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Blue Growth in Insular Regions: Case study of the North and South Aegean, Greece

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Résumé / Summary

Human activities in the marine environment lead to significant economic growth of coastal areas. The sea as a "source" of development, has a key role in the development of such activities. Therefore, the implementation of a management framework, such as Marine Spatial Planning is essential.

MSP includes a total of targeted actions for the right use of marine space. It is an appropriate cross – sectoral tool that leads to spatial and temporal realisation of human activities in the marine space effectively and sustainably. Also, MSP covers each coastal areas' needs and shows respect for the environment while leading to employment and competitiveness by promoting energy, development, shipping, aquaculture and more. In other words, MSP enhances Blue Growth in coastal areas.

An integral part of MSP is Blue Growth, which redefines the scope of maritime activities such as aquaculture, tourism and energy towards new prospects and the protection of the environment. Blue Growth, which is the maritime approach of the European Strategy with a time frame for completion in 2020, consists of three main parts: Measures for Integrated Marine Policy relating to integrated databases and data on the seabed, Strategies for sea basins, which aimed at smoothing out environmental problems that these sea basins face and Target areas for action that Blue Growth tries to develop and through which is applied to the marine space.

MSP and Blue Growth find application also in the Greek maritime space. The basic context of Greek maritime

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