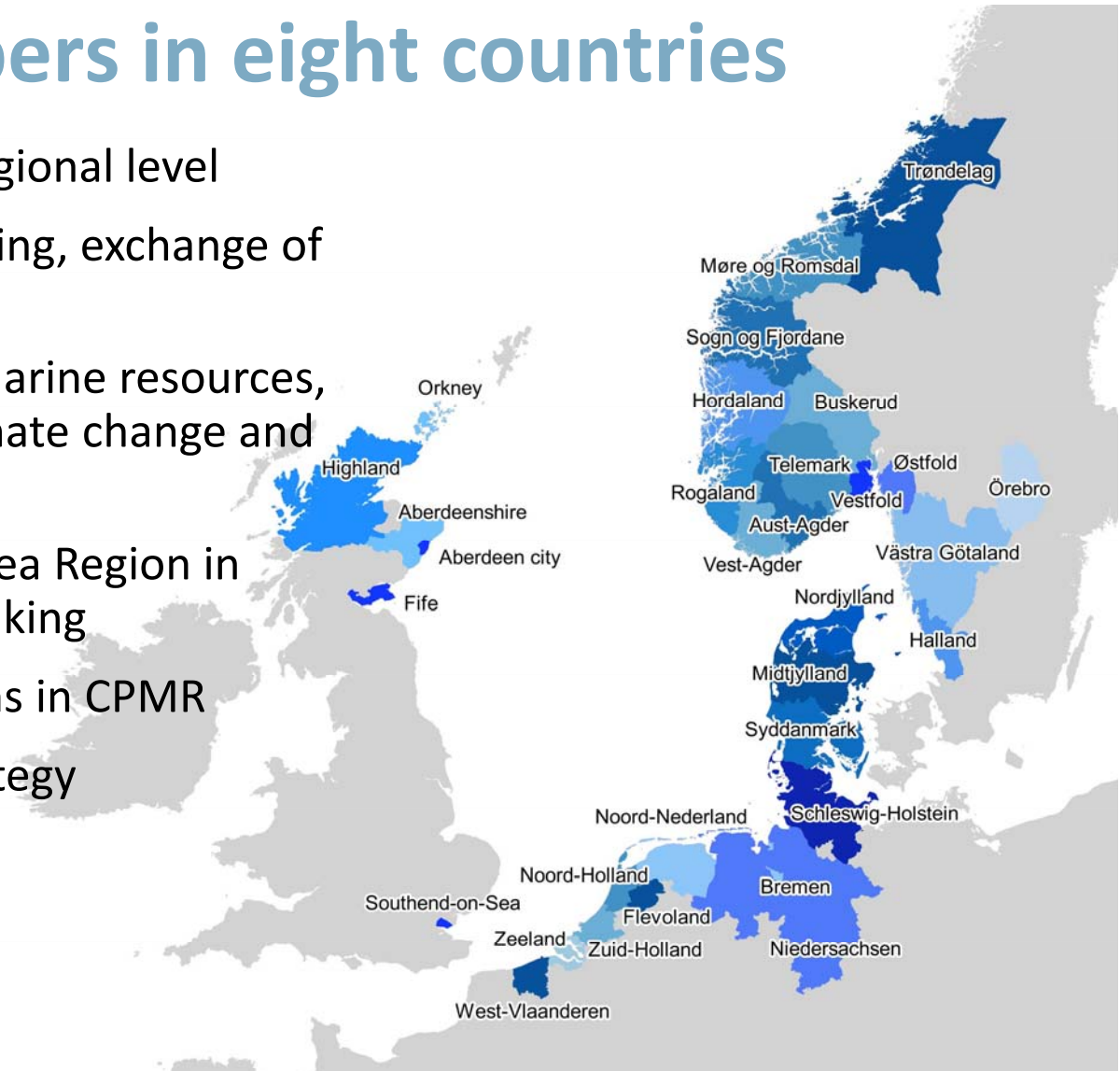# 32 members in eight countries

- Elected councils on regional level

- Cooperation, networking, exchange of best practice

- Thematic groups on marine resources, transport, energy/climate change and smart regions

- A voice of the North Sea Region in European decision-making

- One of six commissions in CPMR
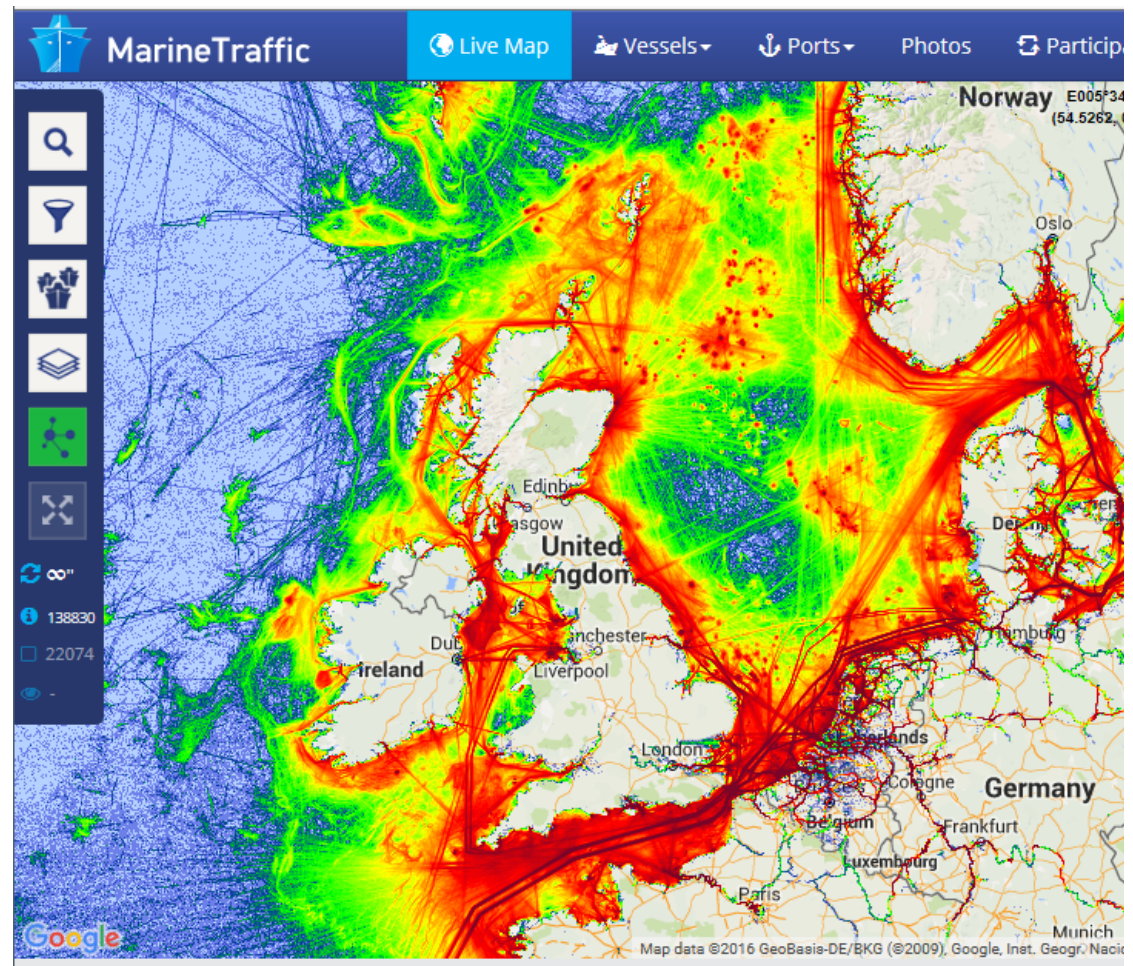
- North Sea Region strategy

Need for a North Sea strategy

- Great potential
  - Trade and transport
  - Offshore energy
  - Fisheries and aquaculture
  - Travel and leisure
- Great challenges
  - Competition for space
  - Climate effects
  - Marine litter
  - Global competition
  - Demographic change
  - Brexit
  - Coordination between sectors, countries and levels of government

Preparing the NSR2030 strategy

- Member survey on current strategy (NSR2020)
  - Conclusion: continue on the same themes in general
- Mapping of member regions' competences
- Mapping of member regions' regional development strategies
- Scanning priorities of other North Sea regional bodies
- Inspiration from Baltic and Atlantic strategies
- Ensure links to UNSDGs, relevant EU strategies, CPMR priorities
- Discussions in NSC Executive Committee and thematic groups
- Discussions with stakeholders
- Started collecting facts and figures

North Sea Region 2030 Strategy

Suggestions for priority areas

A healthy North Sea

- Marine litter
- Maritime spatial planning
- Blue growth

A connected North Sea Region

- Transnational accessibility
- Sustainable and inclusive transport
- Intelligent transport systems

A climate-neutral North Sea Region

- Renewable energy/alternative fuels
- Energy efficiency
- CCUS and natural sequestration
- Climate adaptation

A smart North Sea Region

- Smart specialization strategies
- Mobility of researchers and students
- Skills and mobility of the work force
- Circular use of resources
- Public procurement supporting transition

North Sea Region 2030 Strategy

| A healthy North Sea | A connected North Sea Region | A climate-neutral North Sea Region | A smart North Sea Region |

For each of the four areas:

- a long-term vision and a 2030 goal

- reference to relevant EU strategies/priorities and UN Sustainable Development Goals

- the most relevant lobby question(s)

- the most relevant topics for joint projects

- the most relevant topics for benchmarking

- the knowledge gaps