



The future's unclear but...

- Keep transnational, cross-border, inter-regional? Programme area basically unchanged?
- Europe 2020 key policy document – with many related policy documents as basis for themes and priorities
- Key words for the future: Growth, Coordination of funds, Growth, Clear and measurable regional benefits, Growth, North Sea specific, Growth



The nature of cooperation

- Continued focus on issues of real transnational relevance
- Ensure that projects generate and share new knowledge (including demonstrations and pilots)
- Ensure wide impact of these results across the North Sea Region
- Continue alignment with other funding programmes and transfer of results to and from them
- Many elements relevant for regional development but only those with strong regional cooperation potential will find a place in the programme



Maritime Resources

- Still much to do – and increasing urgency?
- Exploitation of marine resources
- Maritime resources closely linked to sustainable growth strategy
- Marine knowledge 2020 initiative
- Real potential for future actions on Maritime Spatial Planning and Integrated Coastal Zone Management cooperation
- With focus on need to mainstream solutions and demonstrate wide-spread implementation after project life-time
- 'Increasing visibility and impact of results' – a good summary of progress so far and the continuing emphasis