CPMR Atlantic Arc Commission: Building consensus on MSP and ICZM in the Atlantic Sea Basin: the role of the Regions

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A Common organisation and 6 Geographical Commissions

MEMBERS

- 160 Regions
- 28 EU member and non-member States
- 200 million inhabitants
- 6 Geographical Commissions
Mission of the AAC: facilitate the dialogue between different levels of governance

A PLATFORM FOR EXCHANGES of:
1) Information
2) Proposals
3) Experience
4) Good practices
The Role of Regions in MSP and ICZM

Planning of the coastal and maritime areas is essential for:
1. The delivery of maritime policy
2. The development of offshore sea activities ("Blue Growth")

Offshore activities are ALWAYS linked to human activities
Regional economic development (in land) is managed by Regional authorities
Regions are in charge of coastal zone management

Regions are essential to:
1. Link maritime + coastal + terrestrial activities (that are always related)
2. Help building consensus between regional and national actors taking into consideration:
   - the environmental dimension (ICZM)
   - the economic dimension (regional dvp)
   - the social dimension
   - the legal dimension
Case Study in the Atlantic (1)
Offshore Wind in St Brieuc Bay

A step by step process to build consensus:

→ **July 2007**: “Grenelle de l’environnement”: 23% of renewable in 2020 incl. 6 000 MW offshore wind and Marine Renewable Energy (MRE)

→ Identification of high potential zone in France (5 zones, including the Bay of Saint Brieuc)

→ Call for tender (national)

→ **January 2010 to July 2011**: Consultation organised by the State and Brittany Region to define where to install offshore wind

→ **6 April 2012**: results of the call for tender

→ Establishment of a steering committee led by Bretagne Development Innovation (Regional Agency)
Case Study in the Atlantic (2): offshore wind in Saint Brieuc Bay

Upstream: identifying the zone

Role of the Region

Consultation process with users of the sea & Stakeholders

A territorial project (dvp of an industry & jobs creation)

Around: Infrastructure (Port), training, Research and Development, tourism, etc.
Recommendations & conclusions

- Pursuing the task of pooling Marine Data at a European Level (EMODNET)
- For the Atlantic: functioning liaison between OSPAR and the Atlantic Sea Basin Strategy
- Involve the Regions in the preparation of MSP plans at national level for a better integrated decision making process
- For economic development, Regions can lead the process (in relation with territorial project)
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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