MSP in the Med: A Vision from Southern Europe

the data factor … importance of data integration instruments for maritime spatial plans

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"… spatial planning of the sea was [initially] perceived in the EU as an environmental policy. However, it is now regarded as a sector-neutral approach with the objective not only to protect the marine environment, but also to promote economic growth of the maritime economy …"

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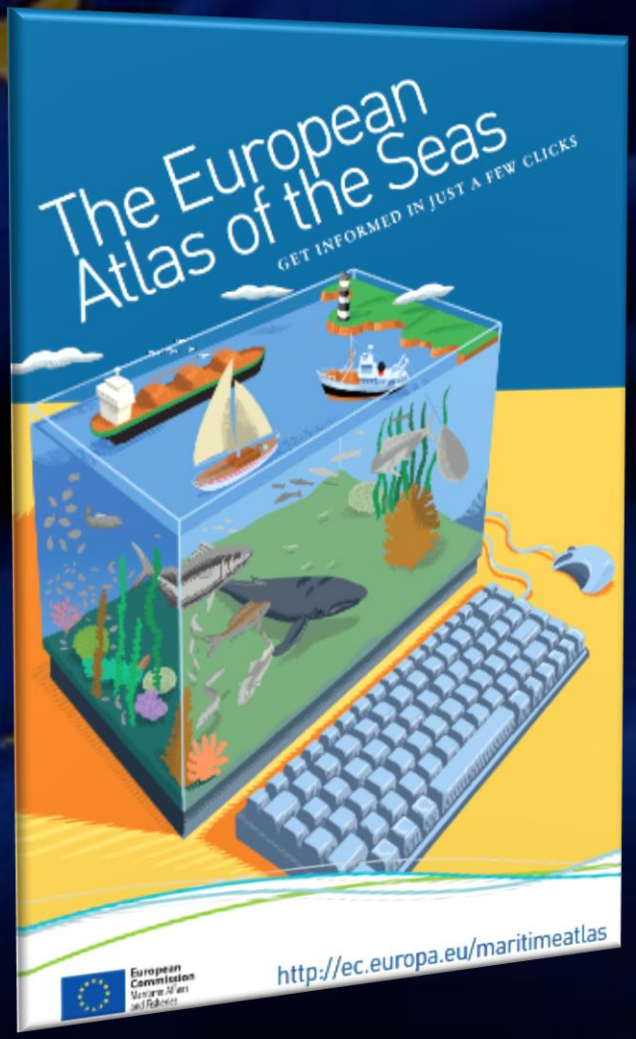

✓ aims of the Atlas

- dynamical database: data collection, map validation, regular updates
- offering access to complex information in pictorial form
- conflicts (problems) and synergies (opportunities)

✓ technical features

- multi-theme, map overlay
- time series, space/time sliders, bar charts
- data layers descriptions, metadata access & data sources

✓ user mode

- pre-cooked thematic maps (based data from EC and its Agencies)
- do-it-yourself maps (indicators, map services, analysis tools)
- restricted (sensitive data, to be shared by Institutions)

✓ target users

- General Public: simple to understand parameters and indicators
- Students, Researchers & Practitioners: access & retrieval of data
- Stakeholders, Professionals & Policy Makers: easy to query and use

✓ user feedback