

A Maritime Policy for the EU



An Ocean of Opportunity

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STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

“the particular need for an all-embracing maritime policy aimed at developing a thriving maritime economy and the full potential of sea-based activity in an environmentally sustainable manner.”

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TIMETABLE

ID	Task Name	2005				2006				2007				2008				2009					
		Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
1	Barroso Commission	[Timeline bar from Q4 2005 to Q4 2009]																					
2	Task Force set-up	◆	14/03																				
3	Green Paper issued																			◆	7/06		
4	Consultation Period																			[Timeline bar from Q2 2006 to Q4 2006]			
5	Blue Book and Action Plan																			◆	10/10		
6	European Council																			◆	13/12		
7	Actions																			[Timeline bar from Q4 2008 to Q4 2009]			

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GREEN PAPER-QUESTIONS

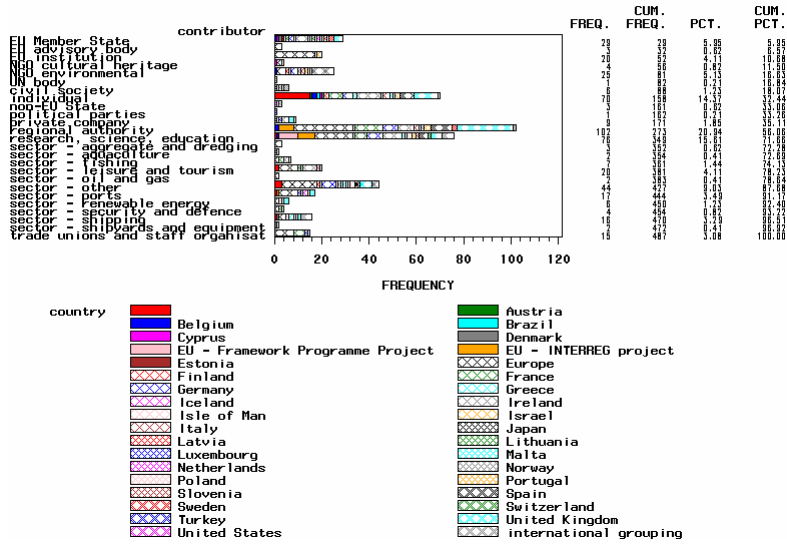
General questions

- Should the EU have an integrated maritime policy?
- How can the EU add value to the many national, local and private initiatives which already exist in the maritime field?

Specific questions

- How can the EU help to stimulate greater coherence, cost efficiency and coordination between the activities of governments on EU coastal waters?
- Should an EU coastguard service be set up? What might be its aim and functions?
- How can our shores and coastal waters be better policed to prevent human threats?
- Should a comprehensive network of existing and future vessel tracking systems be developed for the coastal waters of the EU? What data sources should it use, how would these be integrated, and to whom would it deliver services?
- How can maritime policy contribute to maintaining our ocean resources and environment?
- How can a maritime policy further the aims of the Marine Thematic Strategy?

analysis of consultation on maritime green paper



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THE RESPONSE

In general

- In favour of an integrated approach to maritime affairs in the EU.
- Subsidiarity-EU to take action when added value.

In particular

- Safeguard European lives and interests by enhancing maritime security through the integration of activities and systems associated to it.
- Higher degree of coordination on maritime surveillance through deeper cooperation among the M-S Coastguards and other appropriate agencies.
- Preservation of the marine environment is key to improving the EU's competitiveness, long-term growth and employment.

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OFFSHORE ACTIVITIES

AIM → Infuse cohesion and commonalities into offshore functions

PROBLEMS →

- Too many actors
- Sometimes safeguarding prerogatives
- Not communicating to each other
- 50 authorities in the Mediterranean M-S dealing with illegal immigration

Who is doing what?
Who cooperates with whom and in what?

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OFFSHORE ACTIVITIES

- No plans to introduce a centralised EU Coast Guard
- Stakeholders see scope for progress in tackling illegal activities at sea through greater cooperation among the existing national structures.
- **BUT, what system?** No apparent consensus
- Ratification and implementation of international instruments as a contributor to effective actions at sea

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MARITIME SURVEILLANCE





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The idea

Integration of operating and under development surveillance systems for:

- Enhancing the security of EU citizens
- Safeguarding EU interests
- Protecting the marine environment

The objective

An integrated network for:

- Better data
- No duplication of work
- Cost effectiveness
- Sharing of information, while protecting sensitive personal and business data



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•INTEGRATION IS NOT AN EASY TASK

- Technically feasible?
- Answer legal questions
- Administrative obstacles
- Step on current initiatives (e.g. European Border Surveillance System)
- Preparatory actions to validate and demonstrate added value
- Communication on work plan (2nd half 2008)

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PROTECTING THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT

- The Marine Strategy Directive
- An environmental pillar of the Maritime Policy
- Achieve good environmental status for the seas by 2020
- Cooperation for the development and implementation of Marine Strategies in a regional cooperation framework

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THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL (14 DEC. '07)

- Welcome of the integrated Maritime Policy for the EU.
- Ensure synergies and coherence between sectorial policies
- Bring added value and respect the principle of subsidiarity
- Develop as a tool to address the challenges for sustainable development and competitiveness
- Take into account M-S and maritime regions' specificities
- Implement the proposals and initiatives of the Action Plan

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