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# Integrated Maritime Policy: Recent and future developments at EU Level

**7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the  
Working on IMP in the  
Mediterranean  
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# ...enhancing Blue Economy...

# Blue Growth Agenda

Address  
difficulties  
hindering  
sustainable  
growth of  
marine/  
maritime  
sectors

Promote sea-  
basin maritime  
strategies /  
macro-  
regional  
strategies

Undertake  
actions on  
marine/  
maritime  
sectors of  
particular  
potential

Develop  
transversal  
tools



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**...promoting actions on marine/  
maritime sectors with particular  
growth potential...**

# Blue Energy

- Seas and ocean offer a vast renewable energy resource (offshore wind, ocean energy)
- Communication on Blue Energy adopted in January 2014
- Highlight challenges the ocean energy sector faces
- Pinpoint actions needed to deliver on the potential of ocean energy in European seas and oceans by 2020 and beyond (set up an Ocean Energy Forum, develop a Strategic Roadmap)

# Coastal and Maritime Tourism (CMT)

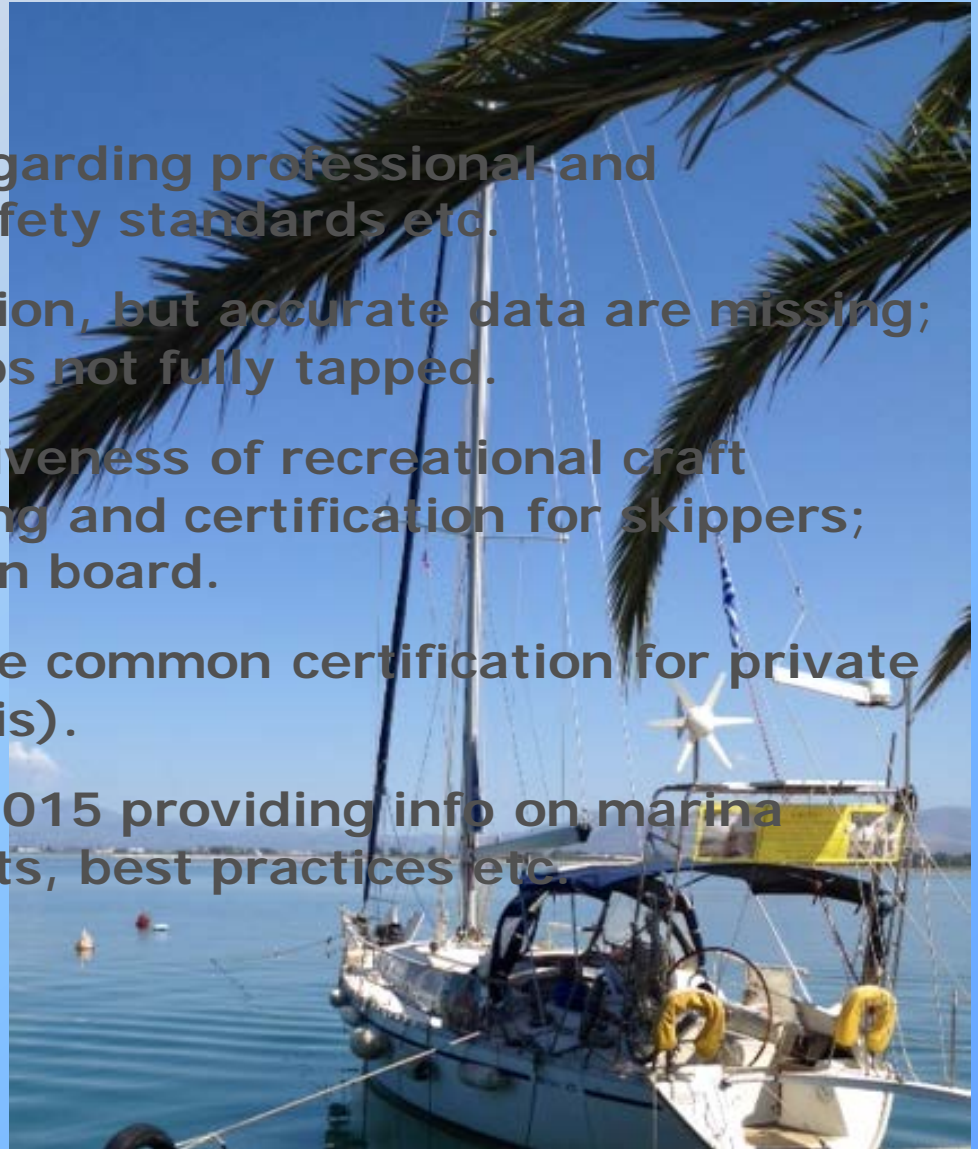


- Cruise tourism in 2013: €38 billion in goods and services in Europe; 326,000 jobs.
- Cruise industry: 10% annual growth for last 10 years
- 3.2 million employed in 2012 (about 1.3% of total EU employment)
- % employment in coastal tourism in Med countries is much higher than EU average: CY (8.6%), MT (7.2%), EL (3.7%) and ES (3.3%). Locally it can reach 25%.
- BUT: problems with port reception facilities, port congestion, environmental & social challenges, innovation needed etc.

**Platform for pan-European dialogue amongst  
cruise industry stakeholders kicking off February  
2015**

# Nautical Tourism

- Discrepancies among MS regarding professional and recreational licenses and safety standards etc.
- Europe is a leading destination, but accurate data are missing; potential for growth and jobs not fully tapped.
- Planned: Study on competitiveness of recreational craft industry: common EU training and certification for skippers; aligning safety equipment on board.
- Working towards on possible common certification for private boaters (on a voluntary basis).
- Launching a mobile app in 2015 providing info on marina services, safety requirements, best practices etc.





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**... developing transversal tools...**



# Marine Spatial Planning in the European Union

Directive 2014/89/EU of the European  
Parliament and of the Council of  
23 July 2014 establishing a framework  
for maritime spatial planning



# Innovation in the Blue Economy



## Priorities:

- Marine Knowledge and Seabed Mapping
- A Marine Research Information Platform
- Skills for the Blue Economy

*Communication : Innovation in the Blue Economy: realising the potential of our seas and oceans for jobs and growth - COM(2014) 254 (08/05/2014)*

# Maritime Surveillance and Security

- 350 maritime surveillance authorities from 7 sectors (coastguard, customs, navy, fisheries inspectors etc.)
- Cooperation is poor, communication and information exchange are inefficient and unnecessary overlap exists.
- Combatting illegal activities is hampered, knowledge not shared, nor resources.

## Solutions:

- **EU Maritime Security Strategy**: to achieve coherence and cooperation between authorities on external action, crisis response, risk management, training, research, information sharing
- **Maritime CISE**: a voluntary collaborative process in the EU to enhance information sharing between authorities involved in maritime surveillance. Savings: 400€ Mio per year only (conservative estimate)
- **EMODNet (European Marine Data and Observation Network)**: increase knowledge of sea and resources; enhance their sustainable use; promote blue innovation; EU seabed map by 2016.



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**... ensuring financing of EU's IMP  
development...**

## European Maritime Fisheries Fund (EMFF)

The EMFF (Regulation No 508/2014) is the fund for the EU's maritime and fisheries policies for 2014-2020. It is one of the five European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds which complement each other and seek to promote a growth and job based recovery in Europe.

The fund:

- helps fishermen in the transition to sustainable fishing
- supports coastal communities in diversifying their economies,
- finances projects that create new jobs and improve quality of life along European coasts,
- makes it easier for applicants to access financing.





## EMFF – IMP Actions

**Integrated Maritime Policy actions could be financed under Articles 81, 82 of the EMFF (direct management)**

The Commission will launch actions aimed at supporting better coordination and sustainable growth from sea-related activities, and related policy tools which cannot be developed within individual policy areas or at Member State level, e.g. Maritime Spatial Planning, Marine knowledge, etc.

How? Launch of **calls for proposal** or **calls for tender** for studies, projects, networks, conferences, etc. (eligible operations under Article 82)

## EMFF - Geographical Scope

- **Article 2** – "This Regulation shall apply to operations carried out in the territory of the Union unless otherwise expressly provided for in the Regulation"

*Some derogations to this principle...*

- **Article 80:** measures financed under direct management in the field of Integrated Maritime Policy may be conducted outside the EU territory.
- **Article 83:** accompanying measures for the CFP and IMP under direct management may be conducted outside the EU territory



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**... enhancing regional co-operation on  
marine / maritime issues in the MED...**



# Improve management of marine and maritime space and its governance

- Promote ratification of UNCLOS
- Promote work with and through regional conventions and Union for the Mediterranean as an all-inclusive forum
- Promote application of international and EU legislation
- Regular cross sectorial dialogue (IMP MED Working Group)
- IMP-MED project (to be renewed in 2015)
- MED Coastguard Functions Forum,
- seabasin strategies/macroregional strategies – Adriatic Ionian
- 12<sup>th</sup> FEMIP conference, Athens 2013

# A European Union Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Seas (EUSAIR)





## Jobs for the Med

Finished: study on identification of elements and geographical scope of maritime co-operation in the Mediterranean

- Further seabasin cooperation should be envisaged (call for proposal)
- blue growth assessment/potential for the southern shores 2015/16

Finished: study on maritime clusters in Med/Black Sea: seabasins lag behind northern Europe but Southern Med faster growing in terms of clustering than northern Med

- Further support for establishing a network

Ongoing: Virtual Knowledge Centre on marine and maritime affairs

- Further research work for blue economy development and innovation

# Jobs for the MED

**Planned: study on networking of maritime training academies and institutes in the Mediterranean**

## Objectives:

- To map existing universities, academies, institutes, organisations, centres or other type of entities providing education and training related to maritime sectors and activities
- To map existing networks (if any)
- To determine whether and what maritime activities and economic sectors would benefit from promotion and/ or reinforcement of a network
- To analyse, conceive and design a roadmap for reinforcing or creating such networks
- increase capacity to match skills and demand, particular for emerging sectors

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