

# Public consultation on a proposal for a Commission Communication on Integrated Maritime Policy for the Atlantic Ocean sea basin

## 1. About You

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| 1. What is your country of origin? | 27 Member States |
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| Which Member State? | Finland |
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| 2. Where do you live (city/region) ? | Helsinki |
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| 3. What is your field of activity ? | - Environment |
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| 4. Which type of organisation do you work for ? | - Non-governmental organisation |
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| 5. What is the size of your organisation | - Between 10 and 50 employees |
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## 2. How do you relate to maritime affairs and the Atlantic Ocean?

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| 1. How did you know about the EU Integrated Maritime Policy? | - Internet (Europa/DG MARE/other) |
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| 2. How did you know about the European Commission's steps towards the development of an Integrated Maritime Policy approach for the EU Atlantic Ocean sea basin? | - Internet (Europa/DG MARE/other) |
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| 3. Which part of the EU Atlantic Ocean sea basin are you interested in? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The seas between Ireland and Great Britain</li> <li>- The English Channel</li> <li>- The West of Ireland</li> <li>- The Bay of Biscay</li> <li>- The Iberian coast</li> <li>- The Atlantic Outermost regions</li> </ul> |
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| 4. What scale of governance are you primarily interested in? | - European |
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## 3. An EU Atlantic Ocean sea basin identity

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| 1. Do you think there is such a thing as an EU Atlantic Ocean identity ? (Y/N) | No |
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| 2. Do you think it is currently defined somewhere? (Y/N) | No |
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| 3. Do you think having such an identity is/would be positive for EU Atlantic Ocean stakeholders? (Y/N) | Yes |
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| In what manner ? |  |
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Unity and connectivity

#### 4. Which are the challenges for the EU Atlantic Ocean sea basin ?

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| 1. Are you aware of the non-paper linked to this consultation? (Y/N) (please see "useful links") | Yes |
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| A definition for the EU Atlantic Ocean sea basin | 6 |
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| Coherent economic development | 7 |
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| Sustainability of maritime activities | 1 |
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| Connectivity (e.g. transport, energy grid, high speed internet) | 5 |
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| Human dimension (e.g. regional & local cultures, maritime heritage, employment) | 4 |
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| Maritime governance in the EU Atlantic Ocean sea basin | 2 |
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| International dimension of the EU Atlantic Ocean sea basin | 3 |
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| 3. Are there other challenges than those identified in this document ? If so, what are they ?<br>In environment also marine habitats and species should be stressed more, because you need healthy sea to begin first. |  |
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#### EU action in Atlantic Ocean

#### 5. Where should the EU initiate action in the Atlantic Ocean sea basin?

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| The Atlantic Ocean as a whole | 1 |
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| The individual EU Atlantic Ocean sea basins (e.g. the seas between Ireland and Great Britain, the English Channel, the West of Ireland, the Bay of Biscay, the Iberian coast, the Atlantic Outermost regions) | 3 |
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| Smaller areas within those mentioned above (e.g. Iroise Sea) | 4 |
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| Other Atlantic areas within a single Member State (e.g. Galician Rias) | 5 |
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| It depends on the subject | 2 |
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#### 6. Content of a Commission Communication on the Atlantic Ocean sea basin

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| A Commission Communication should only list maritime issues with an EU dimension which are particular to the Atlantic Ocean sea basin | neutral |
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| A Commission Communication should also give guidance on how to develop maritime issues in the Atlantic Ocean sea basin              | agree          |
| Maritime governance is important. In the Atlantic Ocean sea basin it would need to be upgraded.                                     | strongly agree |
| Future EU legislative initiatives on maritime issues should refer to the Atlantic Ocean sea basin when appropriate                  | agree          |
| A Commission Communication on the Atlantic Ocean should steer funding from sectoral policies to the identified political priorities | neutral        |

## 7. Policy options

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| Status quo: leave EU Integrated Maritime Policy implementation in the Atlantic Ocean to stakeholders alone. There is no need for an enhanced EU role.  | not appropriate at all |
| Adopt a Commission Communication that offers guidance, in accordance with identified gaps, on the direction in which solutions to current maritime challenges and opportunities can be found. Leave it up to EU Member States and regions to develop comprehensive strategies (for the Atlantic as a whole or for one of its sub-sea basins) | not appropriate        |
| Adopt an EU strategy with concrete actions (similar to the Baltic Sea Strategy)  | appropriate            |
| Provide a list of flagship projects identified to the Atlantic and address some of the challenges envisaged in such projects   | appropriate            |

## 8. Other suggestions?

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| Suggestions  |
| We have taken part to the Baltic Sea strategy and we have learnt that the biggest problems are that (1) Member States and their ministries digged their old national ideas from archives and put them to flagship projects, mainly because (2) there is no new extra funding for the strategy. That is why BS Strategy is financing e.g. forestry sector like "business as usual", but not for added value of any benefit to the Baltic Sea. The Member States made BS strategy to extension for their national plans. On the other hand, the whole Baltic Sea strategy could have been based on the implementation of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan by financing it, but Member States and EU lost this great opportunity. Don't make this failure again with the Atlantic, please! |

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