

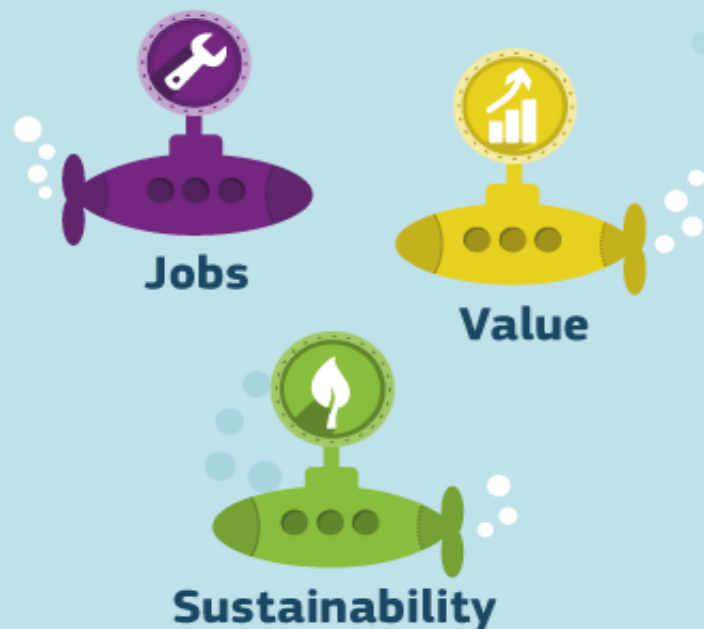


The Directive on Maritime Spatial Planning

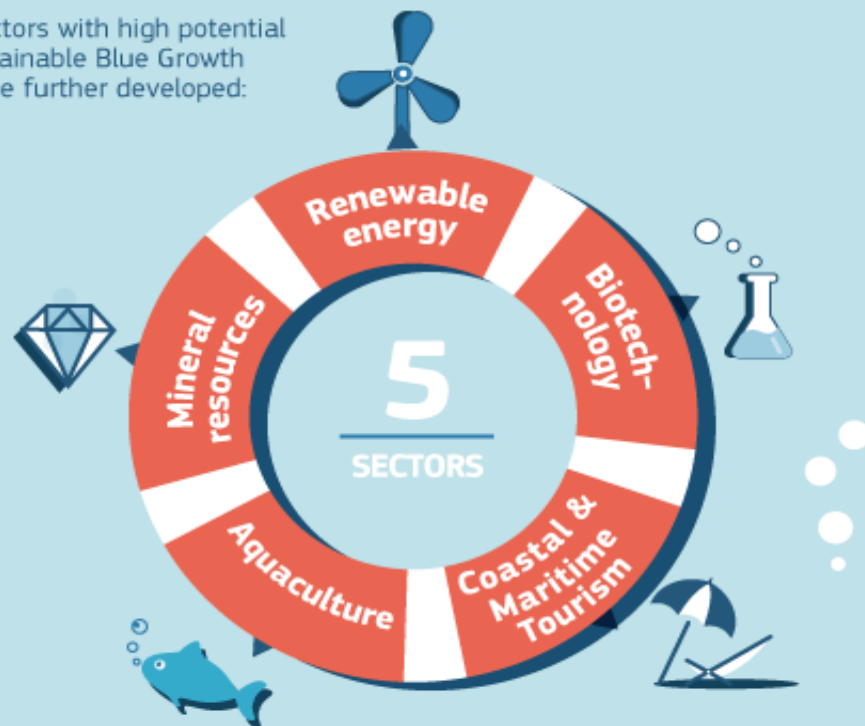
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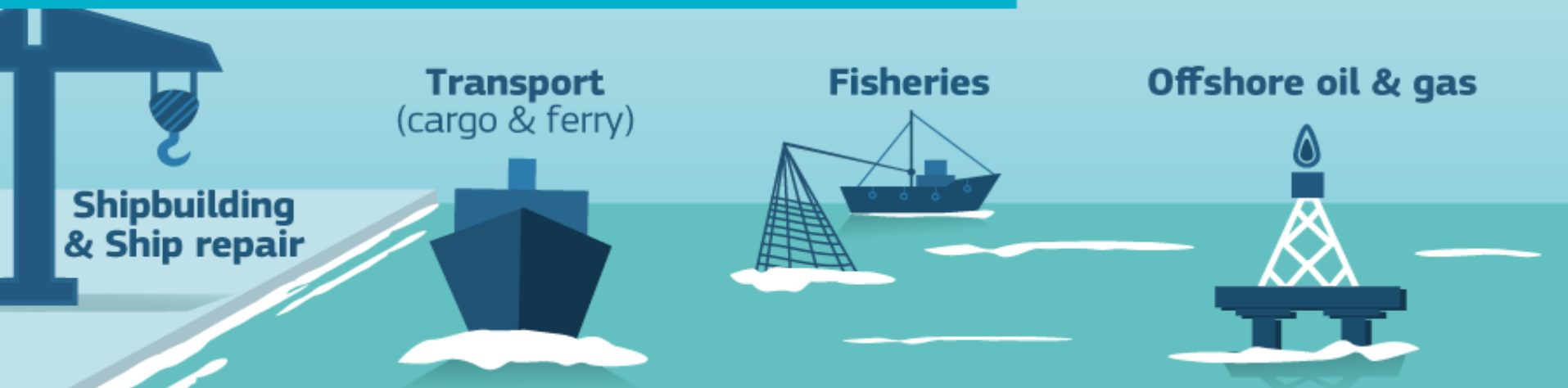
Blue Growth is the European Commission's initiative to further harness the potential of Europe's oceans, seas and coasts for:



Five sectors with high potential for sustainable Blue Growth are to be further developed:

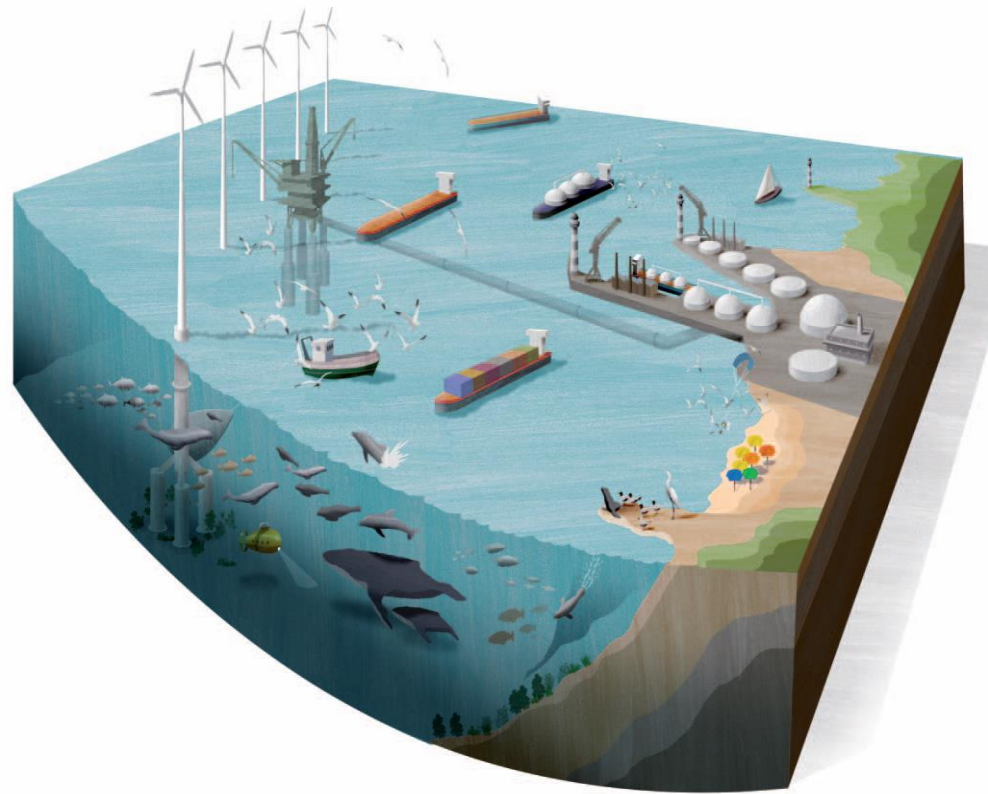


other **sectors of the blue economy** crucial for value & jobs



MSP: a driver for Blue Growth

- ✓ *Reduce conflicts on access to maritime space*
- ✓ *Reduce cumulative impact of maritime activities on the environment*
- ✓ *Improve certainty and predictability for private investments*
- ✓ *Reduce co-ordination costs for public authorities*



Obligations of the Directive

Set-up the plans

- Set up maritime spatial plans which identify the spatial and temporal distribution of existing and future activities, uses in the marine waters
- Set up Competent Authorities

Public participation

- Public information from an early stage and participation of relevant stakeholders, authorities, and public concerned

Objectives of Maritime Spatial Plans

1. Apply an **ecosystem-based approach**
2. Contribute to the preservation, protection and improvement of the **environment**
3. Contribute to the **sustainable development** of:
 - energy sectors at sea
 - maritime transport
 - fisheries and aquaculture
4. Member States can pursue **additional objectives** (*tourism, raw materials*)
5. Promote the **co-existence** of relevant activities and uses

MSP Directive Implementation Strategy

Objectives

- **Common understanding** between Member States and with the European Commission on the interpretation of certain articles;
- Develop **informal guiding and supporting documents** on key aspects of the Directive;
- Inform and **involve the public** and promote public awareness;
- Ensure support from MSP for the implementation of **sectoral policies** and foster application of **cross-cutting principles**;
- **Build capacity** in Member States for an effective implementation;

Cross-border cooperation

Cooperation between Member States

- Member States sharing a sea should cooperate to ensure that their MSP are coherent and coordinated
- Means of cooperation are left to Member States to decide.

Cooperation with third countries

- Cooperate with third countries on their actions with regard to maritime spatial planning (where geopolitically possible).



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EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region

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Pillar 1



Blue growth –
(coordinated by
Greece and
Montenegro)

Pillar 2



**Connecting the
Region –**
(coordinated by
Italy and Serbia)

Pillar 3



**Environmental
quality –**
(coordinated by
Slovenia and Bosnia
and Herzegovina)

Pillar 4



**Sustainable
tourism –**
(coordinated by
Croatia and
Albania)



EU areas
Other areas

500 Km

Maritime Affairs

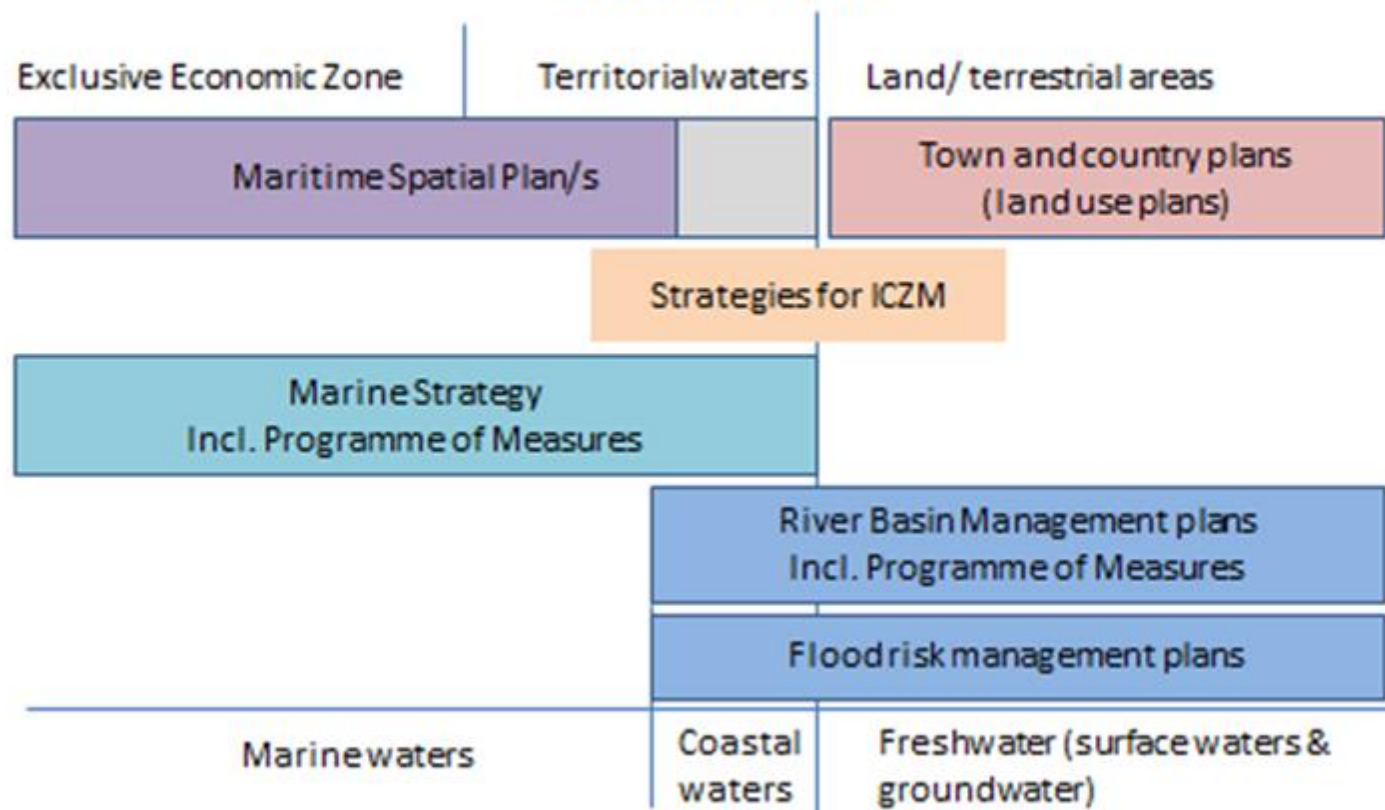


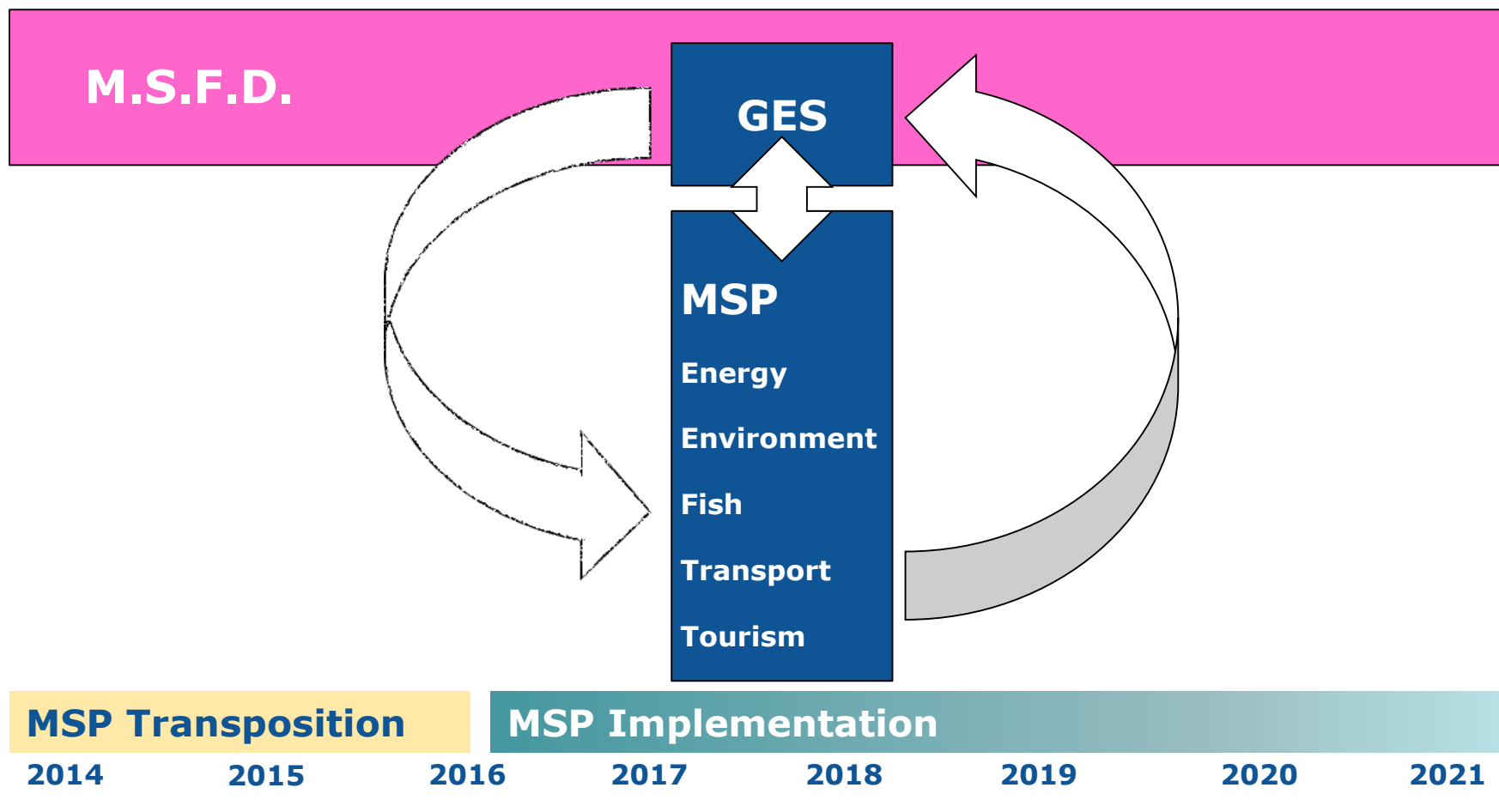
Areas of joint interest

More efficient & sustainable management of marine resources

- Ecosystem based approach
- "Land/sea interactions"
- Sound data for decision making
- Data exchange & management
- Engagement of stakeholders
- Cross-border cooperation

Planning documents in marine and sea areas





Thank you for your attention

More background information at:

http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/policy/maritime_spatial_planning/index_en.htm

