

# MARINE STRATEGY FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE



A CHALLENGE  
AND  
AN OPPORTUNITY OF COOPERATION  
IN THE  
MEDITERRANEAN REGION

**MARINE ENVIRONMENT PLAY A KEY ROLE  
FOR EARTH'S CLIMATE and BIODIVERSITY  
and also for the  
DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN ACTIVITIES  
( food, energy, transportation, turisme, etc.)**

**CAUSING  
INCREASED PREASSURE ON THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT**

**WITH**

**KNOWLEGE GAPS IN UNDERSTANDING THE MARINE ECOSYSTEMS  
&  
LACKING COORDINATION OF ACTIONS IN MARINE REGIONS**

**THE FUTURE IS NOT PROMISING!**

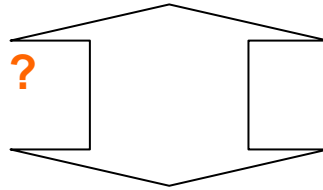


## **MEDITERRANEAN SEA , OUR COMMON ISSUE OF CONCERN**

***Coordination & cooperation needed in the  
Mediterranean region and its sub-regions  
to development Marine Strategy  
as a synergy of***

***Euro-Mediterranean process, the partners committed to: "endorse a feasible timetable to de-pollute the Mediterranean Sea by 2020, while providing appropriate financial resources and technical support to implement it, using the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development and exploring possible areas for co-operation in this regard with UNEP"***

**Role of a COORDINATING BODY ?**



***EU process: MS agreed on development of Marine Strategy for marine waters in their jurisdiction and sovereignty and in cooperation with other countries in the region for the whole region with the aim to achieve good environmental status by 2021.***

## DEVELOPMENT OF THE DIRECTIVE

At the EU level awareness of the problems demanded the development of a comprehensive marine policy :

◆ Thematic Strategy *"to promote sustainable use of the seas and conserve marine ecosystems"*, was prepared 2003, followed by the broad public consultation and adopted in 2005  
:([http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/water/consult\\_marine.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/water/consult_marine.htm))

◆ The conclusions lead to the decision that the development of a comprehensive and coordinated is needed

◆ The Impact Assessment was prepared, taking into account the cost of non action, followed by the proposal of the directive

◆ In June 2008 the Marine Framework Strategy Directive ( Directive 2008/56/EC) was adopted by the EP and the Council



## EU MARINE STRATEGY



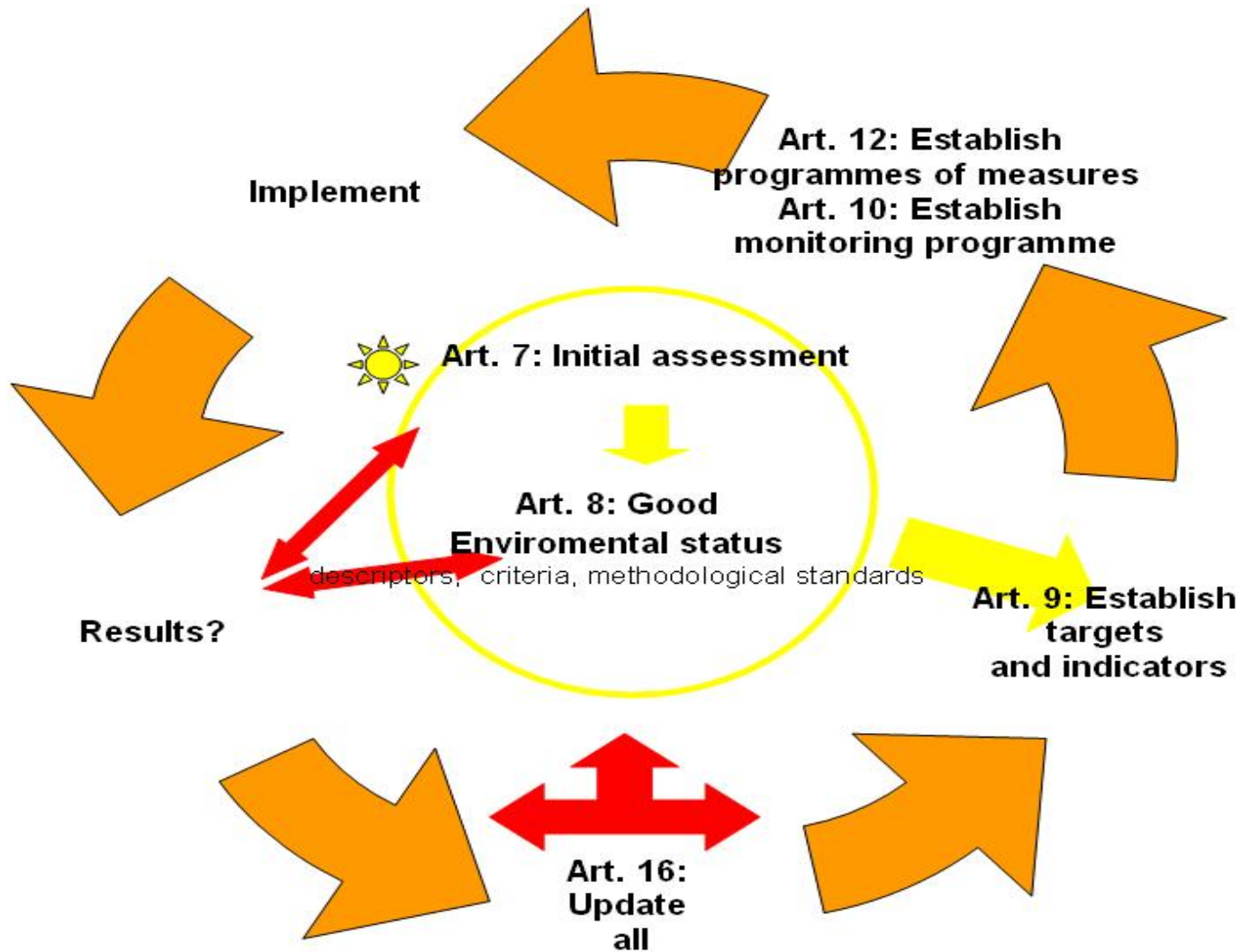
**VISION:** protect and ensure that human activities are carried out in a sustainable way so that the future generation can enjoy and benefit from biologically diverse, healthy and productive seas

**OBJECTIVE:** Achieve good environmental status (GES) of the marine waters of the region

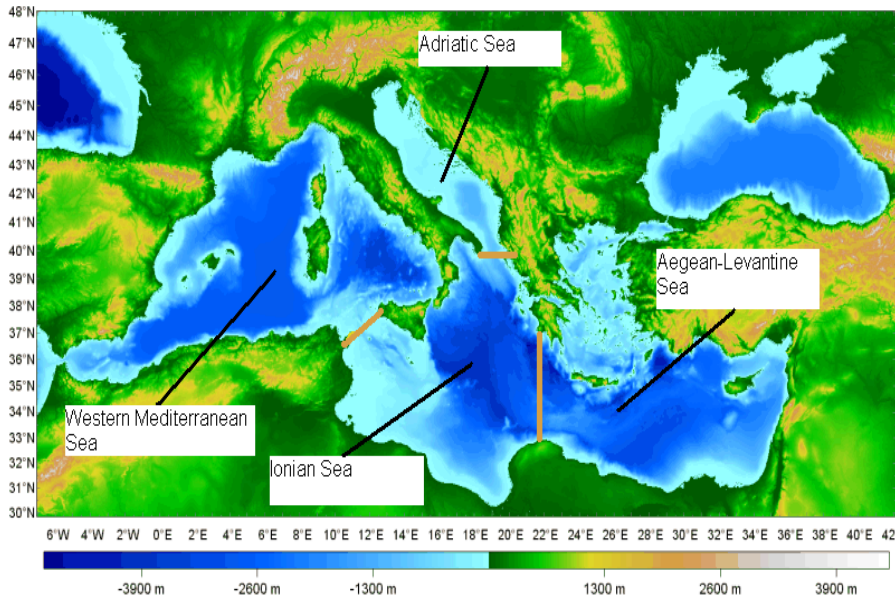
**APPROACH:** set a common principles for problems shared by the different sea regions , using adaptive management, allowing regions and sub-regions to capture their specific problems, based on available knowledge and evidences

**SCOPE:** strategy will have to be made operational and implemented at regional level, where cooperation and coordination, supported by regional sea conventions with all the concerned countries is of a crucial importance

# Marine Strategies shall be prepared for regional seas on the basis of sub regional and national strategies



# Territorial grounds to prepare Marine Strategy for Mediterranean



## MEDITERRANEAN SUB-REGIONS

- Western Mediterranean Sea
- Ionian and Central Mediterranean Sea
- Aegean –Levantine Sea
- Adriatic Sea

Marine Strategy for Mediterranean Sea Region and its sub-regions shall be developed by EU MS for marine waters in their jurisdiction and sovereignty , and in cooperation with other countries in the Region for the whole region and implemented upon existing programmes and activities developed in the framework of international agreements and regional seas conventions and if necessary upon additional measures

# Implementation milestones of the MSFD

**Marine Strategies to be developed and implemented based on the following steps:**

- **Description and assessment of current environmental status including the environmental impact of human activities – 2012**
- **Determination of good environmental status –2012**
- **Establishment of environmental targets – 2012**
- **Monitoring programme – 2014**
- **Programme of measures towards good environmental status –**  
● **by 2015**
- **Entry into operation of programmes of measures – by 2016**
- **Good environmental status – by 2020**

**With regular reviews (every 6 years)**



# Mediterranean Sea- commonn issue of concern needs a coordinated regional Strategy? IF the answer is YES

*Further steps needed in the Mediterranean region and its sub-regions to achieve the objectives of the MSFD:*

- To proceed an efficient implementation of already agreed actions,*
- To review and streamline already agreed actions for the achievement of ” good environmental status of the marine environment”*
- To agree to look for synergies in actions across the Mediterranean region and prepare strategies for the protection of the marine environment in line with the MFSD objectives*
- To assure a coherent and coordinated process across the Region*