

Sea Basin Strategies Assistance Mechanism

Fostering synergies at Sea Basin Level
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ATLANTIC STRATEGY
Supporting the Atlantic Action Plan



Common Maritime Agenda
for the Black Sea



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- 1. An Assistance Mechanism covering 3 sea basins:
WestMED, Atlantic and the Black Sea*
- 2. Cooperation and synergies among the sea basins*
- 3. Our Team, work organisation and services to stakeholders*

1. An AM for the 3 sea basins

- The new Assistance Mechanism for the 3 Sea Basins is intended to provide the necessary technical assistance for the implementation of the 3 sea basin strategies.
- In past years, each of the 3 EU Sea Basins have developed dedicated and individualised sets of priorities, which are organised differently and have been consolidated in the following strategic documents:
 - **The WestMED Framework for Action & Roadmap priorities**
 - **The Atlantic Action Plan 2.0**
 - **The Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea**
- The main thematic priorities covered by each Sea Basin Strategy, as well as the main thematic cooperation areas to date are summarised as follows

1.1. Thematic priorities in the WestMED

FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION

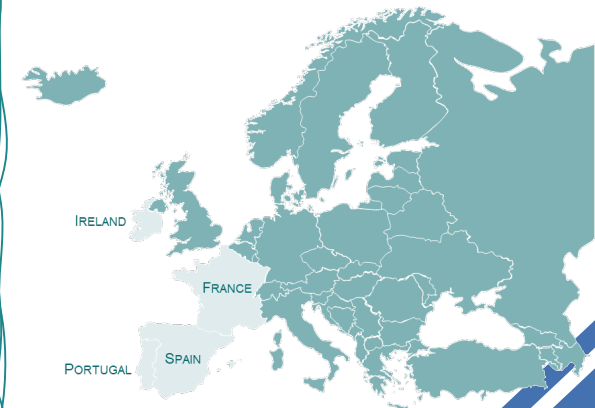
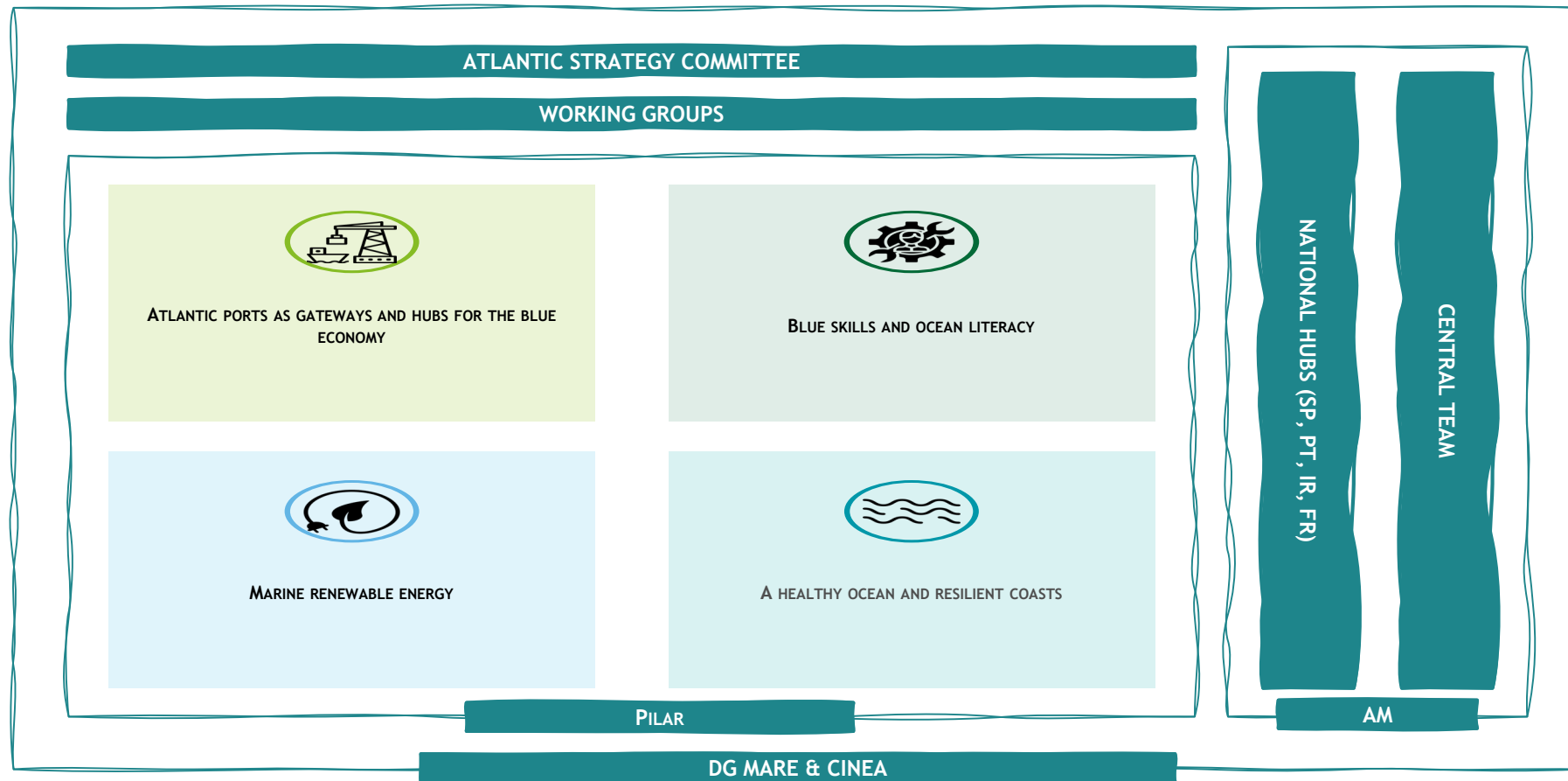
1. Coastguard functions cooperation (training, capacity building, search and rescue)
2. Maritime safety and response to marine pollution rescue
3. Strategic research and innovation
4. Maritime clusters development
5. Skills development and circulation
6. Sustainable consumption and production (maritime transport, ports, maritime and coastal tourism, marine aquaculture)
7. Spatial Planning and coastal management
8. Marine and maritime knowledge
9. Biodiversity and marine habitat conservation
10. Sustainable fisheries and coastal community development

ROADMAP PRIORITIES

1. Maritime safety and the fight against marine pollution
2. Maritime cluster development
3. Skills development and circulation
4. Sustainable consumption and production
5. Biodiversity and marine habitat conservation and restoration
6. Development of coastal communities and sustainable fisheries and aquaculture

1.2. Thematic priorities in the Atlantic

The **Atlantic Action Plan 2.0** comprises four (4) pillars which represent a practical way to make the Plan's **vision a reality**. All **pillars are integrally interconnected** and **transregional** by nature and address **key challenges** and aim to **foster sustainable blue growth** and **contribute to the greater territorial cooperation and cohesion in the EU Atlantic area**.



1.3. Thematic priorities in the Black Sea

1. Environmental dimension (GOAL I)

- ✓ Address marine pollution and plastic litter
- ✓ CMA GI/P3: Support sustainable fisheries and aquaculture in the Black Sea

2. Innovation (digitalization) dimension (GOAL II)

- ✓ CMA GII/P1: Support Innovation
 - i. Digitalization of aquaculture, coastal tourism (including small cruise), natural and (underwater) cultural heritage.

3. Investment dimension (GOAL III)

- ✓ CMA GIII/P2: Promote maritime entrepreneurship by supporting clusters, accelerators, SMEs and start-ups

2. Cooperation and synergies between initiatives and across sea basins

STREAMLINE AND UPSCALE THE SUPPORT PROVIDED SO FAR TO THE 3 EU SEA BASIN STRATEGIES

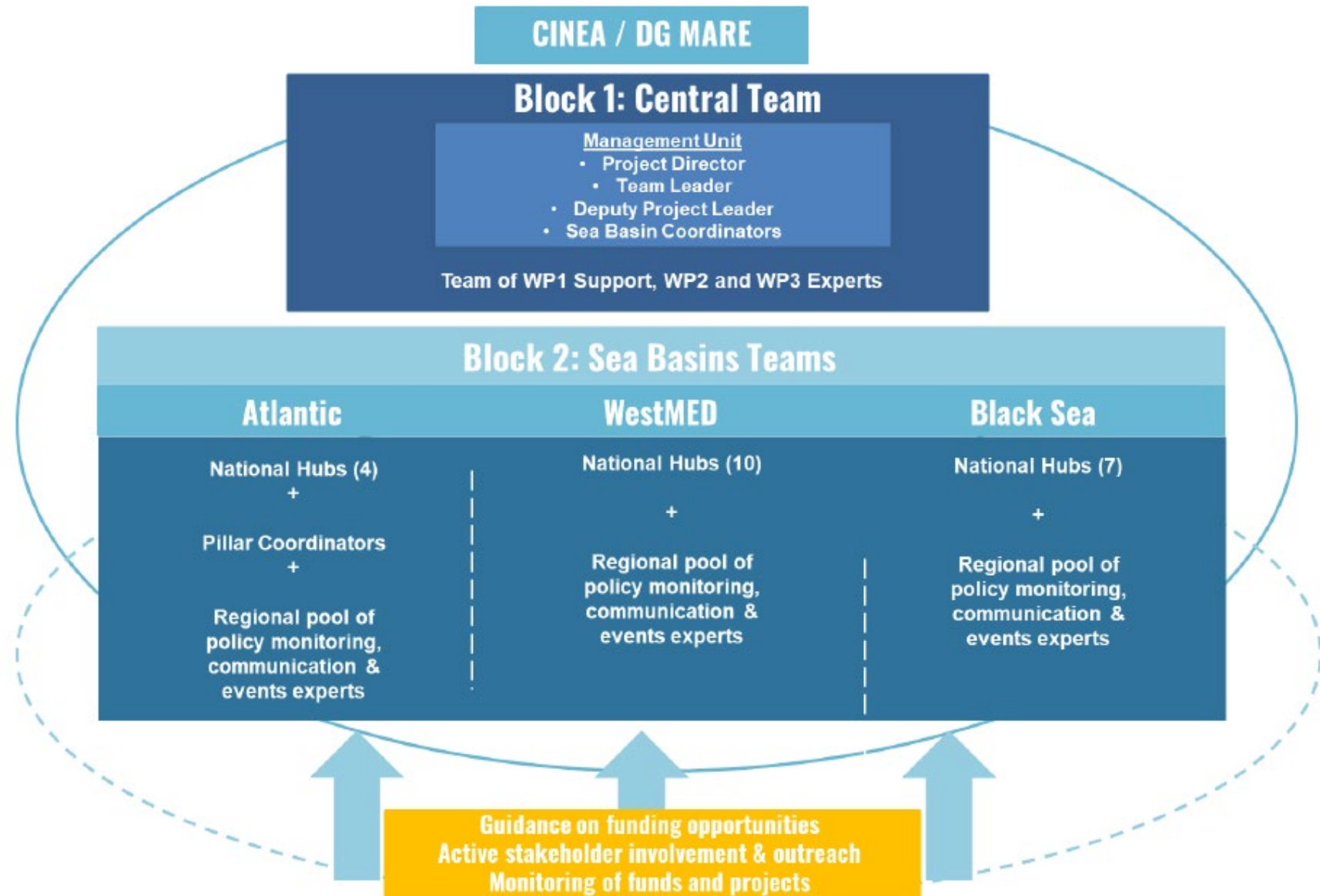
- Facilitating synergies between the various sea basins
- Supporting the systemic exchange of best practices
- Identifying consistent policy feedback
- Linked to the above, promoting informed planning of future actions

2.1 Cooperation and synergies between initiatives and across sea basins

KEY PRINCIPLES

- Establish and maintain **close relationships** through time with the main sea basin and policy-related initiatives.
- Effective **monitoring of funding** initiatives to be clearly linked with the concrete needs and deliverables in the context of each set of sea basin's priorities (coordination with WP3 based on action below).
- **Strong synergies** with policies, programmes, funding opportunities, scientific initiatives, etc. which are inherently involving different levels of engagement – EU, sea basin, country, etc – **within seabasins**
- **Strong synergies** across stakeholders, projects, emerging ideas that reflect the challenges/needs of ore than one seabasin – **across seabasins**

3. Our Team, work organisation and services to



Summary of the remit of our activities specially devoted to actors and stakeholders...

Ensure permanent availability of the Assistance Mechanism at a national level

Liaise with relevant stakeholders, private sector, academia, national/regional authorities... cooperation

Identify and promote funding opportunities for projects in accordance with the WestMED, Atlantic and Black Sea Priorities & national priorities.

Assist and participate in the organization of national and international events (e.g. hackathons)

Network to support the development of the Action Plan/ Initiative/ Agenda (roadshows, conference presence...)

Collect information on business development opportunities, public funding and private investment opportunities.

Advise and assist stakeholders in setting up project ideas and help to find partners across the National Hubs Networks

Ultimately....your point of contact to take your initiatives and project ideas to the next level...

Thank you!

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