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EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR)

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EUSAIR Background information

- **14 Dec 2012: the European Council requests the Commission to prepare the EUSAIR by end 2014**
- **EUSAIR to include the Maritime Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Seas adopted on 30 November 2012 [COM(2012)713]**

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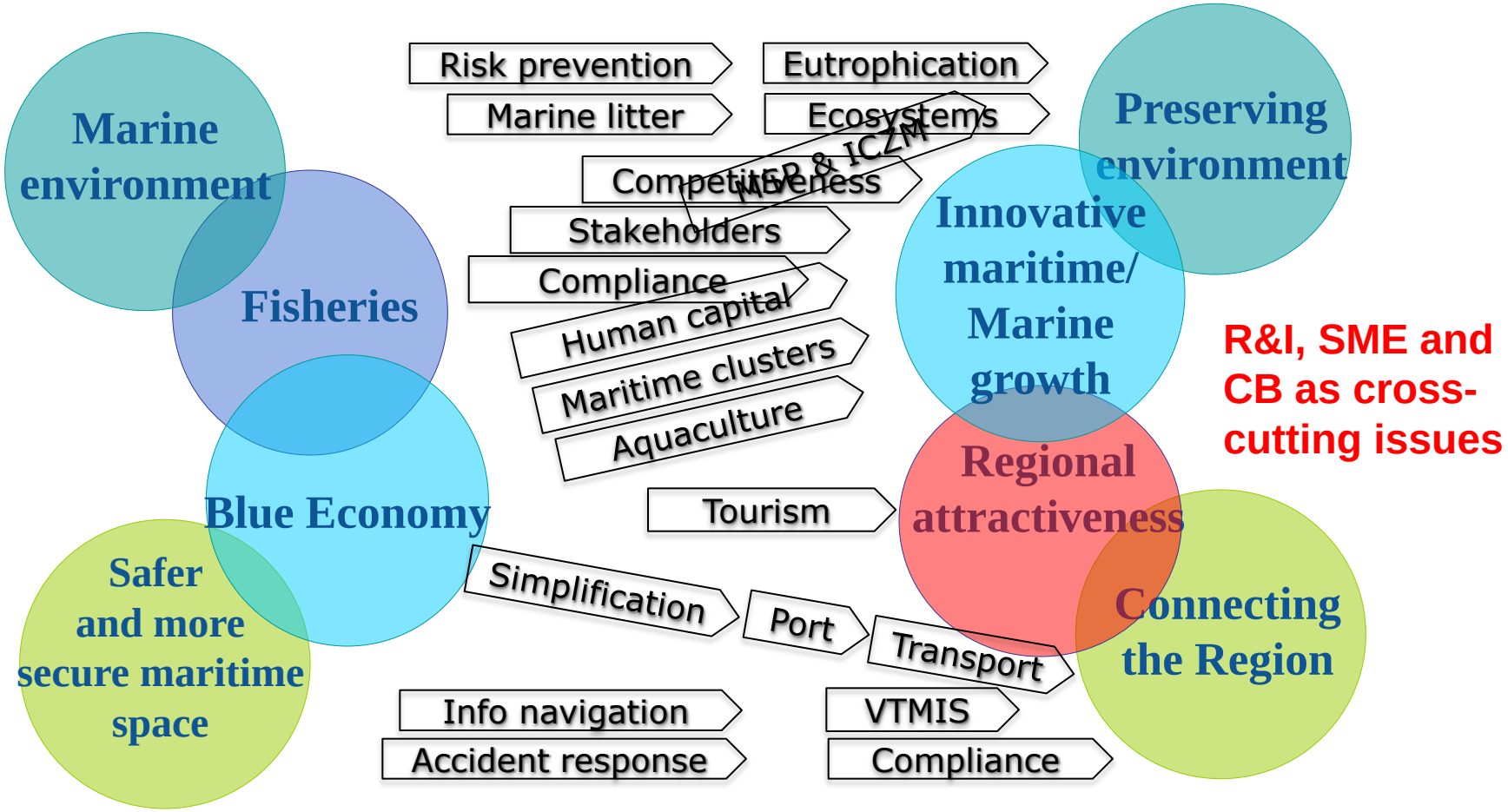
From a Sea basin to a macro-regional strategy

From AI Maritime Strategy's pillars to tentative EUSAIR's Strategy's pillars



Financing and Mainstreaming the EUSAIR in programmes/policies

- EUSAIR must be embedded in planning and programming documents of relevant EU funds covering the region (Structural and Cohesion funds, IPA, …)
- All EU funds operating in the region should be channelled to support, as appropriate, the implementation of the EUSAIR, so that their potential can be fully used
- EUSAIR should work as a catalyst and a coordination platform for all public and private funds available for investments in the region

EUSAIR Roadmap:

1. July-November 2013, study on blue growth and Maritime issues for EUSAIR
2. Sep-Dec 2013, stakeholders' consultation per pillar
3. October/December, on-line public consultations
4. 14 November 2013, EUSAIR Stakeholder seminar on Boosting Blue Growth in the A-I region - Brussels
5. 6-7 February 2014, stakeholders conference in Athens, finalising consultation.
6. Spring 2014, adoption by COM of EUSAIR Communication and Action Plan
7. Autumn 2014, EUSAIR to be endorsed by the Council
8. Late autumn 2014, launch of the EUSAIR implementation

Link to the on-line public consultation:

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/consultation/eusair/index_en.cfm

Maritime Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Seas:

http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/policy/sea_basins/adriatic_ionian/documents/com_2012_713_en.pdf

Macro-regional approach and ETC

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/cooperate/index_en.cfm

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