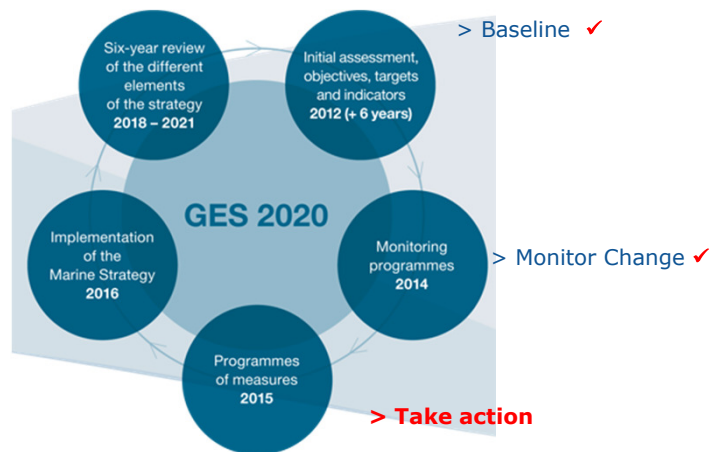




Marine Strategy Framework Directive



The First Phase of the MSFD

Member States had to report on:

The final objective
Good Environmental Status

How to get there:
Targets

Point of departure
initial assessment:

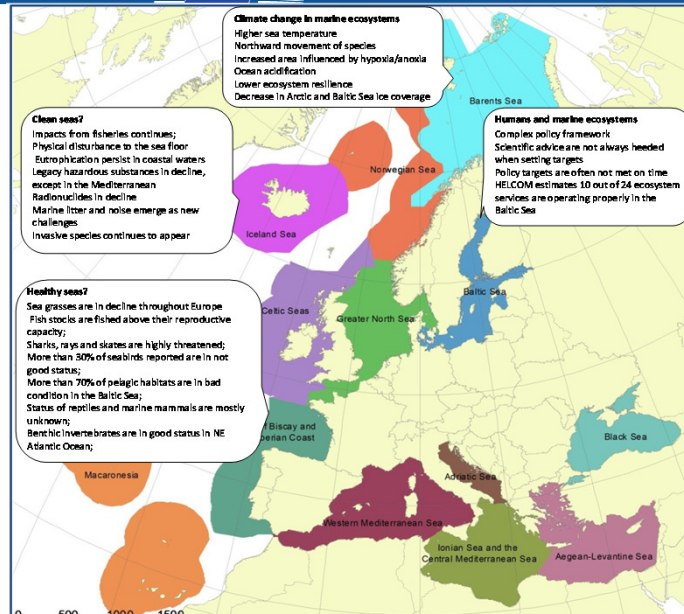
Commission must assess and give guidance ✓



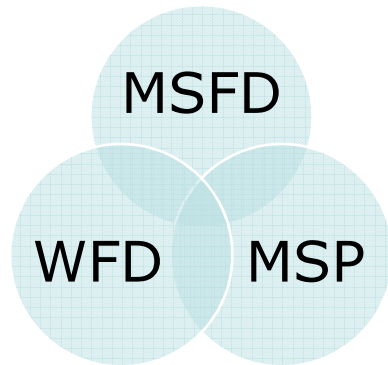
Results of the assessment

- Very comprehensive: the first time so much information is gathered on marine environment at EU level
- Public consultations and dialogue with stakeholders – could do better
- Better policy integration (Water Framework Directive, Habitats Directive, CFP could be better taken into account in marine policies...)
- **More cooperation in Regional Sea Conventions**

Marine waters
not in
Good
Environmental
Status



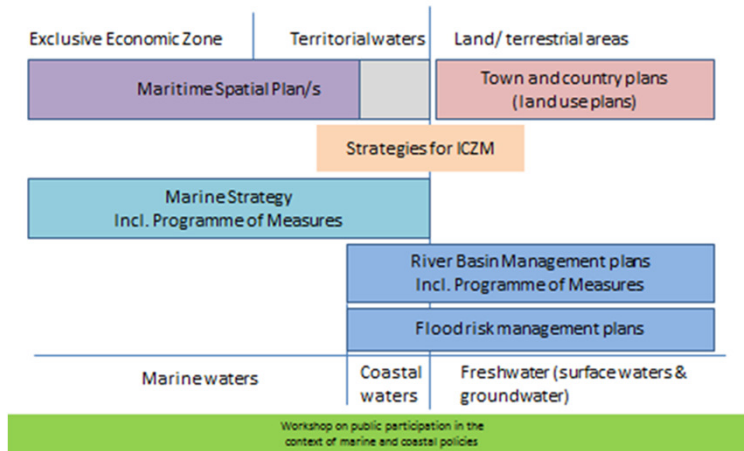
Areas of joint interest



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





Articles

MSFD

Art. 8 Assessment

Initial assessment of marine waters, using **existing data** where available

Art. 9 Determine GES

MS shall determine a set of characteristics for GES on the basis of Annex I descriptors

Art. 10 Establish envt. targets

Comprehensive set of environmental targets & associated indicators for their marine waters to guide progress towards achieving GES

Art. 11 Monitoring programmes

Ongoing assessment of environmental status

Art. 13 Programmes of Measures

Measures to be taken to achieve or maintain GES: due consideration to sustainable devt. & social & economic impacts; cost-effective and technically feasible; **spatial planning measures**

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Art. 10 Data use & sharing

1. Member States shall organise the use of the **best available data**, and decide how to organise the sharing of information, necessary for maritime spatial plans.

2. The data referred to in paragraph 1 may include, *inter alia*:

- a) environmental, social and economic data collected in accordance with Union legislation pertaining to the activities referred to in Article 8;
- b) marine physical data about marine waters.

3. When implementing paragraph 1, Member States shall make use of **relevant instruments and tools**, including those already available under the IMP, and under other relevant Union policies, such as those mentioned in Directive 2007/2/EC.



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Art. 19 Public consultation & information

1. In accordance with relevant Community legislation, Member States shall ensure that **all interested parties** are given early and effective opportunities to participate in the implementation of this Directive, involving, where possible, existing management bodies or structures, including Regional Sea Conventions, Scientific Advisory Bodies and Regional Advisory Councils.

2. MS shall publish and make available to the public for comment, summaries of the following elements of their marine strategies, or the related updates as follows:

- Initial assessments and the determination of Good Environmental Status
- Environmental targets (Art. 10)
- Monitoring programmes (Art. 11)
- Programmes of measures (Art. 13)

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Art. 9 Public participation

1. Member States shall establish means of public participation by informing **all interested parties** and by consulting the relevant stakeholders and authorities, and the public concerned, at an early stage in the development of maritime spatial plans, in accordance with relevant provisions established in Union legislation.

2. Member States shall also ensure that the relevant stakeholders and authorities, and the public concerned, have access to the plans once they are finalised.



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Art. 6 Regional cooperation

1. In order to achieve the coordination referred to in Article 5(2), Member States shall, where practical and appropriate, use existing regional institutional cooperation structures, including those under Regional Sea Conventions, covering that marine region or subregion.

2. For the purpose of establishing and implementing marine strategies, Member States shall, within each marine region or subregion, make every effort, using relevant international forums, including mechanisms and structures of Regional Sea Conventions, to coordinate their actions with third countries having sovereignty or jurisdiction over waters in the same marine region or subregion.

In that context, Member States shall, as far as possible, build upon relevant existing programmes and activities developed in the framework of structures stemming from international agreements such as Regional Sea Conventions.

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Art. 11 Cooperation among MS

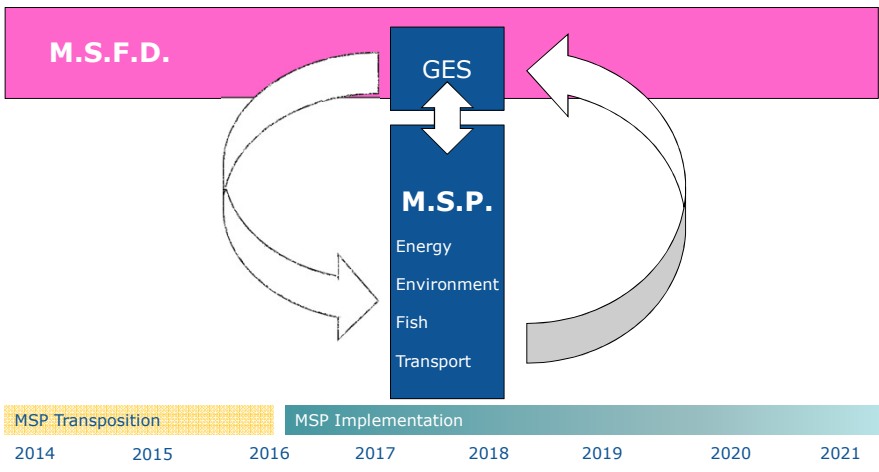
1. As part of the planning and management process, Member States bordering marine waters shall cooperate with the aim of ensuring that maritime spatial plans are coherent and coordinated across the marine region concerned. Such cooperation shall take into account, in particular, issues of a transnational nature.

2. The cooperation referred to in para. 1 shall be pursued through:

- a) existing regional institutional cooperation structures such as RSCs; and/or
- b) networks or structures of Member States' competent authorities

Art. 12 Cooperation with third countries

MS shall endeavour, where possible, to cooperate with third countries on their actions with regard to maritime spatial planning in the relevant marine regions and in accordance with international law and conventions, such as by using existing international fora or regional institutional cooperation.



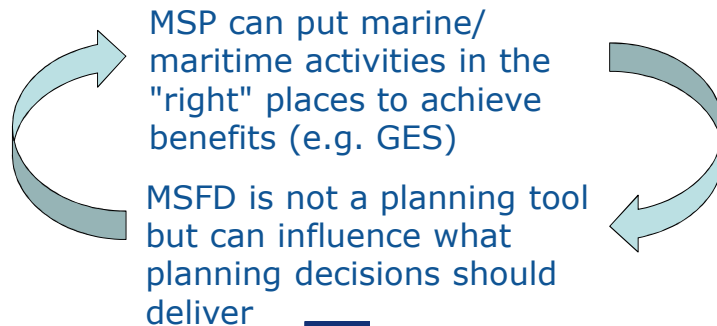
Interlinkages

MSFD is framework legislation

- MSP Directive is too but for a very specific point

MSP can deliver GES

- Planning is not the same as management



MSP plans cannot be counter-productive

Internal and external system of checks & balances between both Directives (and others)

- Tensions between policy developments and new ideas for uses of marine resources, **BUT...**
- MSP plans will be illegal if they allow things to happen that adversely affect GES

With limited MS resources to deliver all that the EU requests of them, best use of those resources is to see where synergies lie between deliverables:

- Draft MSP plans so they deliver GES as well as balancing uses made of marine resources
- Undertake public participation and stakeholder engagement to explain linkages between policies



Country	Art. 26 Transposition	Art. 7 Competent Authorities	Art. 8 Initial assessment	Art. 11 Monitoring programmes
DE				
DK				
SE				
FI				
EE				
LV				
LT				
PL				



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4 Directives & a Recommendation

