



# MASPNOSE

## Maritime Spatial Planning in the North Sea

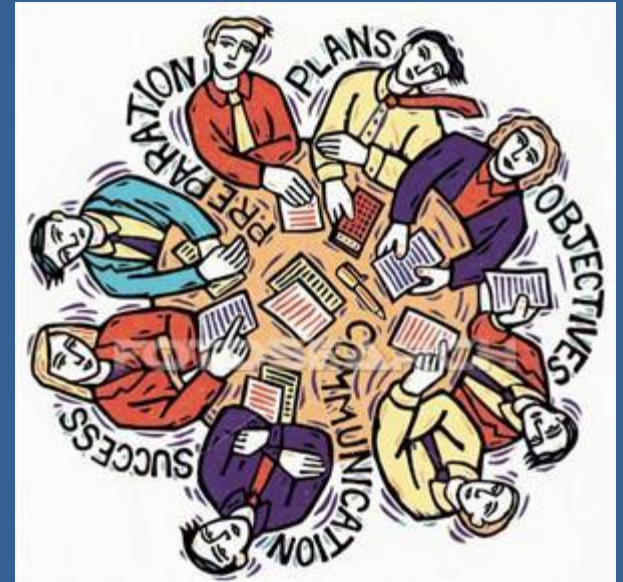
Martin Pastoors

European Commission, 13 December 2011

# Objective

MASPNOSE aims to facilitate concrete, cross-border cooperation among North Sea countries on ecosystem-based maritime spatial planning (MSP).

18 months !



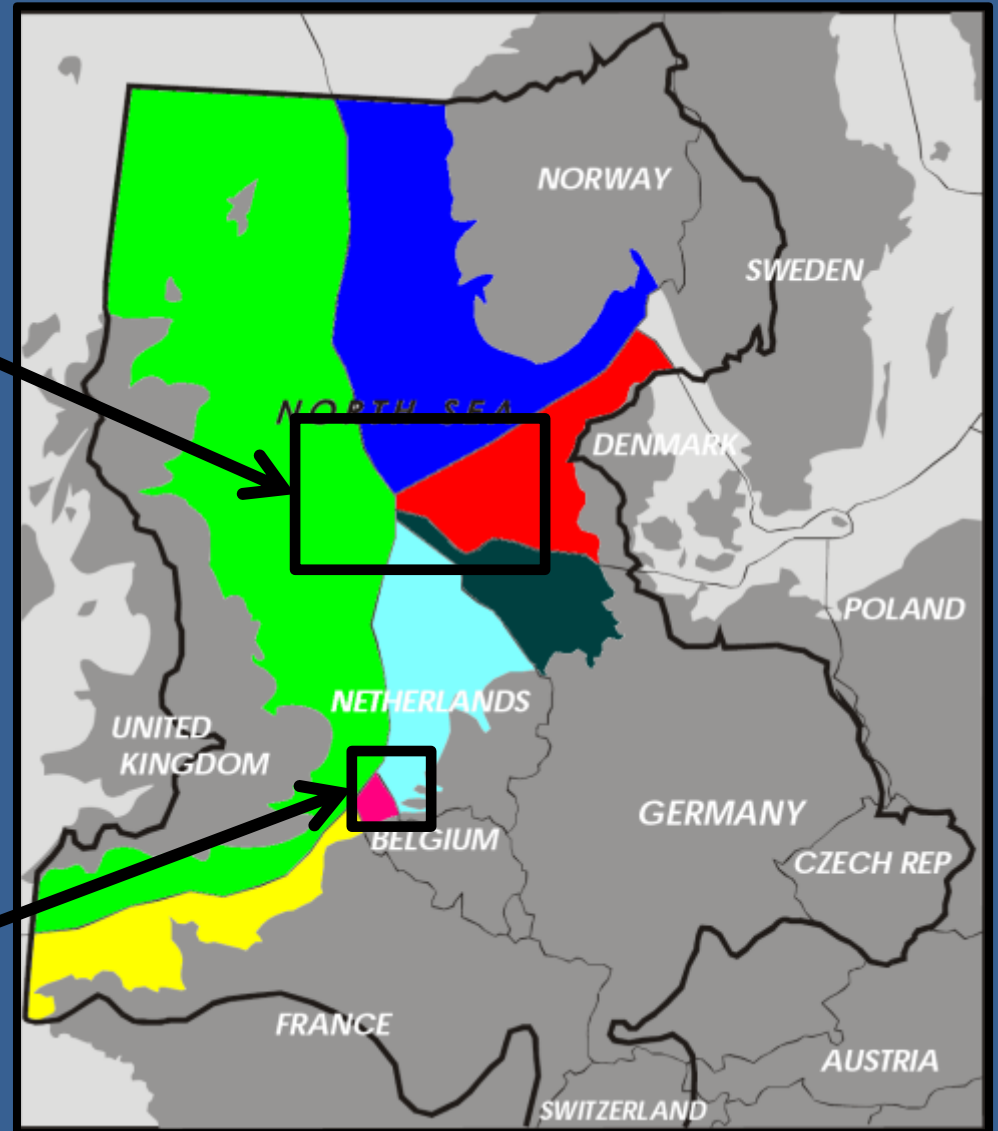
# Process approach to MSP: what is needed for cross border coordination?



# 2 case studies

Dogger Bank

Thornton Bank



# Dogger Bank case study



Main issues: Natura2000, Fishing, Wind-energy

# Process Dogger Bank Case Study

- Facilitating and observing
- Work with stakeholders (North Sea Regional Advisory Council) towards joint fisheries management plan
- Learn from national Dogger Bank processes (EMPAS, FIMPAS, ...)
- Explore impacts of wind energy development on planning



# Successful application of map-table for knowledge sharing and joint planning



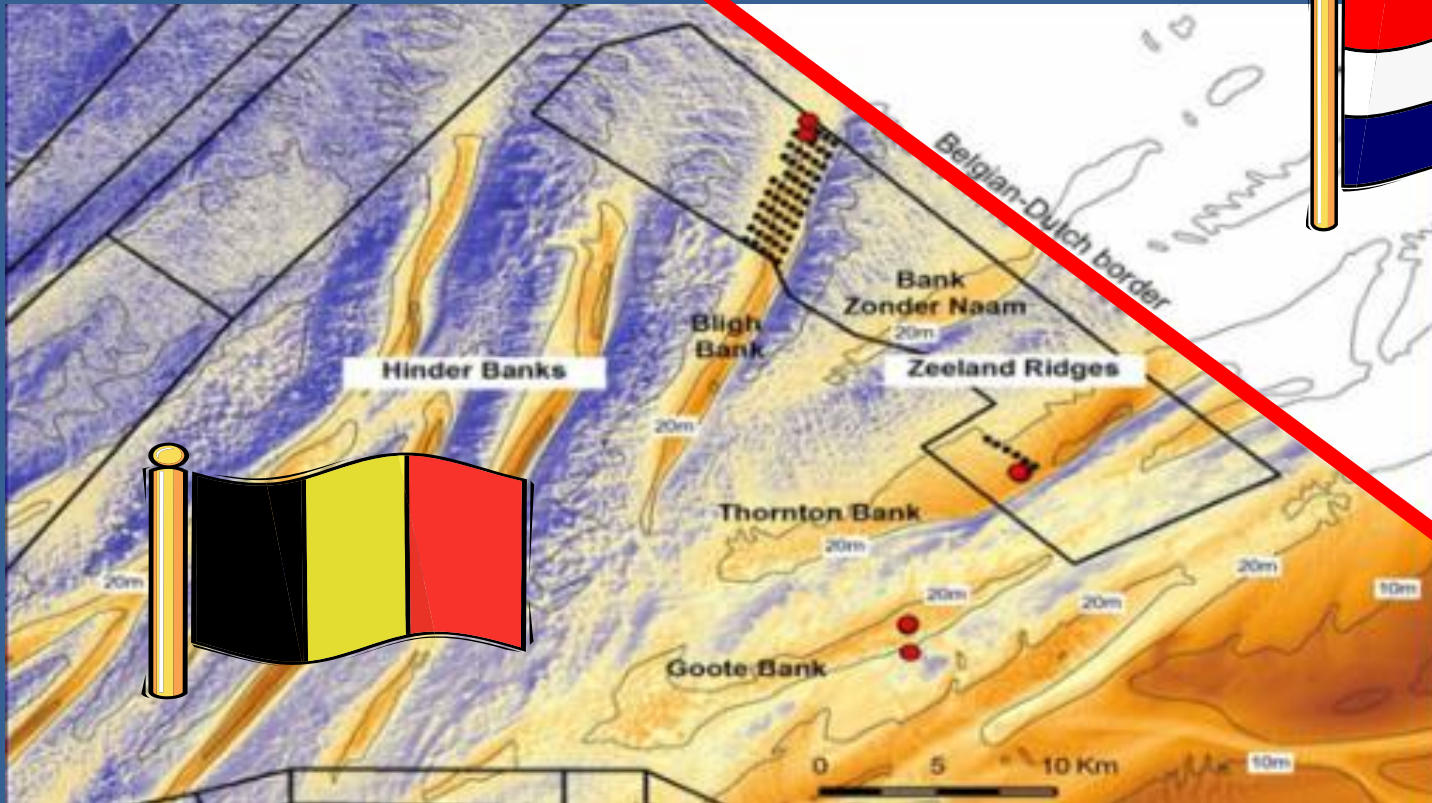
# Dogger Bank case presents innovative process results

- External facilitation from MASPNOSE essential for NSRAC process
- Feasible to achieve international agreement on management proposal for Dogger Bank (NSRAC, windfarm developer)
- NSRAC-led elaboration of management proposal (including member states, ICES)





# Case study 1: Thornton Bank

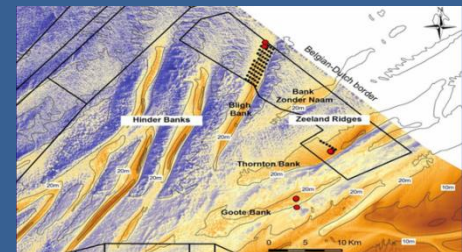


Main issues:

Shipping, Wind energy, MPA, Fishing

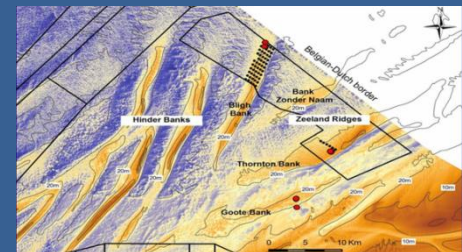
# Process Thornton bank

- Government stakeholders
- Interview sessions
- First workshop: 13 October 2011, The Hague
  - strategy & common objectives
- Second workshop: 7 February, Ghent
  - “Smarten” 10 key principles for MSP (some?)



# Lessons learned on Thornton Bank

- How to “smarten” the 10 key principles for MSP:
  - check links with e.g. MSFD, EIA and SEA
  - Is it needed? What is needed? How is it feasible?
- Politics in spatial planning is often ignored but important
  - Affects ambitions and objectives





# MASPNOSE

European Commission, 13 December 2011

# Main lessons so far

- Our case studies are “preparatory actions” only
  - Real MSP processes would take much more time
- MSP in cross border context is “sensitive”
  - Politics is often ignored but very important for ambitions and objectives
- Clear process outline needed for MSP:
  - why, when, where, who, how
- “Smartize” the 10 key principles

Joint closing conference of  
*MASPNOSE* and *Plan Bothnia*  
at EC Maritime Day 2012





# MASPNOSE

**Preparatory Action on  
Maritime Spatial Planning  
in the North Sea**