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Measuring the Blue Economy

CHALLENGES AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL

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Task in the Land-Sea-Act project

Mapping the Blue Economy (BE) in the case study regions
(LV, PL, DE, EE, DK, SE)

- Central goal: Monitoring employment and gross value added in BE and its sectors

Advantages:

- Status quo of regional BE
- Comparison with other regions
- Development over time
- Assessment of effectiveness of policy measures
- Input-output effects



EU Blue Economy definition

Application of the EU Blue Economy Report definition to the regional/local level

Established sectors	Emerging sectors
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marine living resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Desalination
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marine non-living resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blue Bioeconomy
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marine renewable energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marine minerals/Deep-seabed mining
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Port activities and construction of water projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coastal and environmental protection
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shipbuilding and repair	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Defence and security
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maritime transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marine research and education
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coastal tourism	



EU Blue Economy definition

Extraction of Marine Living Resources	Extraction of marine non-living resources	Shipbuilding and Repair
10.20 Processing and preserving of fish, crustaceans and molluscs	06.10 Extraction of crude petroleum	30.11 Building of ships and floating structures
46.38 Wholesale of other food, including fish, crustaceans and molluscs	06.20 Extraction of natural gas	30.12 Building of pleasure and sporting boats
47.23 Retail sale of fish, crustaceans and molluscs in specialised stores	09.10 Support activities for petroleum and natural gas extraction	33.15 Repair and maintenance of ships and boats

Necessary statistics:

- Structural Business Statistics (NACE four-digit level)
- Statistics on manufactured goods (PRODCOM)
- Rystad Energy UCube data (Offshore oil and gas)
- Tourism Satellite Accounts



Problems of measuring BE at the regional level

Problems at regional level

- No EU-wide NACE four-digit level statistics at NUTS2/NUTS3 level
- Data provision by regional/national statistical offices
 - Not possible due to anonymizations
 - High costs
 - Months for preparation



HWWI Blue Growth Checks report

1. Comparative analysis

Indicator	Geographical level	Source
Total jobs	National	EU Blue Economy Report
Share of national employment	National	EU Blue Economy Report
Jobs by BE sector	National	EU Blue Economy Report
Change in BE jobs 2009-2018	National	EU Blue Economy Report
Gross investment	National	EU Blue Economy Report
Nights spent in tourist accommodations in coastal areas	NUTS2	Eurostat
Jobs in water transport	NUTS2	Eurostat
Blue Growth focus areas	NUTS2/NUTS3	Smart Blue Regions project
Blue Growth stakeholders	NUTS2/NUTS3	Smart Blue Regions project
Stakeholder involvement	NUTS3	Survey among regional experts
Assessment of regional preconditions	NUTS3	Survey among regional experts
Trends affecting regional Blue Economy	NUTS3	Survey among regional experts

2. SWOT analysis for each case study region including further region-specific information





Alternative ways of measuring BE

- Adjust BE definition such that it can be monitored using Structural Business Statistics available at the regional level
- Require regional statistical offices to report aggregate BE employment data to Eurostat
- Combine official sectoral data with information from surveys among companies (Katila et al. 2019)
- Measuring entities instead of jobs or gross value added (Szejgiec-Kolenda & Zaucha 2019)

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