A maritime policy for Catalonia
Funding a Maritime Strategy to boost blue economy

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Maritime Strategy of Catalonia 2030

Building a solid basis for blue growth

- 17 strategic targets, 9 of them directly related to economic maritime sectors
- 89 strategic lines, 41 of them supporting specific maritime sectors

Principles:
- Sustainability (green blue growth)
- Integrated approach, including MSP;
- participatory;
- adaptive and knowledge-based;
- promoting social economy
Funding strategy including possible scheme based on financial instruments are still to be determined.
Some examples of strategic lines

• Launching of a broad Catalan Maritime Cluster

• Establishing a Maritime Reference Network gathering together all the excellence on R&I in the country

• Fostering the exchange of experiences and international cooperation in the field of marine biotechnology

• Developing fisheries and aquaculture following a bio-economic approach that couples sustainable production to markets

• Development of maritime tourism based on the natural and cultural heritage

• Development of low-impact recreational nautical activities
R(UE) 1303/2003 seeks to ensure a necessary coordination among funds, but ...  

The resulting picture is not tailored to the main Mediterranean needs (often medium/small scale of interventions, very limited capacity of stakeholders, etc.)

A new financial instrument that can support a blue growth strategy at the scale that matters in the Med basin = the scale of the regions, and that allows for a mixed public/private scheme is desperately needed.
Thank you

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