



EU STRATEGIES IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE INTEGRATED MARITIME POLICY

What IMP stands for?

The objective of the EU Integrated Maritime Policy is to support sustainable use of seas and oceans and to develop *coordinated, coherent and transparent* decision making in relation to the policies affecting the oceans, seas, islands, coastal and outermost regions and maritime sectors

Which are the maritime sectors?

- Fisheries
- Aquaculture (food and non-food)
- Shipping
- Shipbuilding
- Dredging
- **Coastal tourism**
- **Yachting**
- **Cruising**
- Ports
- **Maritime monitoring and surveillance**
- **Seabed mining**
- Oil and gas
- **Offshore wind and non-wind energy**
- **Blue biotechnologies**

*5,6 mio employed in maritime economy, 88 mio employed in coastal regions, 205 mio Europeans living in these regions.

Main problems at seas

- Marine spaces are «shrinking»: fishing, sea farming, maritime transport routes, installation for the production of renewable and extraction of energy, oil and gas, submarine cables, pipeline routes and nature conservation sites;
- Increase of environmental concerns (pollution, erosion, climate change, loss of biodiversity...);
- Need to ensure safety at sea for people (workers and citizens) and security against illegal activities;
- Overlapping of policies and authorities.

Which are the specific tools of the IMP to counter these problems?

- **Maritime Spatial Planning:** a physical plan of a geographical area which identifies the actual and potential spatial and temporal apportionment and distribution of all relevant sea uses
- ***and* Integrated Coastal Zones Management** (Rec. 2002/413/EU): an integrated programme for a sustainable use, development and conservation of coastal zones and its resources;
- **Marine Knowledge 2020** (observation of sea and oceans, assembly of data, their analyse, and their use for smart sustainable growth);
- **Common Information Sharing Environment (CISE)** for the surveillance on the EU maritime domain;
 - Pilot projects: - Marsuno (24 civilian and military authorities from 10 Member States);
- Bluemassmed (32 civilian and military authorities from FR, SP, PT, ML, GR, IT);
- **Other initiatives** aimed at enhancing infrastructures, safety and training (eg: Cooperation with IMO and EIB in particular in the Mediterranean Sea).

IMP main goals

a sea of opportunities

- => 1. Cut costs for investments and improve efficiency: MSP, Knowledge (EU costs on sea and ocean data gathering and monitoring = 1 Billion€ public bodies + 3 Billion€ private), CISE;
- => 2. Create growth and employment: the «Blue Growth», an initiative about investing in maritime Europe, focusing in particular to the emerging, promising sectors. A contribution to EU 2020 Strategy.

A specific study available soon.

Financial support

- 2011-2013: Reg. (EU) No 1255/2011 establishing a Programme to support the further development of an Integrated Maritime Policy (40Mio€)
- Eligible operations (Art.4):
 - Projects, studies, research, education, training;
 - Public information and sharing of best practices;
 - Conferences, workshops, stakeholders fora;
 - Access to public data, networks.
- 2014-2020: Proposal for the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (COM(2011)804)
Eligible operations (Art.82):
 - Decentralised system for exchange of information in the maritime domain;
 - MSP and ICZM;
 - European Marine Observation and Data Network (EMODnet).

The Adriatic region

- ✓ Several initiatives are already ongoing (in the context of EU enlargement);
- IMP promotes an approach by sea basins/macro-regions (good experience: Baltic Sea strategy (COM(2009)248);
- Maritime Strategy for **Adriatic and Ionian** sea-basins with the participation of Italy, Greece, Slovenia, Croatia (1.7.2013), Montenegro, Serbia (cc), Bosnia Herzegovina, Albania (pcc);
- Objectives: coordinate existing policies (fisheries, environment, maritime transport, tourism, safety...) and instruments; use EU funds in a more efficient way; identify common priorities and promote new initiatives;
- Consultation process: workshops: Athens (14.2.2012), Trieste (12-13.6), Slovenia;
- EC role: supports States in organising cooperation as a neutral broker (save where EU has exclusive competence);
- Target: A communication followed by an Action Plan (with a leading country for each of the priority actions)

Next steps

- Now we are celebrating the 5th EMD (Gothenburg-Trieste, on sustainable growth from oceans, seas and coasts: the Blue Growth);
- Coming soon: *Proposal for a Directive on MSP and ICZM*;
- September 2012: *Communication on Blue Growth*;
- October 2012: *Ministerial conference in Limassol (Cyprus) which will issue a declaration on the importance of the maritime activities*;
- November 2012: *Communication on the Adriatic-Ionian Maritime strategy*;
- 2013: *White paper on CISE*;
- 2013: ***Action plan for the Adriatic-Ionian sea basins.***

Thank you for your attention
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