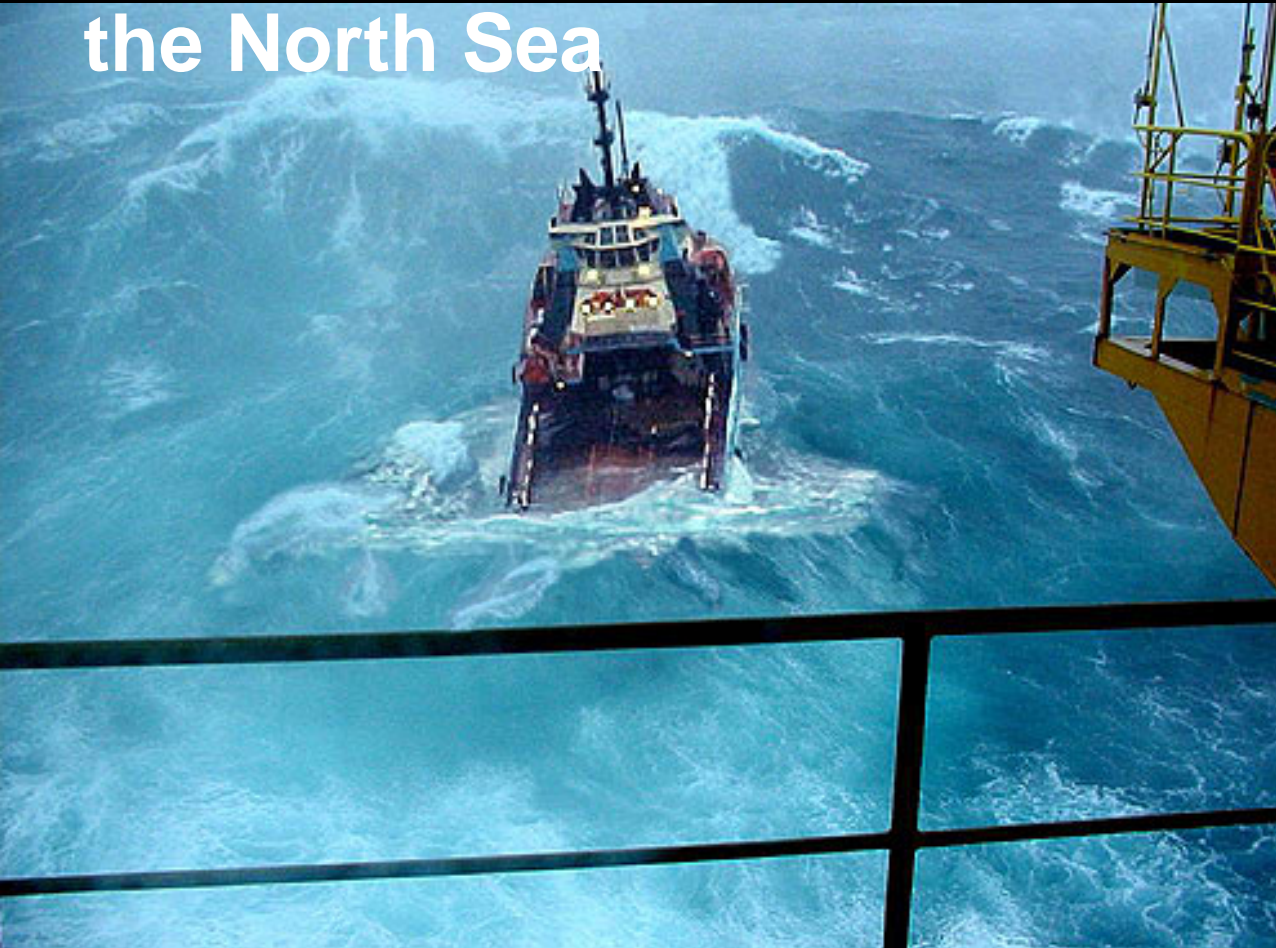


Network on operational management of the North Sea



The Interreg IVB
North Sea Region
Programme



**Presentation of Interreg IVB North Sea Region project idea
at Maritime Conference 27-28 May 2009 Göteborg, Sweden**



**Good morning, God morgon, God morgen,
Goedemorgen, Guten morgen, Bon jour**

**Slow start after late night with lots of new maritime friends,
Lost half of them to the ÖKS session**



Who are you? ... what do you do? ... here?

**Dutch,
working in Sweden,
with all countries in North Sea and Baltic Sea regions.
Impersonation of Interreg
European citizen**



Sweco: Sustainable engineering and design

Mission: To actively contribute to sustainable development of society.

International presence

5 500 employees and growing

Areas of operation

- 17% Water & Environment
- 16% Industry
- 15% Energy Systems
- 14% Infrastructure
- 12% Building Service Systems
- 9% Structural Engineering
- 9% Architecture
- 6% Project Management
- 2% Geographic IT



Private company, "cannot" be Interreg project "partner"



**North Sea Directorate of
Dutch Ministry of
Transport,
Public Works and Water Management**



Rijkswaterstaat
Ministerie van Verkeer en Waterstaat

Coordinating management authority for the North Sea

**Responsible for living dynamic North Sea, navigable
waterways/good shipping lanes, safe shipping traffic**

Tasks:

- **Regulating use by legislation, covenants, plans (EU/intern)**
- **Implementing permits and its enforcement**
- **Ensuring efficient handling of incidents**

Towards an international management platform

Dienst Noordzee issued study "North Sea Counterparts"

Explored the organisation of the North Sea management tasks in all North Sea countries

Discover who is who in order to explore mutual benefits in cooperation

Conclusions:

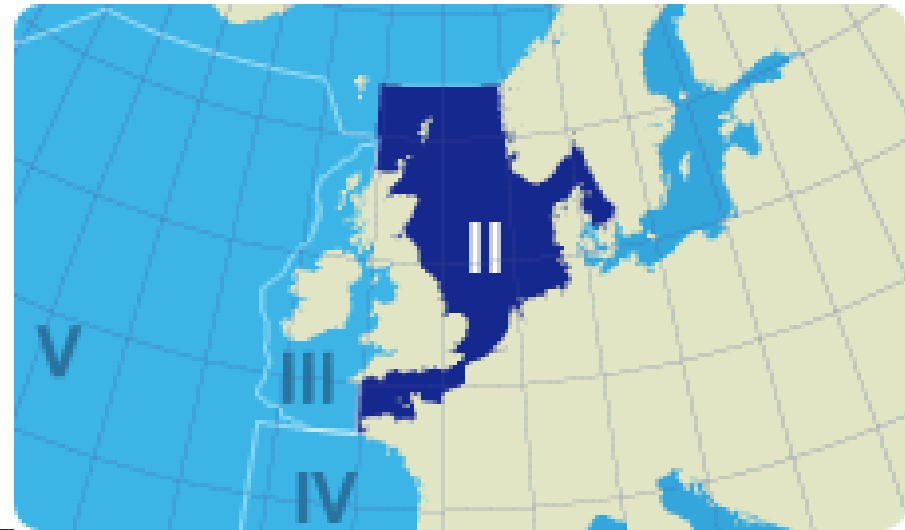
- **The operational management of the North Sea itself consists of many different tasks executed by several authorities per country.**
- **Within each North Sea country those tasks are often divided over many different authorities.**



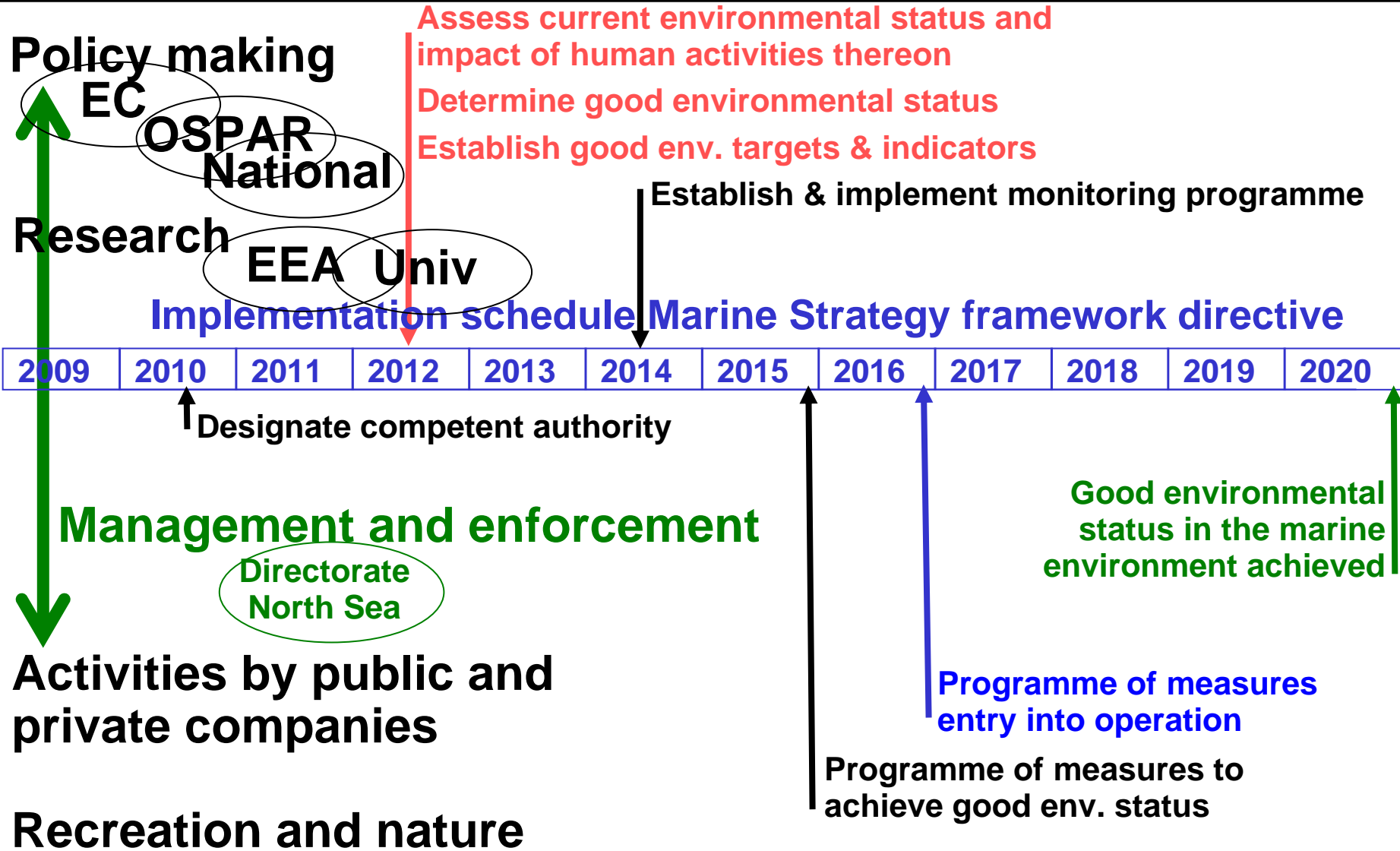
Context and policy

The EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive MSD was adopted June 2008. It sets out a roadmap to achieve good environmental status for the seas of Europe.

That Strategy forms the environmental pillar of the EU Integrated Maritime Policy IMP. The Strategy and Policy ask for a better integrated and coordinated execution of those operational management tasks, on a national and international scale.



Roles and responsibilities on maritime issues



Transnational elements

This project wants to establish synergy by cooperation on operational management tasks.

Among the tasks are

- **spatial planning**
- **permits (i.e. for windmill parks; oil and gas exploration**
- **extraction of sand and gravel)**
- **monitoring environmental quality**
- **clean up of oil spills and other disasters**
- **establishing nature sea reserves**
- **maintenance of shipping lines**
- **marine traffic management**
- **etc**



Aim

Intensify the cooperation and knowledge exchange between the authorities responsible for the operational management of the North Sea in order to achieve an optimal implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive and the Integrated Maritime Policy.



Envisaged outcomes

Establishment of a cooperation network of North Sea operational management authorities.

Work shop sessions on prioritised cooperation issues.

Comparison of working procedures of the different countries and identification of best practices and opportunities to jointly execute management tasks.

Web based portal to link management information systems from the different authorities to facilitate cooperation, joint standards and information exchange.

Investment in joint equipment to monitor the environmental quality of the North Sea.

North Sea conference on the practical implementation of the MSD and IMP.



Partnership

Lead Partner:

North Sea Directorate of the Dutch Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management (Rijkswaterstaat Noordzee)

Envisaged Partners:

From each North Sea country the authorities responsible for operational management tasks on the North Sea are invited to contact us.



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