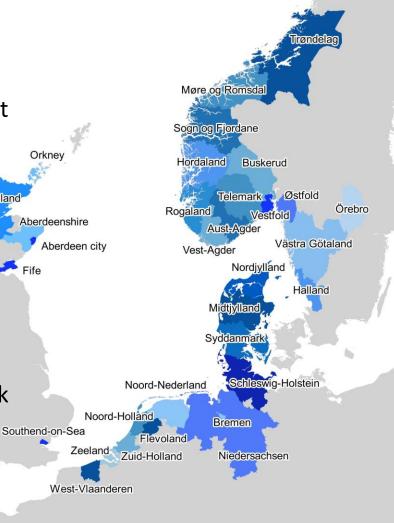




## 32 members in eight countries

- Founded in 1989
- Elected councils on regional level
- Cooperation, networking, exchange of best practice
- Thematic groups on marine resources, transport, energy/climate and attractive/sustainable communities
- A voice of the North Sea Region in European decision-making
- One of six commissions in CPMR
- President: Kerstin Brunnström
- Vice Presidents: John Lamb, Andreas Lervik
- Secretariat in Gothenburg and Brussels

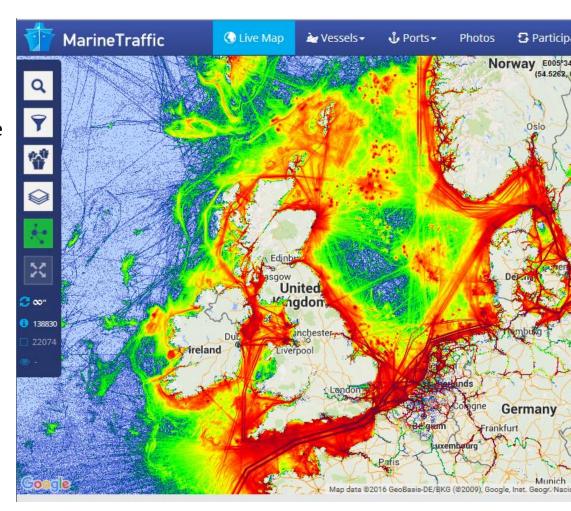






### Need for a North Sea strategy

- Great potential
  - Trade and transport
  - Offshore energy
  - Fisheries and aquaculture
  - Travel and leisure
- Great challenges
  - Competition for space
  - Climate effects
  - Marine litter
  - Global competition
  - Demographic change
  - Brexit
  - Coordination between sectors, countries and levels of government







### Preparing the strategy

- Member survey on current strategy (NSR2020)
  - Conclusion: continue on the same themes in general
- Mapping of member regions' competences
- Mapping of member regions' regional development strategies
- Scanning priorities of other North Sea regional bodies
- Inspiration from Baltic and Atlantic strategies
- Ensure links to UNSDGs, relevant EU strategies, CPMR priorities
- Discussions in NSC Executive Committee and thematic groups
- Discussions with stakeholders
- Started collecting facts and figures





### Aim of the strategy

- Guides the work of the CPMR North Sea Commission (NSC) and will be further specified in annual activity plans
- Basis for joint lobby initiatives, for joint input to potential consultations on European and national North Sea related initiatives, for the development of joint projects, for the exchange of information/best practice between members, and for public awareness raising
- ➤ Defines the NSC's priorities for transnational cooperation between different levels of government and sectors in the North Sea Region
- ➤ Will be used in our dialogue with the Interreg North Sea Programme, with a view to develop synergies between policy and projects
- Instrument for the NSC's communication with members, potential members and stakeholders in the North Sea Region
- Complementary and contributory to the work of CPMR
- Focuses on those areas where there is a need for transnational cooperation, and where regional authorities have a role to play





### North Sea Region 2030 Strategy

### Suggestions for priority areas

#### A healthy North Sea

- Marine litter
- Maritime spatial planning
- Blue growth

#### A climate-neutral North Sea Region

- Renewable energy/alternative fuels
- Energy efficiency
- CCUS and natural sequestration
- Climate adaptation

# A connected North Sea Region

- Transnational accessibility
- Sustainable and inclusive transport
- Intelligent transport systems

#### A smart North Sea Region

- Smart specialization strategies
- Mobility of researchers and students
- Skills and mobility of the work force
- Circular use of resources
- Public procurement supporting transition





### North Sea Region 2030 Strategy

A healthy North Sea

A connected
North Sea Region

A climate-neutral North Sea Region

A smart North Sea Region

#### For each of the four areas:

- a long-term vision and a 2030 goal
- reference to relevant EU strategies/priorities and UN Sustainable Development Goals
- the most relevant lobby question(s)
- the most relevant topics for joint projects
- the most relevant topics for benchmarking
- the knowledge gaps





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