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Maritime Spatial Planning in the North Sea Region (NSR)

The North Sea contains unique areas of nature conservation and is one of the busiest areas in the world for shipping and offshore energy production (oil, gas, wind, tidal and wave).

The countries around the North Sea are forerunners when it comes to Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP). Most of them already have national Maritime Spatial Plans in place, in order to promote sustainable development of the sea.

Relevant authorities have used their own planning methods and processes to develop these plans.

An exchange of approaches can serve as a source of inspiration for improving national MSP processes and can foster mutual understanding of the different national MSP systems.

Coordination among 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.

Activities

Sectoral work packages

Focus on three main transnational issues relevant to Maritime Spatial Planning:

- 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 planning solutions

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 plans.

MSP Challenge

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



Infoquarium

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

