



## GNSBI Overview



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## High level involvement



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*Antwerp Declaration on the Greater North Sea Basin Initiative as a cross-sectoral platform for the joint development of the Greater North Sea Basin of 24 November 2024*

- **Annex I: Work programme 2025-2027**
  - programme steering group and working tracks
  
- **Annex II: Governance**
  1. Structure: Ministers' conference, Executive Board, Steering Group, Working tracks, secretariat function
  2. Management
  3. Communication
  4. Resources

# Five integrated working tracks



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## Cumulative impacts (NL)

Find a common approach on cumulative impact assessments based on existing work to identify ecological tensions



## Multiple use of space (D)

Set-up criteria and sharing best practices on co-use



## Nature restoration and conservation (B)

Set-up a program for cooperation regarding conservation, enhancement and restoration of nature



## Long-term perspective of fisheries (FR-D)

Create insight in key fisheries areas and socioeconomic/food impacts of spatial developments at North Sea scale



## Knowledge sharing (NL)

Coordinate the exchange of best practices, (scientific) information, data, plans and assessments.

# Positioning of GNSBI in the network



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## An integrated approach succeeds only when in tune with existing frameworks

- Much of the knowledge and decision-making on the North Sea currently happens in numerous (sectoral) bodies and frameworks.
- GNSBI actively reaches out to those existing networks to fill up possible gaps, but also to learn from knowledge and experiences on cross-sectoral decision making through the years.
- One of the prerequisites of GNSBI is to make efficient use of the knowledge and experiences, to prevent unnecessary governance structures or additional workload for the national civil servants.

### Indicative list of partner Network and Organizations

MSP-Collaboration Group - Council of the EU (Agriculture and Fisheries, Environment, Energy, General Affairs) - North Sea Advisory Council - International Council for the Exploration of the Seas (ICES) - North Sea Shipping group - North Sea Energy Cooperation (NSEC) - OSPAR - N2000 - Specialised committee on fisheries between EU/UK - CPRM North Seas Commission

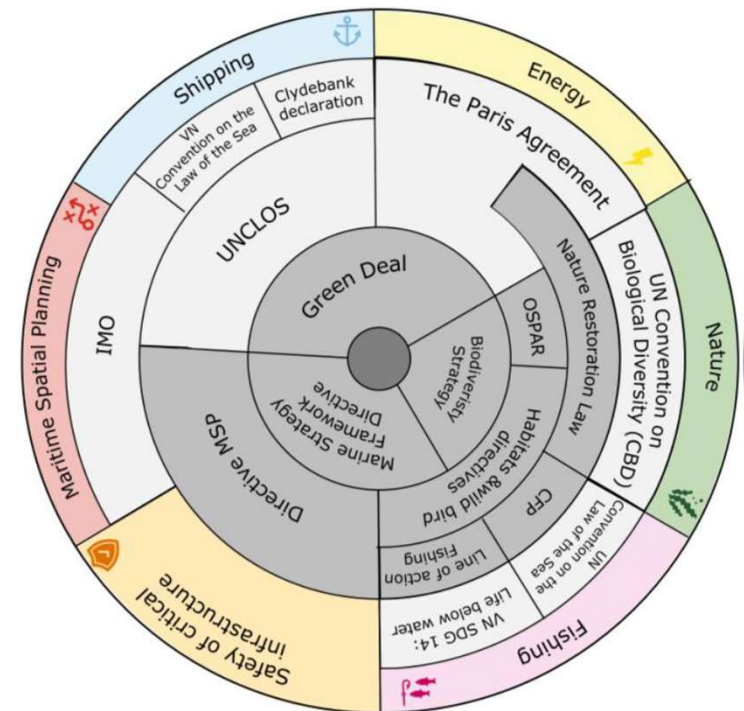


Figure 1-Indicative representation of existing frameworks and networks relevant for GNSBI.



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# Stakeholder engagement

## The goal

- Stakeholders are able to **systematically** bring up matters that concern them/ react to GNSBI activities
  - Stakeholder input needs to be a systematic and regular part of the GNSBI decision-making process
- => In order to achieve this, we are looking to establish an active stakeholder community of **key stakeholder parties**, as well as a group of **observing stakeholder parties**.

## Stakeholder management

### Next steps in 2025:

- Determining stakeholder organisation
- Finalise stakeholder participation plan

# Working programme for 2025-2027



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The goal of the working programme to gather insight in the objectives, actions and products of the working tracks :



## **Monitor track process**

The working programme serves as a basis to course-correct when the track does not reach its products and goals or when deemed necessary. Regular monitoring discussions and updates by the (interim-) Secretariat to the steering group, allow the steering group to intervene.



## **Link with other fora**

By formulating a working programme, the initiative has the opportunity to communicate its results and working method with existing fora, by setting out the activities per track, the working programme can help with preventing the duplication of work.



## **Foster intra-track discussions**

In the working programme, track leaders are invited to think on organising shared workshops and common results or projects. Such projects would lead to experts from different tracks and expertise to mingle and eventually to 'integrated' results, in line with the initiative's goals.

In February 2025, DGs adopted a first version of the working programme. The work program must be updated at least annually, or earlier if deemed necessary by the steering group.

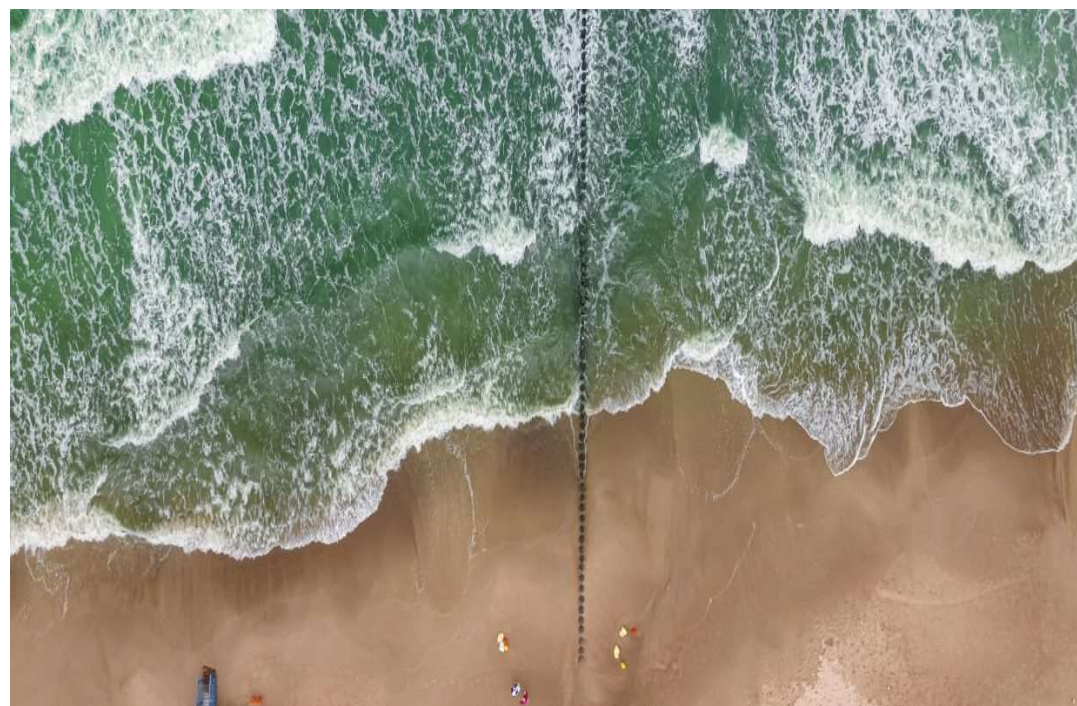


# Link with NESBp

## NESB-project (€600k)

Q4 2024-Q1 2027

- **Governance of the GNSBI:** Organizing events and supporting the organization (€200K)
- **Working track CIA:** To meet the needs of this working track, such as commissioning studies, etc. (€200K)
- **Knowledge Sharing track:** Intended for research institute Deltares and the further development of a knowledge sharing platform for the Greater North Sea basin (€200K)



# Thank you!



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