



NorthSEE Project presentation

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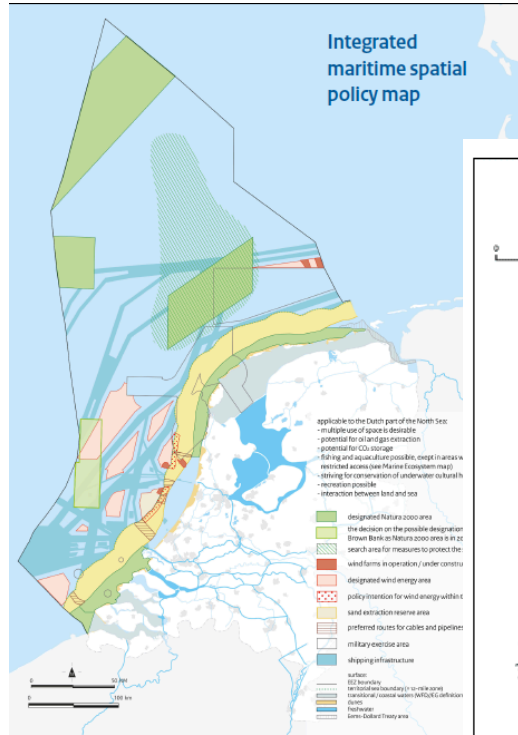
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Maritime Spatial Planning

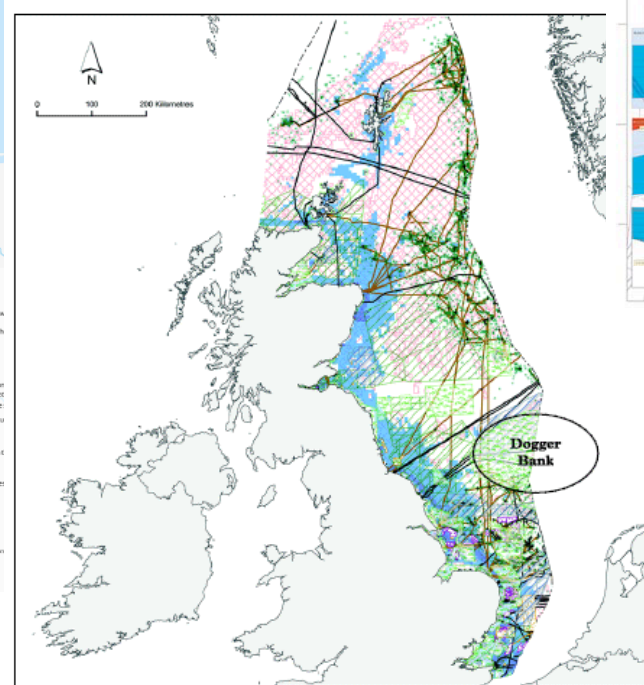
- What is Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP)?
 - Human activities at sea are increasing and causing (potential) conflicts.
 - MSP is able to strategically plan when and where human activities take place at sea.
 - Create sustainable solutions (economy, social, ecology).
- MSP Directive 2014/89/EU of
 - Free to plan own maritime activities, local, regional and national planning.
 - Set of minimum common requirements.

MSP Examples

The Netherlands



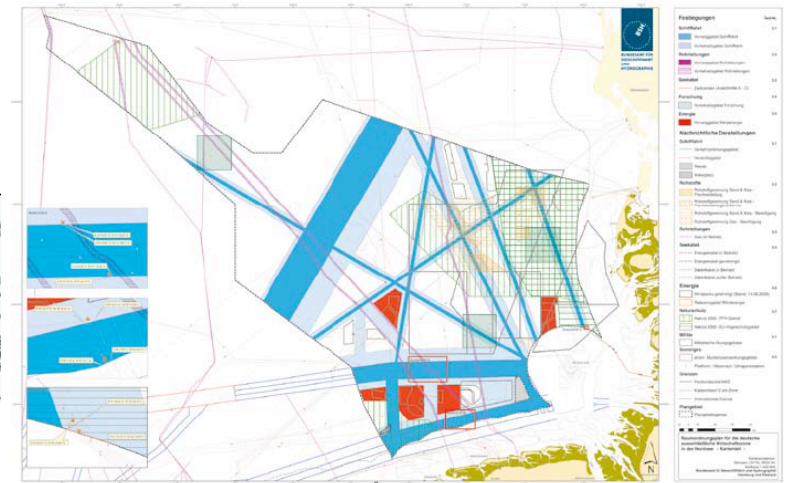
United Kingdom



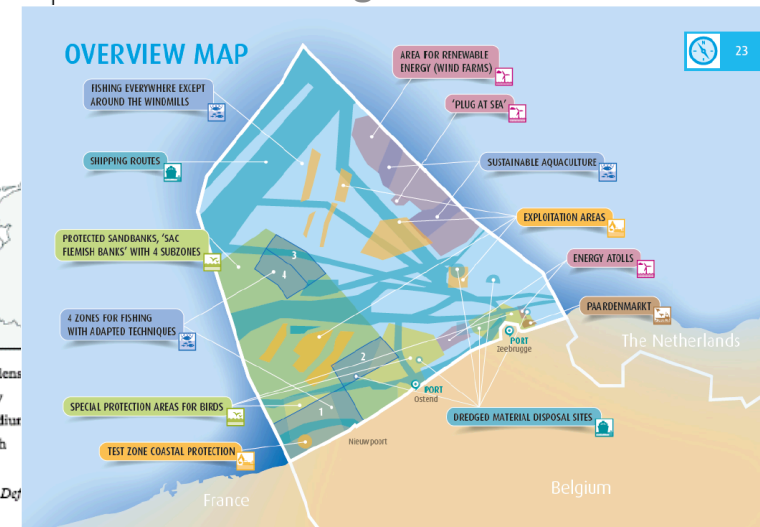
- Platforms
- Well heads
- Wind turbines
- Cables
- Pipelines
- Licenced dredging
- Licenced dumping
- Disposal sites
- Marine Protected Areas
- Military use
- Wind farm areas
- Fishing grounds
- Shipping dens
- Low
- Medium
- High

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Germany



Belgium



However...

- Countries are using own planning methods and processes.
- Exchange of different approaches for improving national MSP processes.
- Improve mutual understanding of different national MSP systems.

Country	Authorities	Maritime Spatial Plans
Belgium	N	N
Denmark	N	-
Germany	N S S S	N S S S
Netherlands	N	N
Sweden	N S >80	N N N
United Kingdom	-	-

N = National Authority

N = Adopted National MSP

S = Adopted Sub-national MSP

S = Sub-national Authority

N = National MSP in preparation

S = Sub-national MSP in preparation

Project objectives

Create conditions for achieving greater coherence in:

- Maritime Spatial Planning AND
- Maritime Spatial Plans across the NSR

Thereby help to

- Create better conditions for development of maritime sectors
- Ensure that marine resources are used sustainably



But really about...

Share experiences / perspectives from

- Other colleagues of other NSR countries
- Sector stakeholders
- Research
- Other projects

Compare / analyse / understand

- Where can you find inspiration for your own MSP work ?
- What should you take into account in your own MSP work ?
- What has to be aligned on transnational basis ?
- What can be left as it is ?



Project activities

Sectoral work packages

Focus on three main transnational issues relevant for MSP

- Shipping
- Energy
- Environment



Integrated MSP work package

Focus on coordination and coherence among national Maritime Spatial Plans and planning processes.

Step 1: Analyse status quo

Step 2: Analyse trends

Step 3: Develop solutions

MSP Challenge

A computer simulation game on MSP is used as a method to learn from each other and gather stakeholders input



Result: Improved coordination

The 3 step approach will lead to:

- Recommendations for MSP planning processes
- Suggestions for creating synergies and preventing incompatibilities among national MSP plan (content)









Infoquarium

Online platform for sharing information on MSP in the North Sea Region

Who are the partners?

National authorities

-  Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency
-  Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment
-  Ministry of Transport
-  Scottish Government
-  Ministry of Climate and Environment
-  Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management

Other partners

-  Norwegian Environment Agency
-  Institute of Marine Research
-  Aalborg University
-  University of Oldenburg
-  World Maritime University
-  Breda University of Applied Sciences
-  Province of North-Holland

MSP Challenge

- Innovative simulation tool
- Scenario building (future trends and solutions)
- Stakeholder involvement
- Capacity building for MSP among sectors



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Maritime Spatial Planning in the North Sea Region

- The North Sea Region (NSR) is one of the busiest areas for shipping and exploitation of natural resources (oil, gas, wind, etc.) in the world, and contains unique natural reserves.
- The countries around the NSR are frontrunners when it comes to Maritime Spatial Planning. Most of them have implemented or are developing national Maritime Spatial Plans to promote sustainable development of the sea within their national boundaries.
- Relevant authorities have used their own planning methods and processes to develop these plans. Exchange of the different approaches can serve as a source of inspiration for improving national MSP processes. Furthermore exchange can improve mutual understanding of the different national MSP systems and hence facilitate coordination.
- Given that the North Sea is a transnational area, coordination among national Maritime Spatial Plans is useful to capture synergies and to prevent incompatibilities concerning shipping routes, energy infrastructure and environmental protection.

Objectives

The NorthSEE project aims to achieve:

- Greater coherence in Maritime Spatial Planning (processes) and in Maritime Spatial Plans (capturing synergies and preventing incompatibilities).
- Creating better conditions for sustainable development of the area in the fields of shipping, energy and environment protection.

