





Workshop 'Maritime Spatial Planning in Small Sea Spaces'

Belgian MSP: a smaller area, as many claims

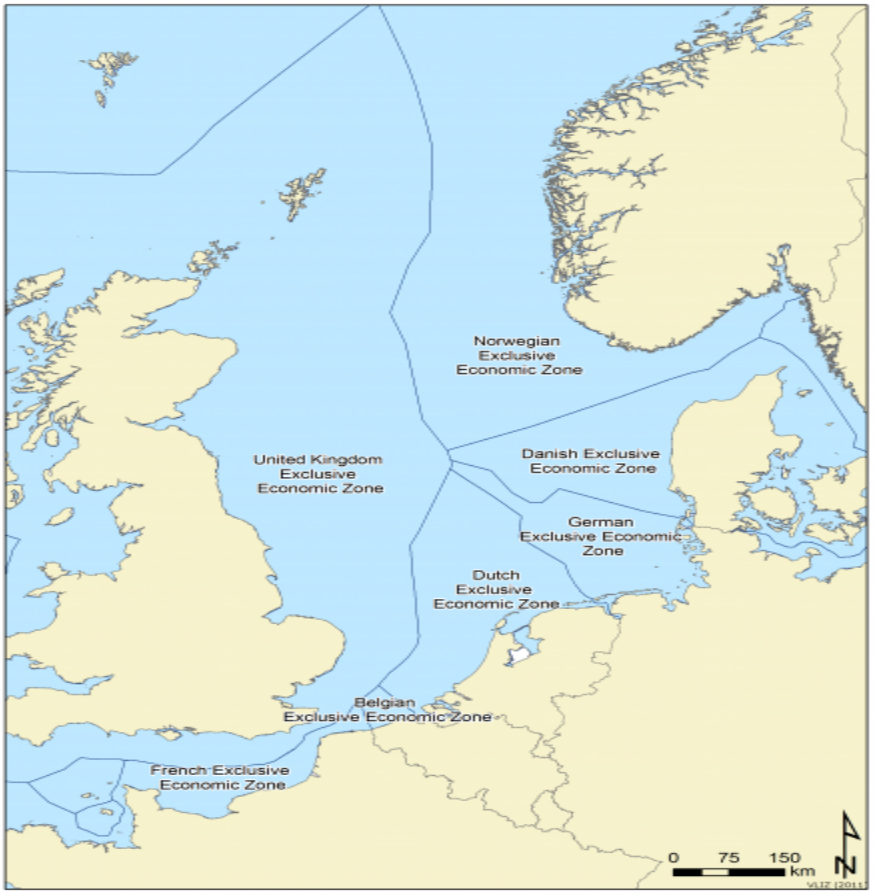
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European MSP Platform

Is Belgium a small sea space?

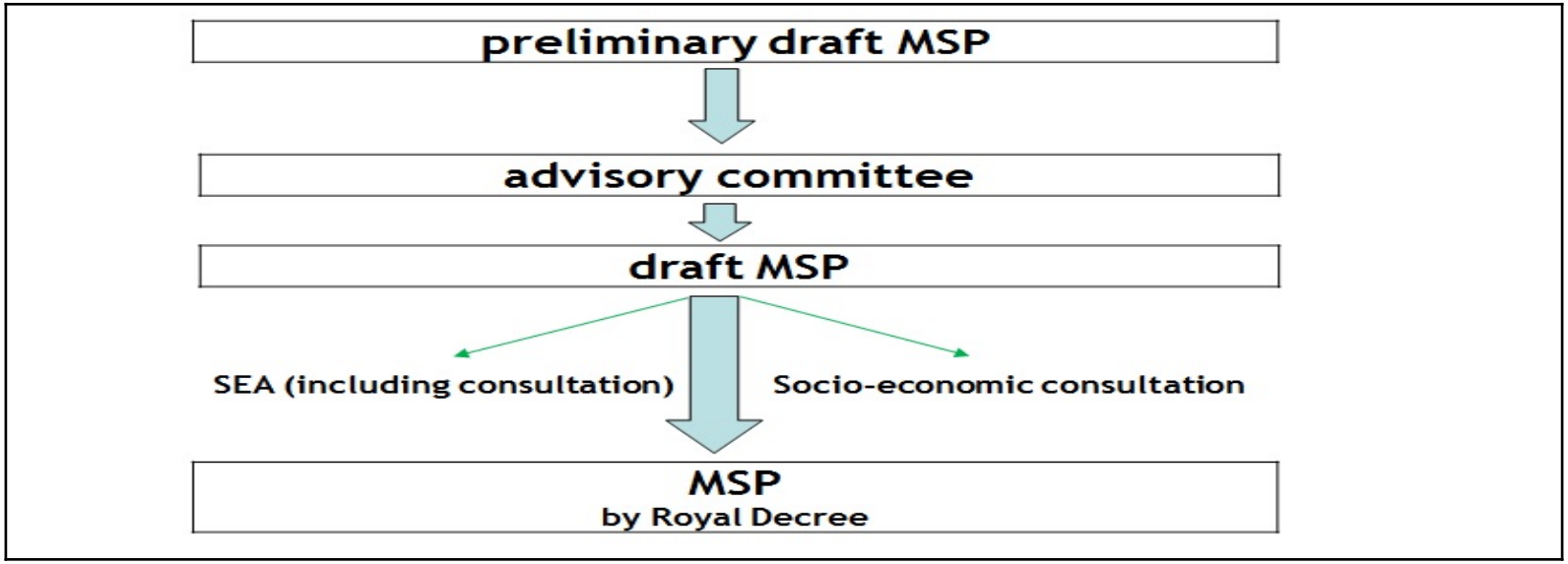


Driver for MSP

- *Top-down* - European legislation

- *Bottom-up* – little space for ample needs

MSP Procedure



- *No fundamental difference small / large sea area*
- *In case of sub-areas, coordination requirements*
- *More investment in process management / similar composition planning team*

MSP Structure

1° Spatial analysis of Belgian part of the North Sea:
- Introduction
- Physical aspects
- Nature value
- Existing user functions
- Existing spatial structure
- Spatial alliances and conflicts

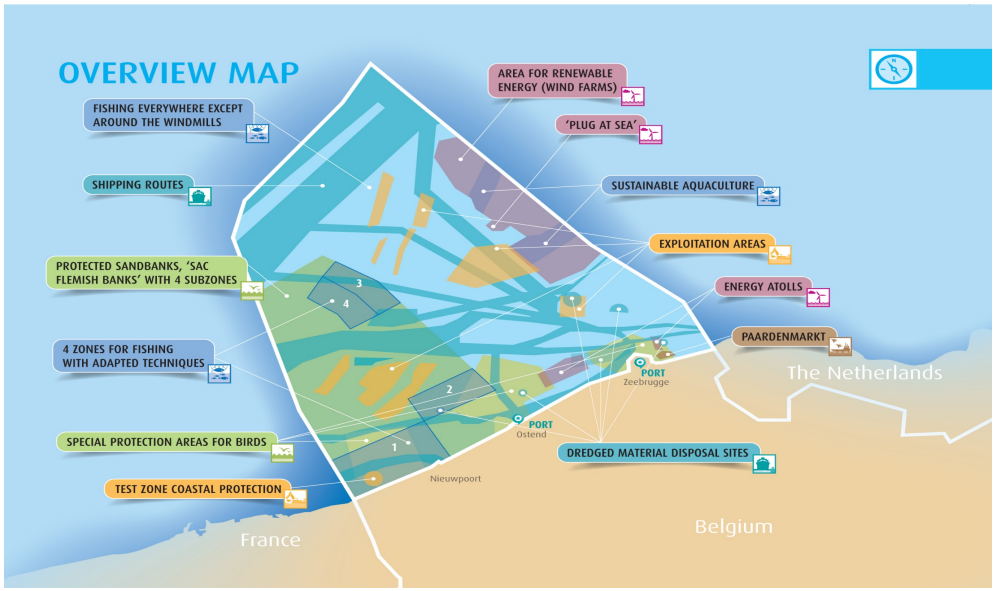
2° A long term vision on spatial use

3° Clear economic, social and ecological objectives including indicators

4° The measures, funding, instruments and actions to implement the spatial plan

- *Plenty of data available on Belgian maritime area [but: large sea area, less data needed?]*
- *No fundamental differences*

MSP Map



- *More densely planned maritime area*
- *More potential spatial conflicts*
- *Same potential for flexibility*
  - *Allocated / free (conditional) activities*
  - *MSP on-going process*

Conclusion

« Size doesn’t matter (a lot)»


"That's all Folks!"