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A Communication for the Atlantic

Maritime policy

Atlantic, outermost regions and Arctic

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Background

- **Integrated maritime Policy** (major policy for all EU institutions)
- **Progress Report on the implementation of IMP**
 - Priorities:
 - (1) integration of maritime governance
 - (2) development of cross-cutting policy tools
 - (3) definition of boundaries of sustainability
 - (4) development of sea-basin strategies
 - (5) development of international dimension of the IMP
 - (6) renewed focus on sustainable growth, employment and innovation
- **Barroso II Commission policy priorities - EU 2020**
 - Issues: economic growth & employment, international competitiveness, ageing population
 - Objectives: Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive Growth



Council conclusions on sea basins

- Continue ... to implement ... elaborate ... further comprehensive strategy for growth, jobs and sustainability ... with due respect to subsidiarity and proportionality and ... strong involvement of stakeholders;
- further develop strategic approaches to regional sea basins where there is a demand and a perspective of clear added value, taking into account the experience so far



Challenges for the Atlantic

- **A definition for the Atlantic Area** (geographical issues, maritime perspective)
- **Coherent economic development** (blue jobs, cross-border dimension)
- **Sustainability of maritime activities** (in line with MFSD - Marine knowledge, MSP)
- **Connectivity** (transport, energy grid, high speed internet)
- **Human dimension** (maritime heritage, employment)
- **Maritime governance** (multi-layer interaction, cross-border co-operation)
- **International dimension** (trans-Atlantic partners, Outermost Regions)



Process

- **Ex-ante analysis**
- **Consultation**
 - Interservice group working scheme
 - Member States consultation (ES, FR, IE, PT, UK)
 - CPRM – Atlantic Arc
 - Regional stakeholders
 - On-line consultation (fores en June –September 2010)
- **Time-line – adoption 1st quarter 2011**

