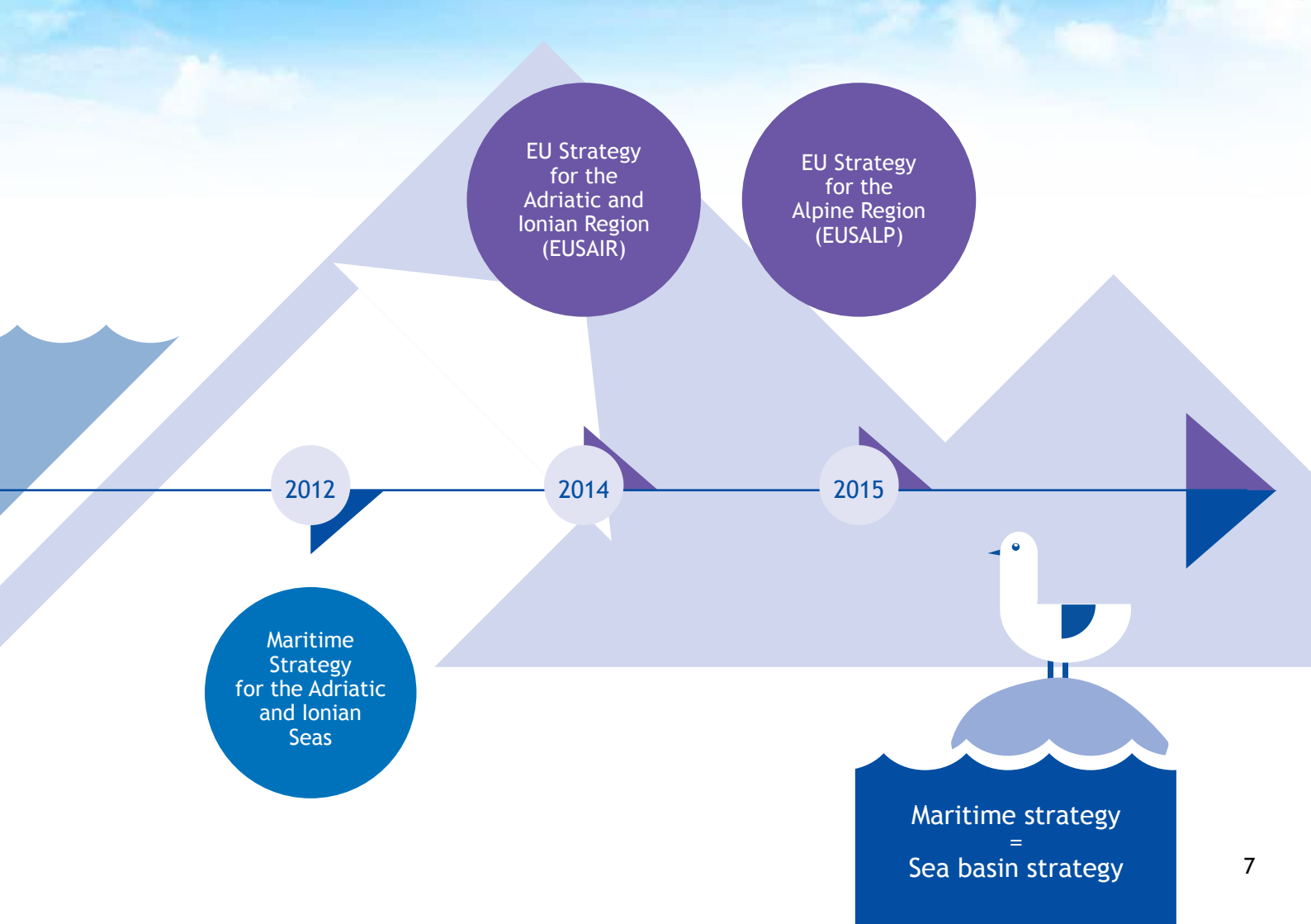


SEA BASINS:

- Adriatic and Ionian Seas
- Arctic Ocean
- Atlantic Ocean
- Baltic Sea
- Black Sea
- Mediterranean Sea
- North Sea







2012

Maritime Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Seas

2014

EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR)

EU Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP)

2015

Maritime strategy
=
Sea basin strategy

Since the first macro-regional strategy - EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region, was adopted in late 2009,

there has been a growing interest towards developing integrated frameworks for countries and regions

to address common challenges for a certain geographical area and maximise common assets



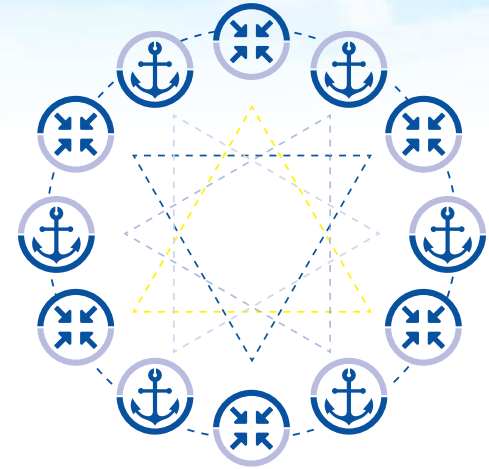


- ▶ The Maritime Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Seas developed into the EU Strategy for Adriatic and Ionian Region
- ▶ The macro-regional strategies, primarily the EUSBSR and the EUSAIR, are tools to deliver Blue Growth and maintain policy in the regions

It is recognised that **strategic approaches** towards developing macro-regional and sea basin strategies **can be further developed** if they **bring an added-value to coordinated action and policy implementation**

Similarities

- ▶ Place-based, relates to EU Member States and non-EU countries located in the same geographical area
- ▶ Focus on common issues, solutions and actions of strategic relevance providing genuine added-value for the entire Region
- ▶ Encourage strategic cooperation and coordination among policies, institutions and funding sources; cooperation is brought to a new dimension requiring new openings and approaches
- ▶ Implementation requires integrated approach establishing cross-sectoral cooperation and coordination mechanisms as well as multi-stakeholder dialogue
- ▶ Supported by all means of funding - EU, national, regional, private and international funds
- ▶ Regulatory framework for European Structural and Investment Funds for 2014-2020 places macro-regional and sea basin strategies into the legal framework of the EU



The following pages compile principles of macro-regional and sea basin strategies, inviting for your independent conclusions



**Definition in
Common
Provisions
Regulation (EU)
No 1303/2013**

An integrated framework endorsed by the European Council, which may be supported by the European Structural and Investment Funds among others, to address common challenges faced by a defined geographical area relating to Member States and countries located in the same geographical area which thereby benefit from strengthened cooperation contributing to achievement of economic, social and territorial cohesion

A structured framework of cooperation in relation to a given geographical area, developed by Union institutions, Member States, their regions and where appropriate third countries sharing a sea basin; a sea basin strategy takes into account the geographic, climatic, economic and political specificities of the sea basin



Overall objective

Addresses common challenges of a defined geographical area to achieve economic, social and territorial cohesion

Seeks to provide a more coherent approach to maritime issues, with increased coordination between different policy areas

Legal background

Integrated (inter-governmental) framework adopted by the European Commission (together with an Action Plan) and endorsed by the European Council

Structured framework adopted by the European Commission and endorsed by the European Council

For the implementation, an Action Plan is elaborated together with stakeholders and adoption by the College of Commissioners is needed





Initiative

Initiated by Member State/s or region/s and formally requested by the European Council to the European Commission

Initiated by European Commission at the request of the regions and/or Member States

Contribution to

Through coordinated efforts contributes towards achieving Europe 2020 Strategy targets

Through coordinated efforts contributes towards achieving Europe 2020 Strategy targets with specific focus to Blue Growth





Geography

Relates to the countries located in the same geographical area - land and marine

Sea basin strategies are more specific and thus marine- and maritime-centred while may have a spill-over benefits to the rest of the Member States territories

Guiding principles

No new EU legislation
No new EU institutions
No new EU funds

Principles like no new EU legislation, no new EU institutions, no new EU funds are followed

DG responsible at the European Commission

Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO)

http://ec.europa.eu/about/ds_en.htm
> Regional Policy (REGIO)

Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE)

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Governance

Coordination governance structure covering policy coordination and operational levels

Governance structure differs

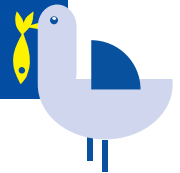
In 2014-2020 transnational cooperation programmes will ensure support mechanism to key stakeholders

Single High Level Group established represented by all EU Member States for advising, monitoring and reviewing all macro-regional strategies

No fixed set-up of governance structure, this may differ

An Assistance Mechanism is necessary to support communication, monitoring, stakeholder and project mobilisation

Steering Group established to ensure strategy coordination



Check for more information



European Commission > A-Z Index > Regional Policy > Cooperation > Macro-regional Strategies

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/cooperate/macro_region_strategy/index_en.cfm

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