



Progress in the implementation of national Maritime Spatial Plans

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The Report – A picture in time

- ❑ *Overviews the progress of implementation (assesses transposition and conformity)*
- ❑ *Reflects upon Directive's requirements in MS MSPs*
- ❑ *Gives examples of good practices*
- ❑ *Does not assess the contents of the plans*
- ❑ *Takes a look at challenges and opportunities*
- ❑ *Looks at developments since 2014, notably European Green Deal*

Obligations

2014

- After entry into force of Directive

2016

- Transposition and designation of competent authorities (18 September)

2021

- Establishment of plans (31 March)

Transposition and designation of competent authorities

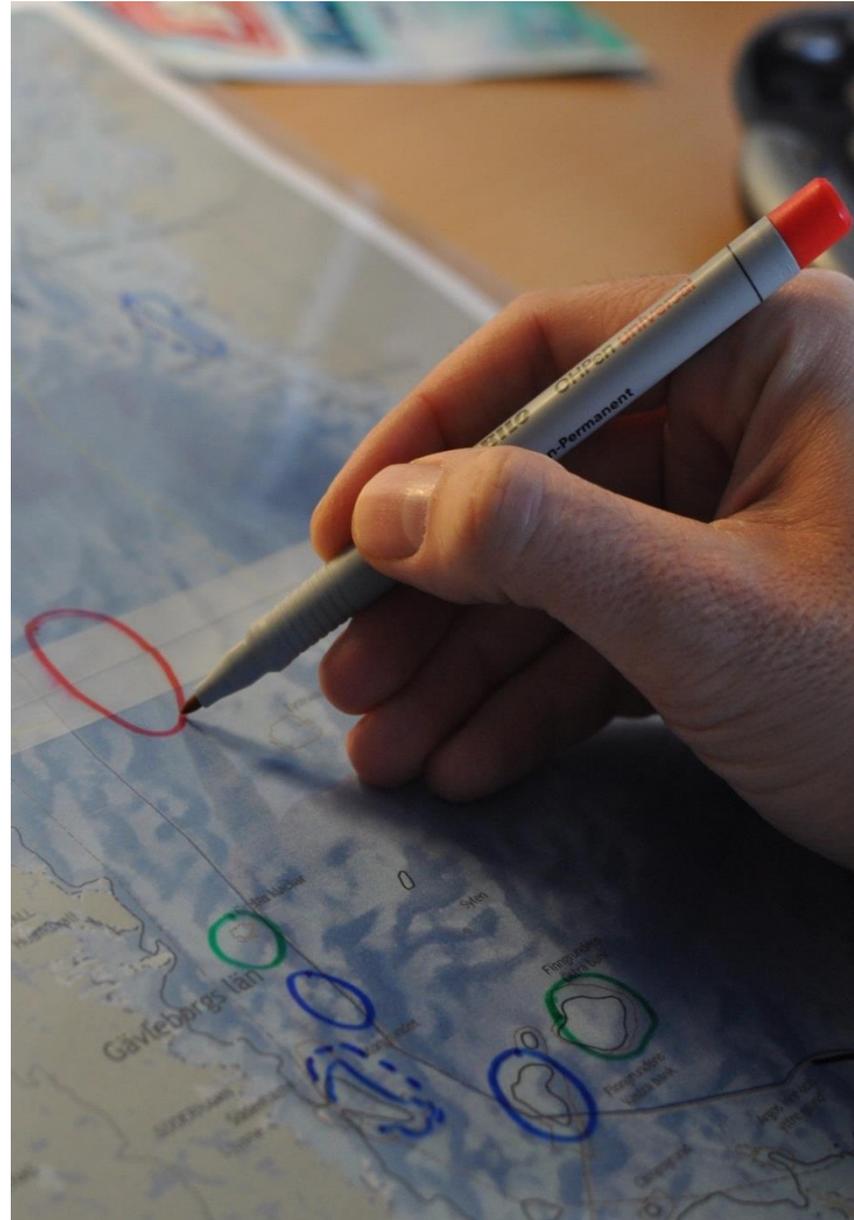
- *All 22 coastal Member States have now transposed the Directive into national law and designated competent authorities.*
- *Different transposition approaches (amendments, new legislation, combination)*
- *Transposition complete and mostly complied with the requirements of the Directive.*
- *Competent authorities: ministries/agencies*

Establishing maritime spatial plans: overview of progress

- (1) *early starters and already had plans (BE,NL,DE,MT,LT)*
- (2) *succeeded within the deadline fixed by the directive, or missed it by less than one year (FI,LV,PL,DK,FR,IR,SI,SE,PT(except Azores)).*
- (3) *5 MS (CY,IT,RO,HR,EL) no sufficient progress. COM sent them letters of formal notice on 2 December 2021.*
- (4) *3 MS (ES;BG;EE (adopted 12 May)) advanced but not adopted. COM following and will take action if necessary*

MSP Directive's Requirements:

- *Apply an ecosystem-based approach*
- *Promote coherence*
- *Take land-sea interactions into account*
- *Spatial and temporal distribution of activities*
- *Involve stakeholders*
- *Use best available data*
- *Cooperate with bordering Member States and non-EU countries*



What next?

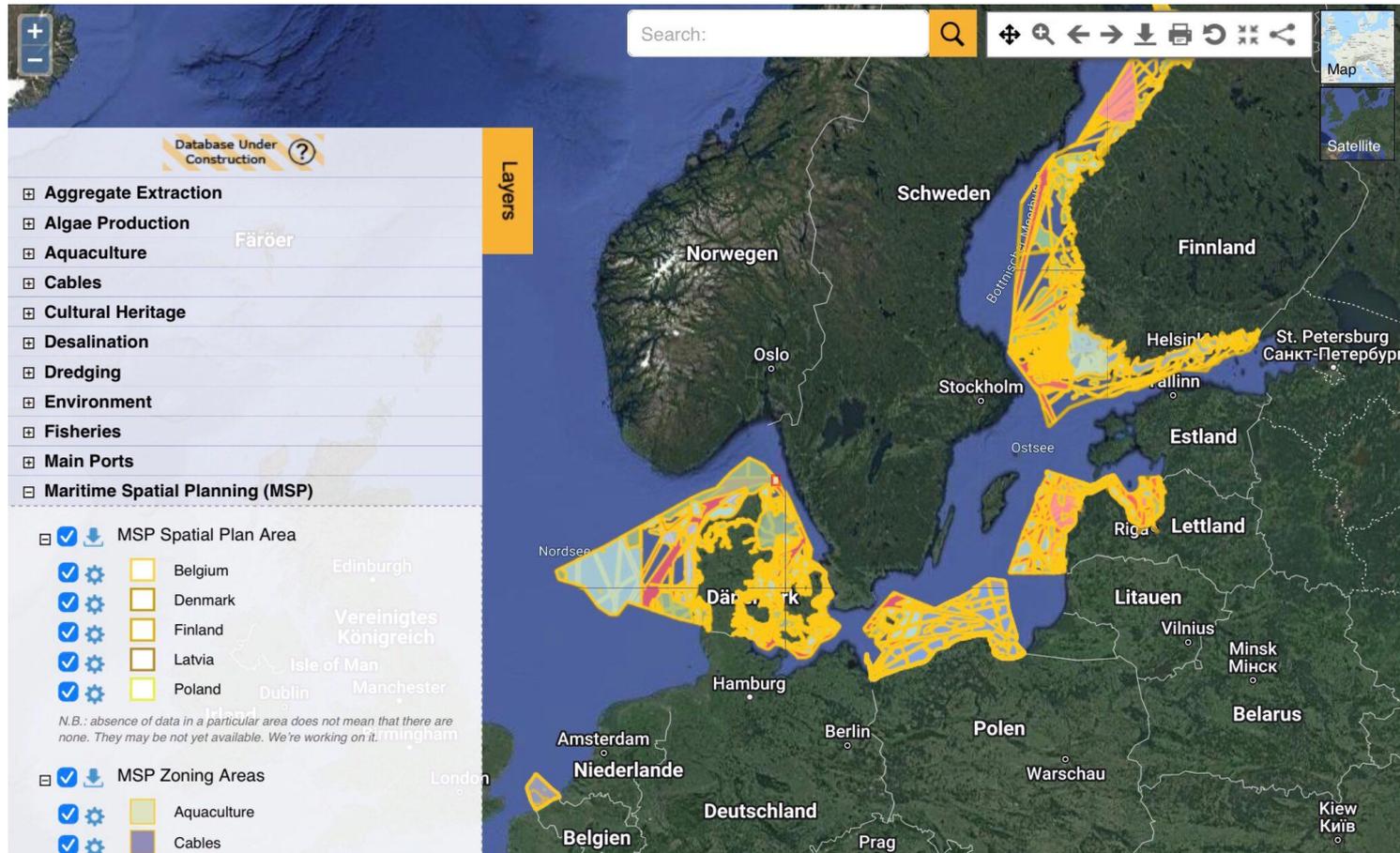
- Remaining Member States to adopt their maritime spatial plans.
- All **Member States** will continue to implement the MSP Directive by developing and adopting their Maritime spatial plans and **reviewing them at least every 10 years.**
- The coming years will see a **step change in the role of MSP** for the sustainable development of seas, likely accelerated by the implementation of the **European Green Deal** and related legislation and strategies, like EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 or the EU strategy on offshore renewable energy.

What next?

The Commission:

- will continue to support cross-border projects and policy dialogue helping to develop a large and diverse MSP community across the EU;
- will expand the necessary dialogue between the various users of the sea by setting up a "**Blue Forum**" for sea users in 2022 and providing continuous support for MSP;
- will closely follow up on the infringements and monitor those countries that promised to adopt their plans by now (and *take action* if necessary);
- encourages Member States to upload their plans in **EMODnet** so that the maritime spatial plans can be seen in their entirety in European waters.

Examples of MSP plans in EMODNET!



Thank you for your attention

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