



EU policy on Coastal Management

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Coastal Challenges

- Densely populated
 - ⇒ 200 mio EU citizens live in coastal areas
 - ⇒ Coastal areas in the Mediterranean among the most densely populated
- Increasing and uncoordinated use of coastal and maritime areas
 - ⇒ shipping, aquaculture, fishing, off shore wind energy, pipeline routes, tourism, infrastructure works, etc
- Increasing pressures on coastal & marine resources
 - ⇒ Only 8% of coastal habitats and 11% of coastal species in favourable condition
- Extremely vulnerable to climate change impacts
 - ⇒ Increased frequency of floods, storms, droughts, heat waves
 - ⇒ Sea level rise, erosion, salt water intrusion
 - 13 million people threatened with displacement if sea level rises by 1 metre
 - Coastal erosion is the main driver of observed losses of biodiversity



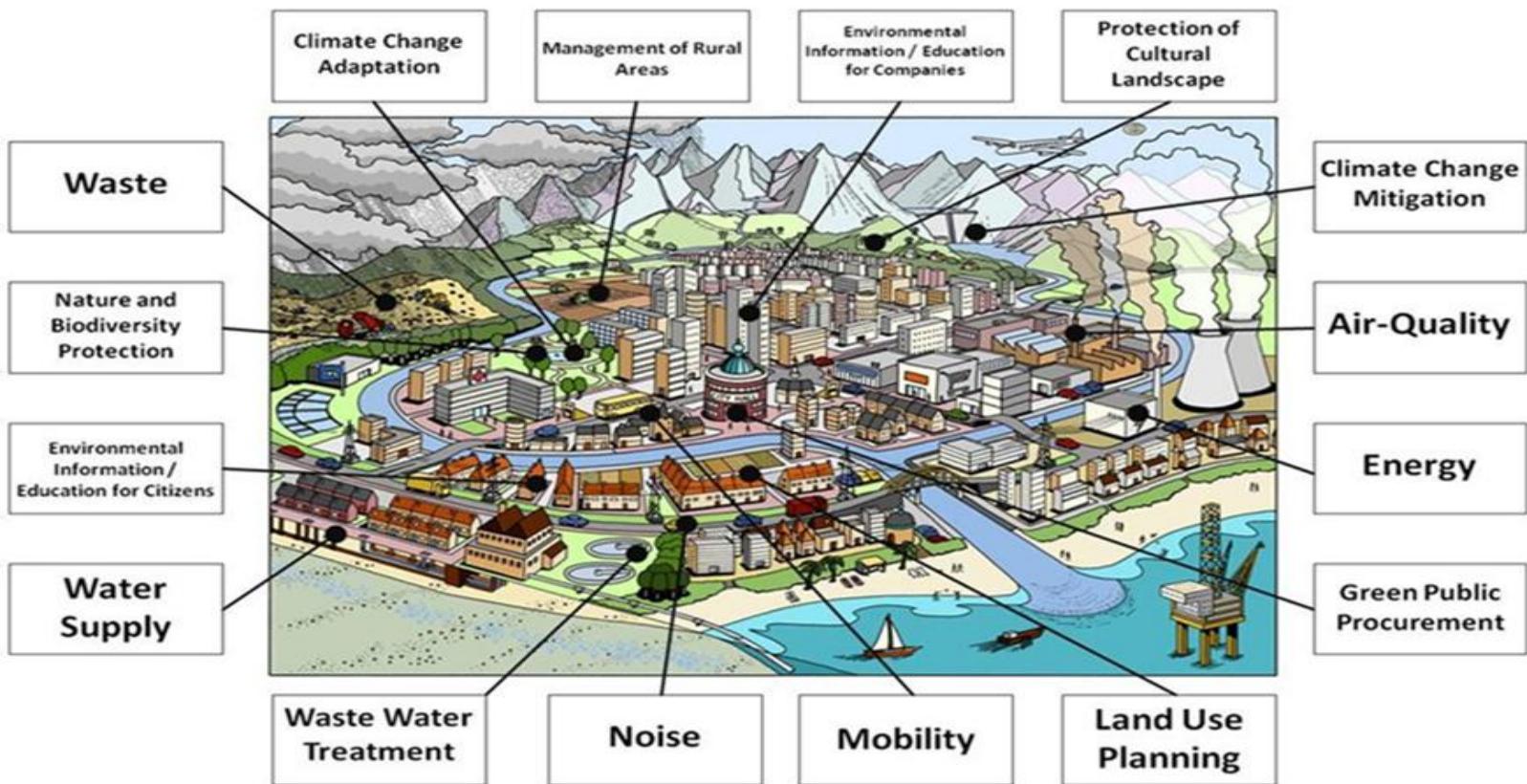
EU policy framework Integrated Coastal Management

- 2000: Commission Communication "Integrated Coastal Zone Management for Europe" (COM/2000/547)
- 2002: Recommendation for the EP and Council on implementation of Integrated Coastal Zone Management (2002/413/EC)
 - Defines the 8 key principles
 - Promotes a strategic integrated approach across sectors and governance levels
- 2008: Protocol on Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Mediterranean under the Barcelona Convention
 - Builds further on the principles of the Recommendation
 - Ratified by the EU and binding to Mediterranean States
- 6th Environmental Action Programme (2002-2012):
 - confirmed coastal zone as priority action
- 7th (proposed) Environmental Action Programme (to 2020)
 - Exploitation of maritime activities must be compatible with sustainable management of marine and coastal ecosystems
- 2013: Commission initiative on Integrated Coastal Management and Maritime Spatial Planning



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Integrated Coastal Management (ICM)

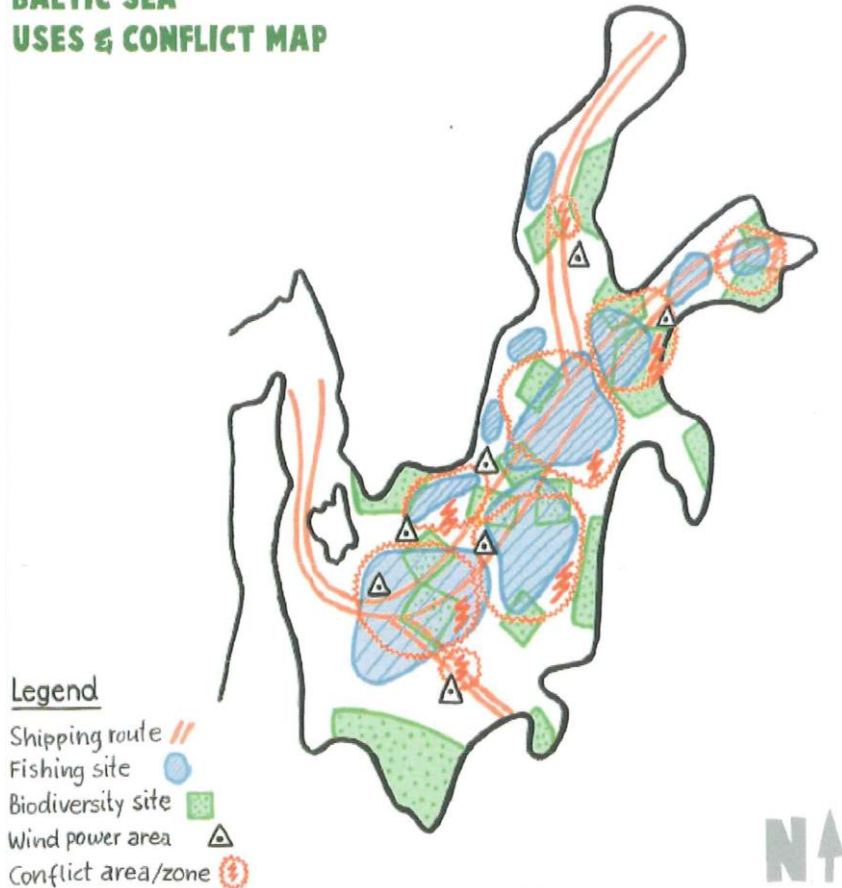




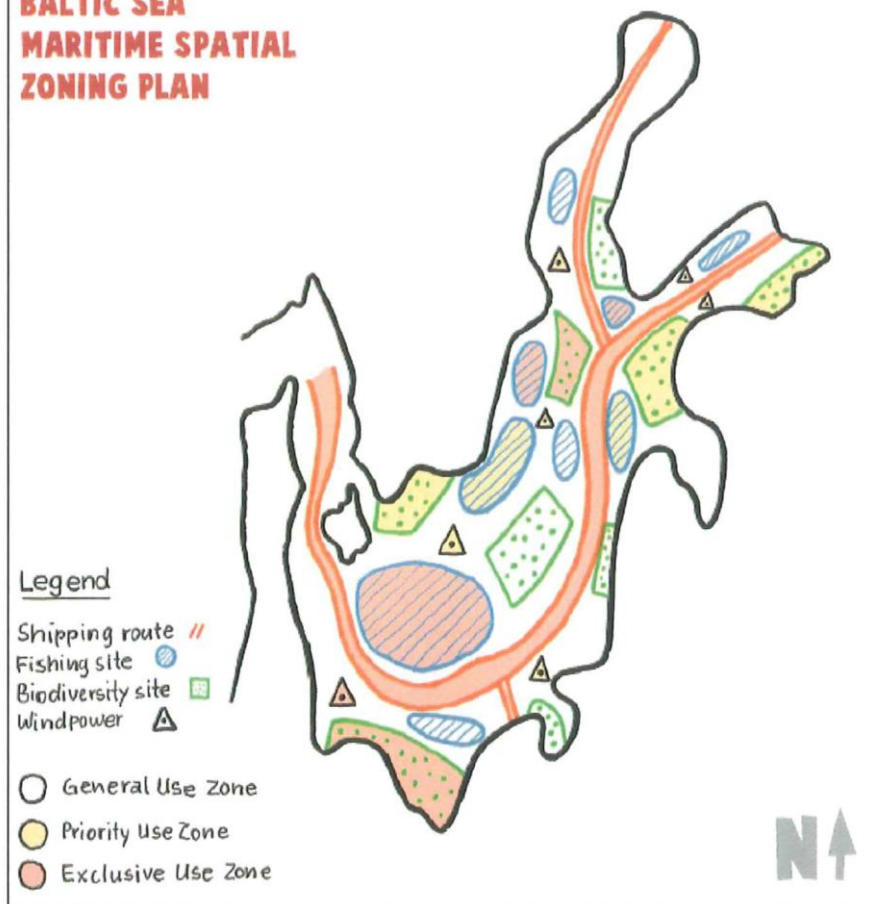
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Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP)

**BALTIC SEA
USES & CONFLICT MAP**



**BALTIC SEA
MARITIME SPATIAL
ZONING PLAN**





Commission Proposal

- Directive establishing a Framework for MSP and ICM
 - Grounds for the proposal
 - Increasing and uncoordinated use of coastal and maritime areas
 - Multiple increasing pressures on coastal and marine resources
 - Aim of the proposal
 - To establish a framework for MSP and ICM that promotes:
 - The sustainable growth of maritime and coastal economies and
 - The sustainable use of marine and coastal resources
- => It will help to achieve the objectives of the IMP (blue growth) and of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (the env pillar of the IMP) and several related EU policies.

What will MS have to do?

- Key obligations:
 - Develop and implement maritime spatial plans and coastal management strategies
 - Mutually coordinate or integrate plans and strategies to ensure land-sea connectivity
 - Cooperate with MS and third countries to ensure coherent approaches accross sea-basins
 - Appropriate consultation of stakeholders
- ⇒ All obligations are of procedural nature

Next steps

⇒ Consideration of the proposal in the Council of the EU and European Parliament

Info: <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/iczm/home.htm>
http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/policy/maritime_spatial_planning/index_en.htm



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