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all over the Europe:  
case studies 1

# Belgium case

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# marine spatial planning *the Belgian experience*

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how did we get from...



to...



## circumstances

- **Bottom-up**  
conflicts between existing uses/values  
new spatial claims
- **Top down**  
European law  
international law/initiatives
- **Straight forward**  
political leadership



# procedure



## structure

### 1° Spatial analysis of Belgian part of the North Sea:

- Introduction
- Physical aspects
- Nature value
- Existing user functions
- Existing spatial structure
- Spatial alliances and conflicts

### 2° A long term vision on spatial use

### 3° Clear economic, social and ecological objectives including indicators

### 4° The measures, funding, instruments and actions to implement the spatial plan



## some lessons

- MSP process > procedure
- stakeholder involvement
  - build support
  - collect information
  - check information
- process flexibility



## some more lessons

- involvement: adoption and implementation process
- better a diamond with a flaw than a pebble without
  - balance between studies/pilot projects/studies to study the studies and the real MSP

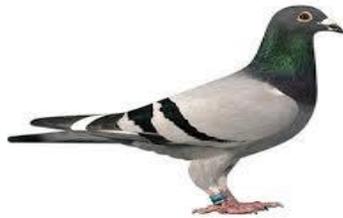




*"That's all Folks!"*

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