



Maritime Spatial Planning in the EU

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EU MSP Directive

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Funding MSP cross- border projects

Producing data, tools, methodologies



EU MSP Platform

Technical support, studies and workshops



MSP Expert Group

Exchanges of best practices in the EU



International MSP

Best international practices, transboundary pilot projects, international workshops



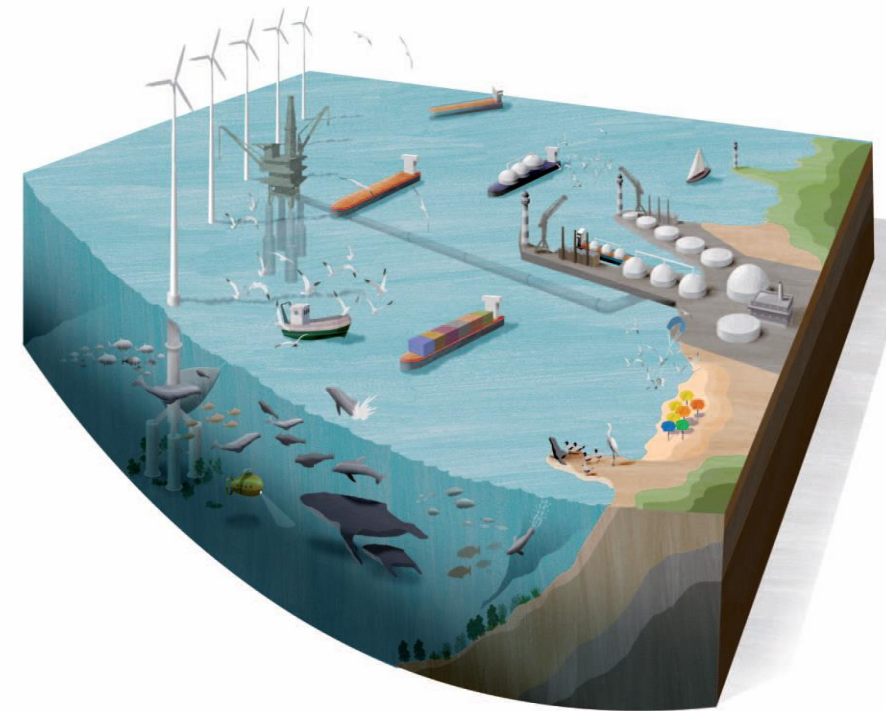


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Framework legislation (EU Directive) adopted in 2014

1. Apply the **ecosystem-based approach**
2. Contribute to the **preservation, protection and improvement of the environment**
3. Contribute to the **sustainable development** of maritime sectors
4. Take into account **land-sea interactions**
5. Use best available **data**
6. Countries **sharing a sea should cooperate** to ensure that their MSP are coherent and coordinated

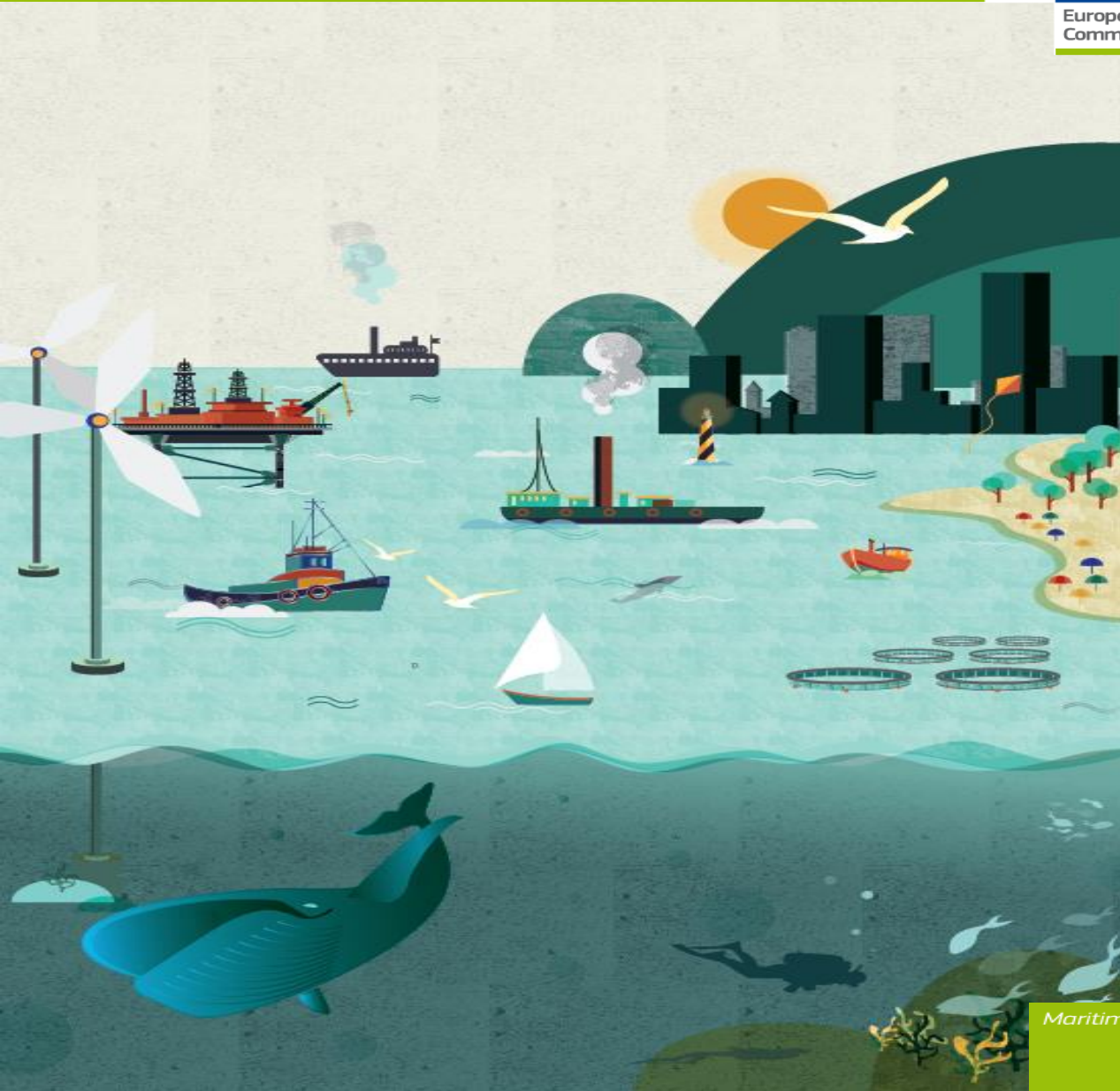




MSPD/MSFD policy interlinkages

- **Art. 13 of MSFD** : Member States must ensure that all activities “**enable the integrity, structure and functioning of ecosystems to be maintained** or, where appropriate, restored”
- **Annex 6 of MSFD (PoM)**
 - **Input controls**: measures that influence the amount of a human activity
 - **Spatial (and temporal) distribution controls**: measures that influence where and when an activity is allowed to occur.
 - **Management coordination measures**

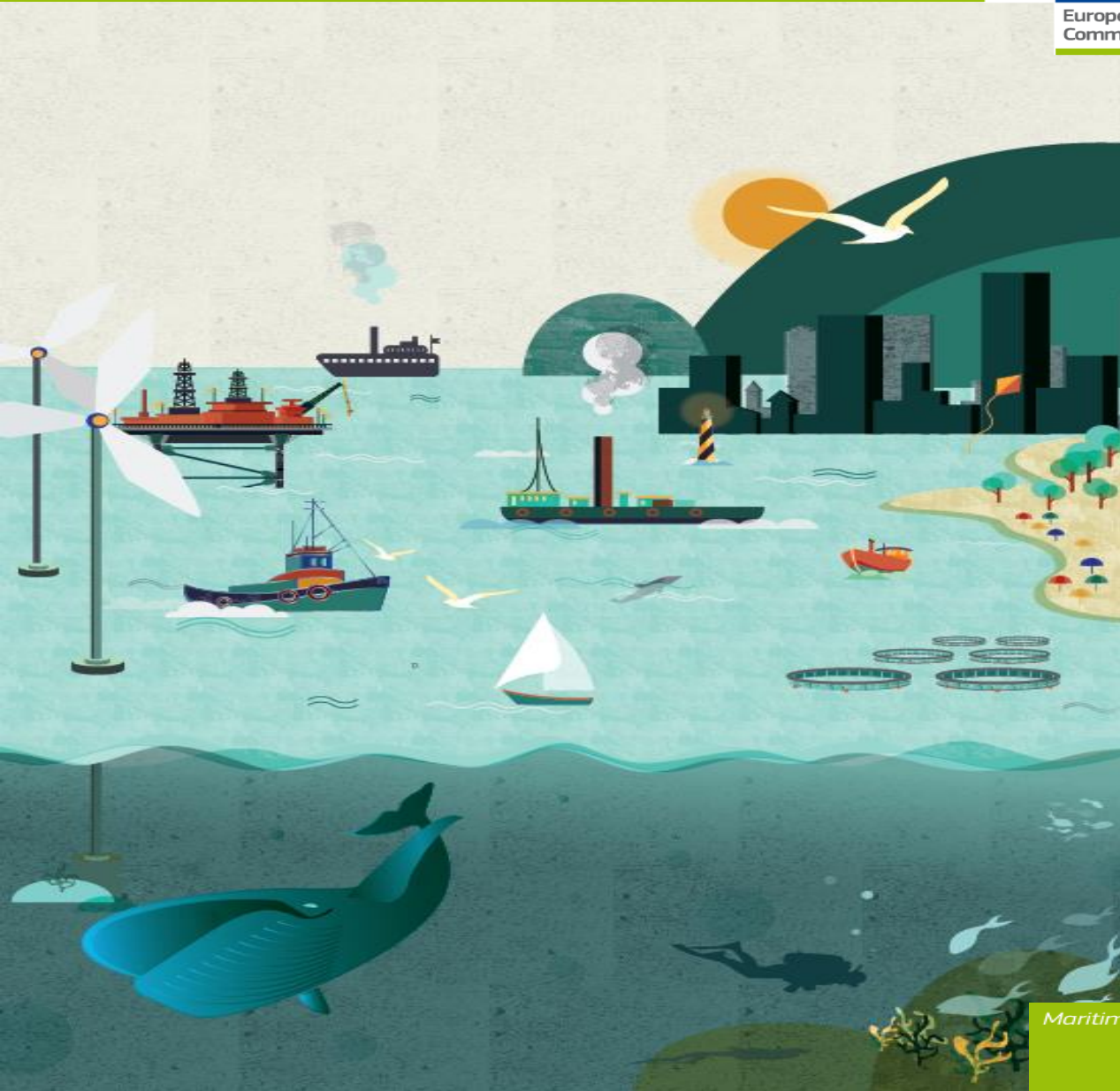
MSPD= Maritime Spatial Planning Directive
MSFD= Marine Strategy Framework Directive
WFD= Water Framework Directive
PoM= Programme of measures





MSPD/MSFD/WFD policy interlinkages

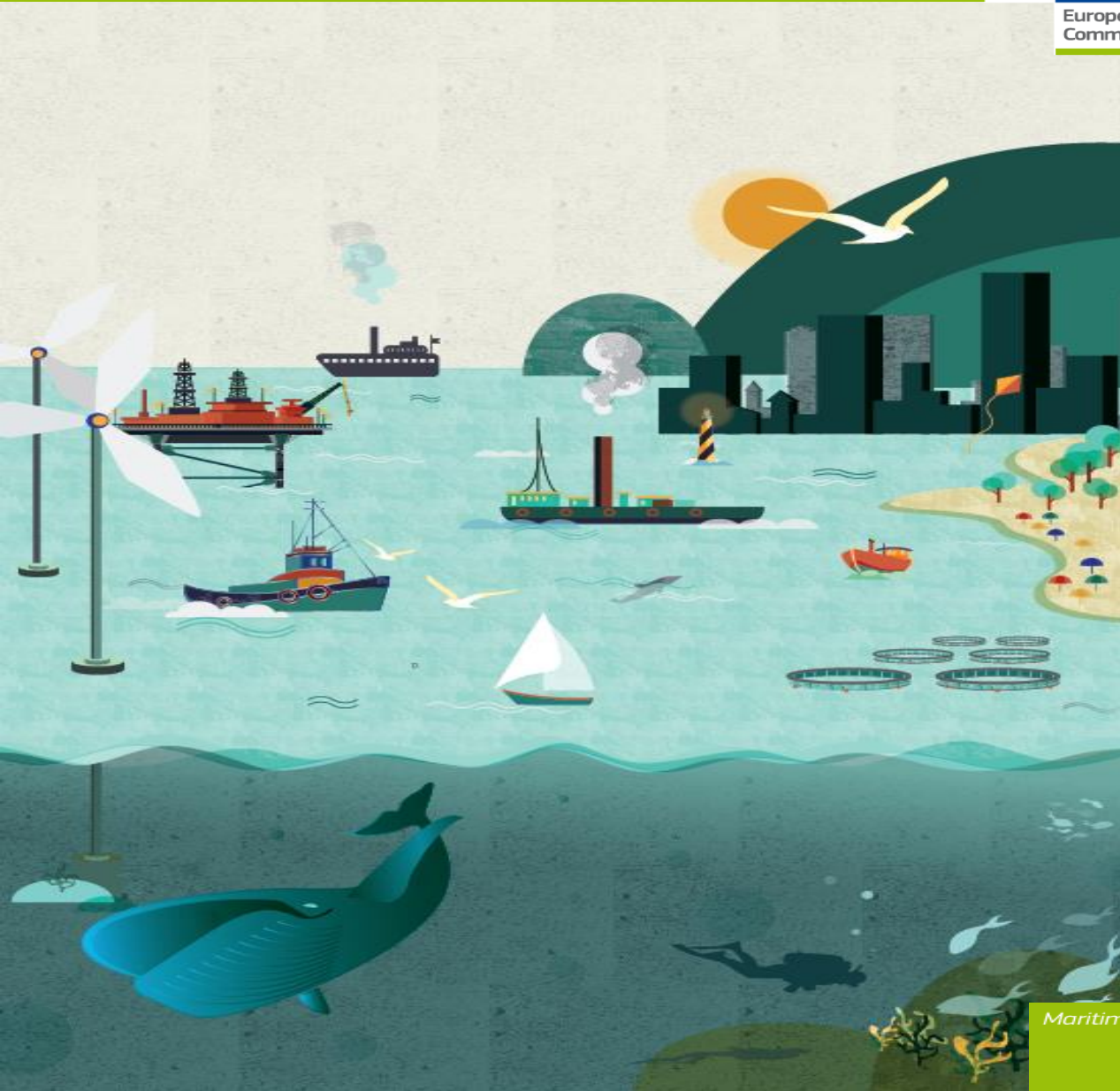
- Common objective = **GES**
- Criteria for **GES** (Decision 2010/477/EU):
Assessment of the scale, distribution and intensity of pressures + mapping:
 - *allows the identification of **areas where marine ecosystems have or may be adversely affected***
 - *facilitates the development of **specific tools that can support an ecosystem-based approach** to the management of human activities required to achieve good environmental status*





Other relevant legislations for EBA and MSP

- **Water Framework Directive**
- **Common Fisheries Policy**
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive
- Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive
- Birds and Habitats Directives
- INSPIRE Directive (Infrastructure for Spatial Information in the European Community) → EMODnet
- New Biodiversity Strategy
- Offshore Renewable Energy Strategy



Some common tools for EBA

- *Sensitivity/pressure maps*
- *Sensitivity matrix and scores (each ecosystem components vs individual pressure)*
- *Ecosystem services assessment*
- *Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA)*
- *Scenario analysis - modelling*
- *EMODnet*



More background information at:

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

<http://msp-platform.eu/>

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Additional info on international MSP



EU is leading on
MSP

46% of all MSP
initiatives
worldwide take
place in EU waters
+ a common
legislation for 23
countries



Conference Conclusions: adoption of a joint roadmap

**Joint Roadmap
to accelerate Maritime/Marine Spatial Planning processes worldwide
(MSP)**

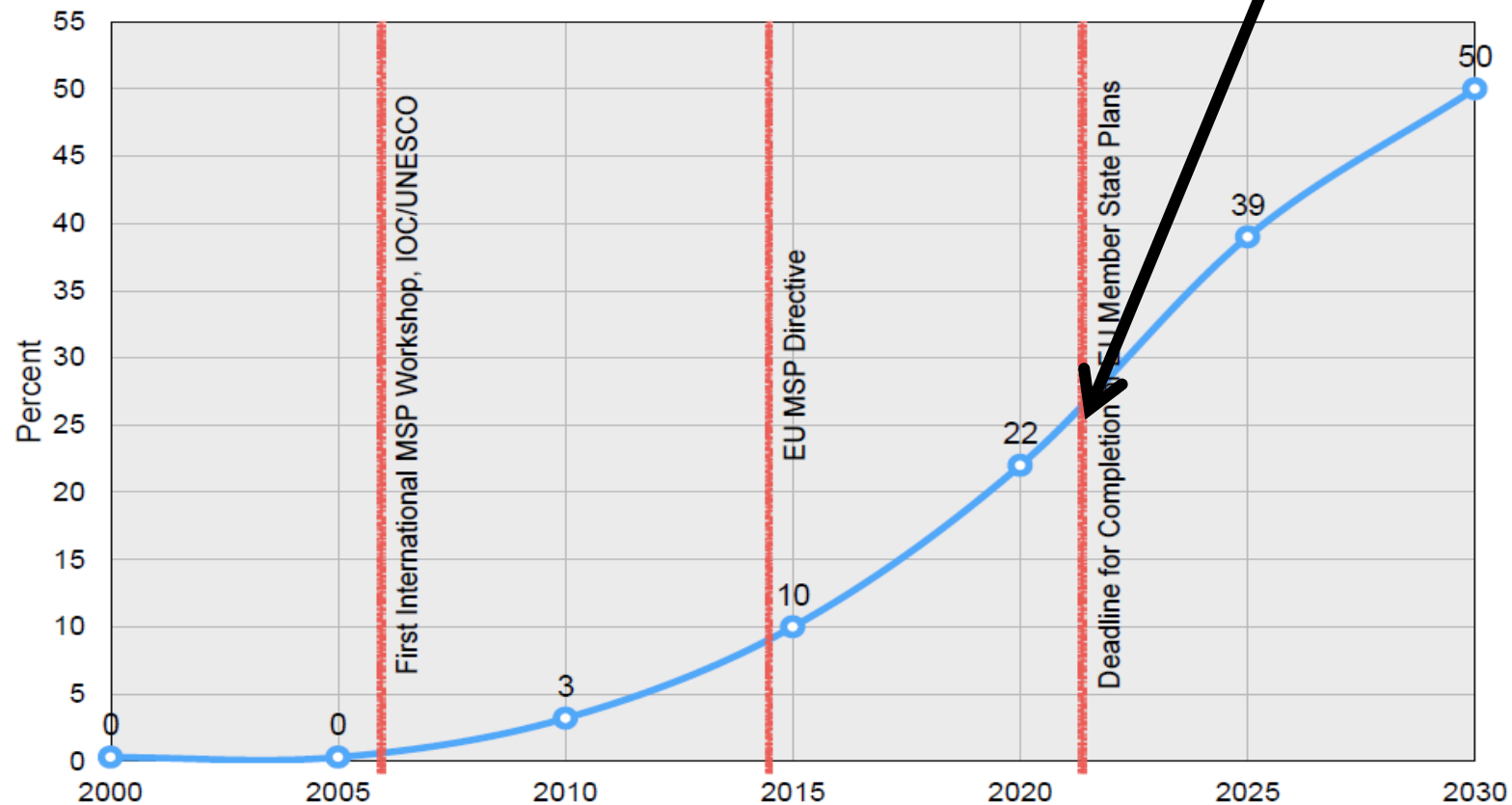


The way ahead...



...for the EU

Percent of Surface Area of World's Exclusive Economic Zones Covered by Approved Marine Spatial Plans



Note: Surface Area of the World's EEZs is ≈ 140 million km²

Maritime Affairs

From C. Ehler's presentation at MSP2017 (Paris, March 2017)