Integrated Maritime Policy (IMP)
& Blue Growth

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Blue Growth Communication

- Adopted on 13 September 2012
- Definition of Blue Growth
- Components of the strategy:
  - Focus areas (Coastal tourism, Aquaculture, Blue energy, Blue biotechnology, Marine minerals mining)
  - Cross-cutting tools
  - Sea-basin strategies
- Issues crucial to sustainable growth in the blue economy include: skills needs; marine and maritime research; access to finance.

Coastal and maritime tourism

- Offers opportunities of sustainable and economic growth and employment for the coastal communities and beyond

- Coastal and Maritime Tourism in the Black Sea – some facts*
- The largest maritime economic activity
- The largest sub-sector of tourism

- A Communication on Coastal and Maritime Tourism will be adopted by mid-February 2014

**Based on an ongoing study*

Blue Energy

A Communication on Blue energy has been adopted on 20 Jan 2014

- Wave & tidal power
- Technological innovation
- Clean energy

** Ocean Energy Forum as a first step*

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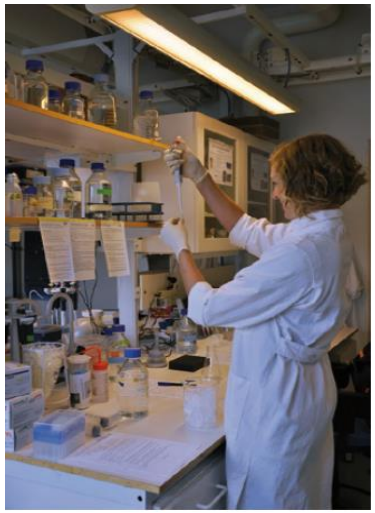
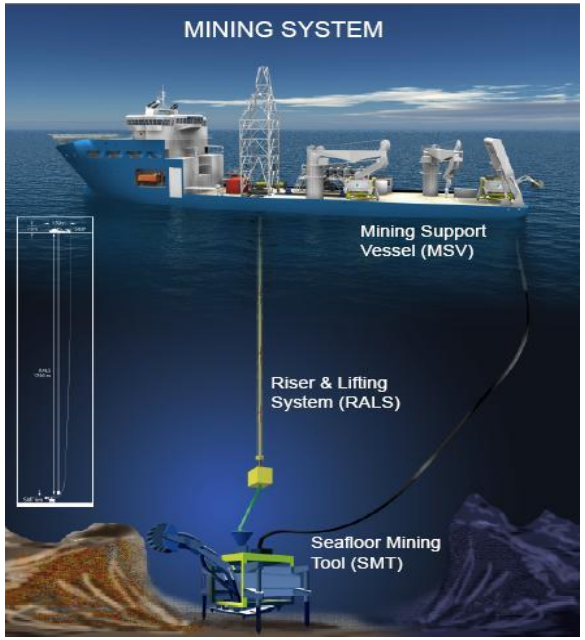
Marine aquaculture

- 80 000 jobs in the EU
- Strategic guidelines
- Relevance for the Black Sea

Other areas of targeted effort by the EC

- Blue biotechnology





- Sea-bed mining

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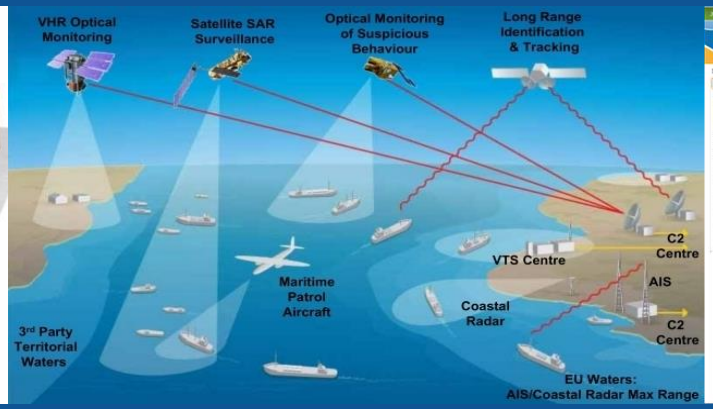
cross-cutting tools

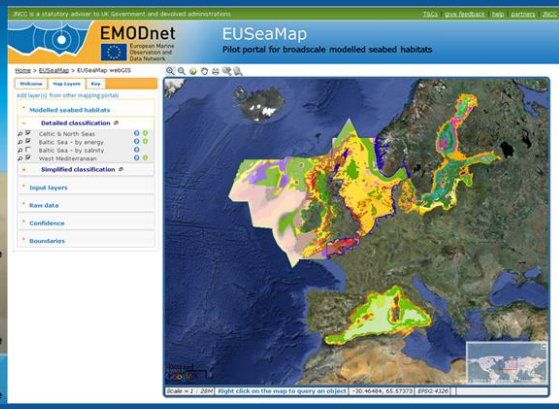
for achieving blue growth

Maritime Spatial Planning

Integrated maritime surveillance

Marine knowledge





Regional cooperation
through sea basin strategies

- Baltic *(macro-regional strategy)*
- Atlantic *(Action plan)*
- Mediterranean
  - Adriatic and Ionian *(macro-regional strategy)*
- Arctic *(Communication towards an arctic policy)*
- Black Sea
  - **Study to support the development of sea-basin cooperation in the Mediterranean, Adriatic and Ionian, and the Black Sea (key focus on BG, RO and TR)**
  - **Study to support activities for the development of maritime clusters in the Mediterranean and Black Sea (covers the whole Black sea)**

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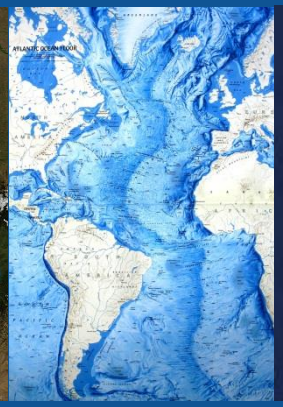
Future Funding opportunities

for IMP

2014 - 2020



Financial framework 2014-2020

Europe 2020 strategy - targets to be achieved by the Union

EU Structural and Investment Funds (ESI funds)

Covers the EAFRD, ERDF, ESF, Cohesion Fund and EMFF, and translates EU2020 thematic objectives into priorities and key actions for each of the funds

Partnership Contract

National document outlining the intended use of the funds in the pursuit of EU2020 objectives

EMFF

Other ESI funds (ERDF, ESF, CF, EARDF)

EMFF Operational Programme

Structured around six EMFF priorities (art. 6)

EMFF direct management

Art. 81 & 82

Other funding opportunities
for Blue Growth

- ETC
  - **Cross-border and transnational cooperation**
  - **BG-RO Cross-Border Cooperation programme**
- ENI
  - **Black Sea Cross-Border Cooperation programme**
  - **Environmental cooperation in the framework of the Black Sea Synergy**
- HORIZON 2020 - *www.ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020*
  - **Thematic priority on food security, bio-economy, sustainable agriculture, marine/maritime and inland water research (EUR 3.851 billion)**
  - **Strategic investments in key technologies, including biotechnology (EUR 13.557 billion)**
  - **International cooperation actions targeting different regions (On-going open call for proposals for the Black Sea – EUR 1,5 million)**

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