

transboundary cooperation and consultation in MSP: the Adriatic experience

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Adriatic: current situation with respect to MSP

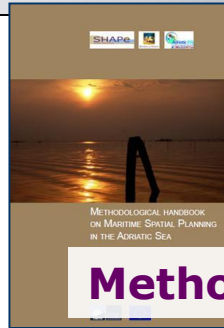
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MSP



MSP for 2 focus areas: in progress...

Methodological Handbook on MSP in Adriatic

Handbook on Integrated MSP

- in the Adriatic no country is “doing” MSP yet!!! although...
- all the countries bordering the Adriatic started **approaching MSP**, through...
- past and current transnational and cross-border **MSP projects**, that set the basis for MSP

SHAPE experience: lessons learned...

main issues:

- lack of a **multi-dimensional perspective**
- lack of **coordination** among EU policies affecting maritime space: conflicts, overlapping, duplication, fragmentation, rebounding also top-down to national/regional levels
- lack of a **common language** among different sectors
- fragmented **competences**

main challenges:

- improving **horizontal & vertical coordination**
- increasing **stakeholder involvement**
- improving **standardization/harmonization** of data
- Reach coherence between **terrestrial & maritime** planning



Criticalities:

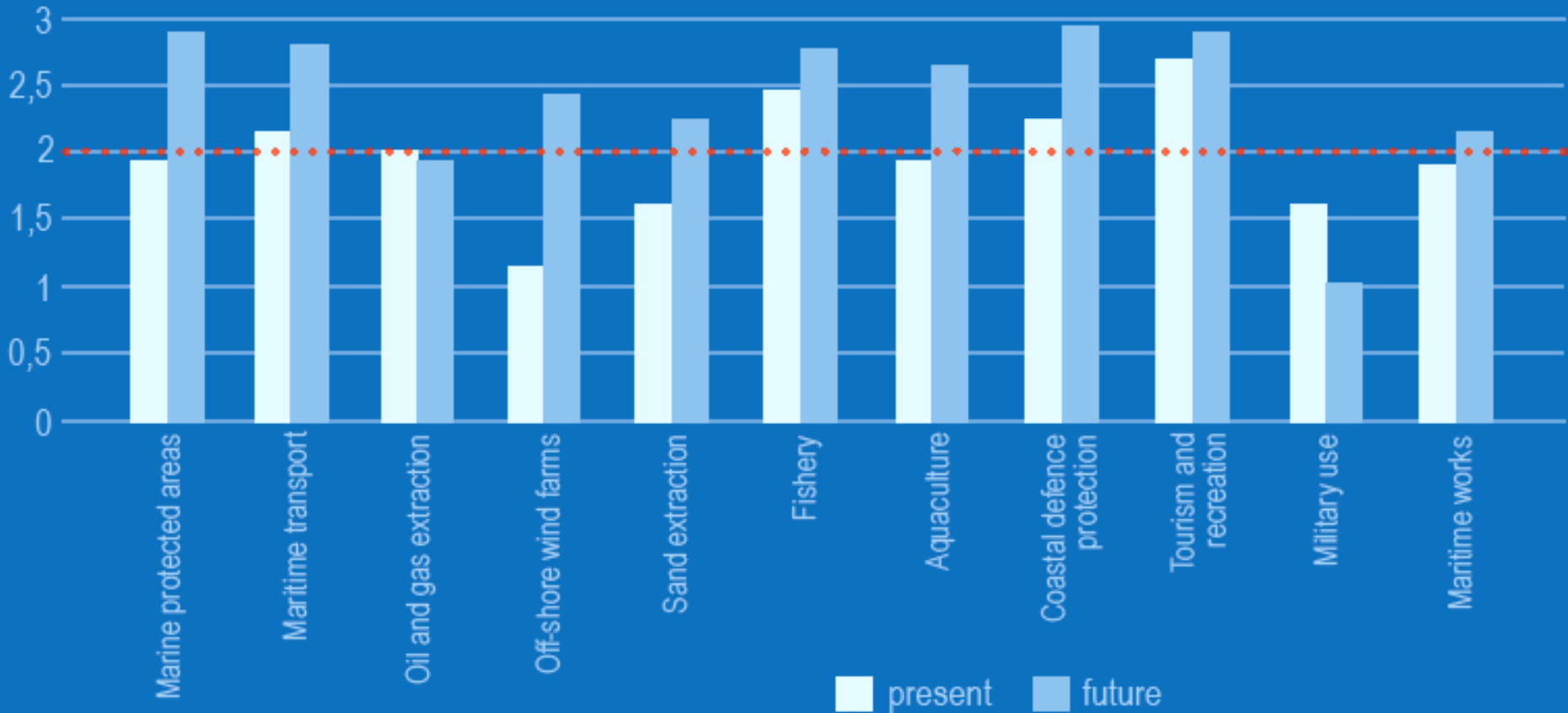
- How to use data and what kind of information to be used?
- How to define planning subjects (local, national, international level): what kind of authorities have to develop the MSP and use/manage tools?

Opportunities:

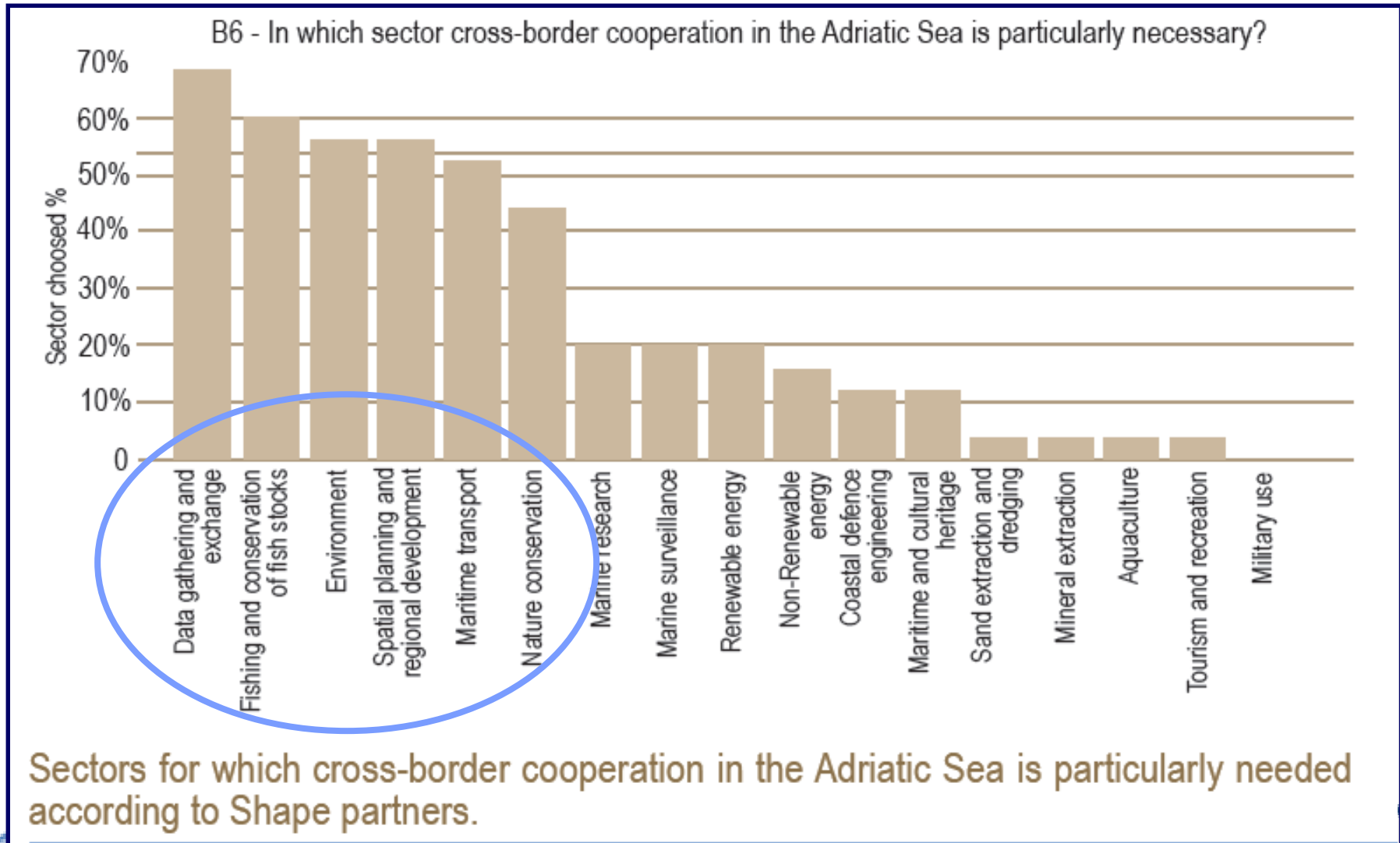
- synergies with implementation of **MSFD** 2008/56/EC
- proposal for a **Directive for MSP** (endorsed April 2014)
- synergies with **Blue Growth** COM(2012) 494 final
- **EUSAIR**, the EU Strategy for Adriatic and Ionian Region
- **ADRIPLAN** project...

SHAPE experience: main topics to focus on transnational MSP

C1 - What is the importance of the following maritime uses for the Adriatic Sea in relation to the present and the future perspective?



SHAPE experience: main topics to focus on transnational MSP



Adriatic: specific challenges in transboundary collaboration

- there are no transnational institutions comparable to the HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group which work at sea basin level
- cases of cross-border consultation?

OPPORTUNITIES	CHALLENGES
Cross-border cooperation and stakeholder involvement	
<p>Culture of cooperation and on-going cross-border initiatives and projects that can disseminate MSP concepts at the basin scale</p> <p>Shape project partnership, its output and results</p> <p>The on-going DG MARE ADRIPLAN project focusing on MSP implementation in the AIR</p>	<p>Increased cross-border cooperation on MSP, also to ensure the sustainable management of the “open sea” space and resources</p> <p>Increased stakeholder involvement through an open, transparent and inclusive process</p> <p>Effective links between national MSP initiatives and MSP at the Adriatic scale</p>

Adriatic: situation with respect to stakeholder involvement



- **mechanisms:**

- project partners were asked to assess the main needs and relevant issues for MSP through **questionnaires** and structured **interviews**

- **level of consultation:**

- each partner involved stakeholders at **regional & local** level through dedicated workshops
- International Conferences and Coast Day celebrations helped in gathering the **basin level** view concerning the legislative and policy framework, uptaking international experiences and best practices, developing the dialogue at basin level

Adriatic: situation with respect to stakeholder involvement



- **mechanisms:**

- the project foresees specific workshops, a survey through questionnaires, the set up of a Forum in the web portal and the utilisation of other existing platforms and initiatives

- **level of consultation:**

- partners are asked to identify relevant stakeholders at local level in order to involve them in the cross-border consultation process



*MSP seeds have been planted
and are starting to sprout in
the Adriatic...*

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Thank you for your attention!
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