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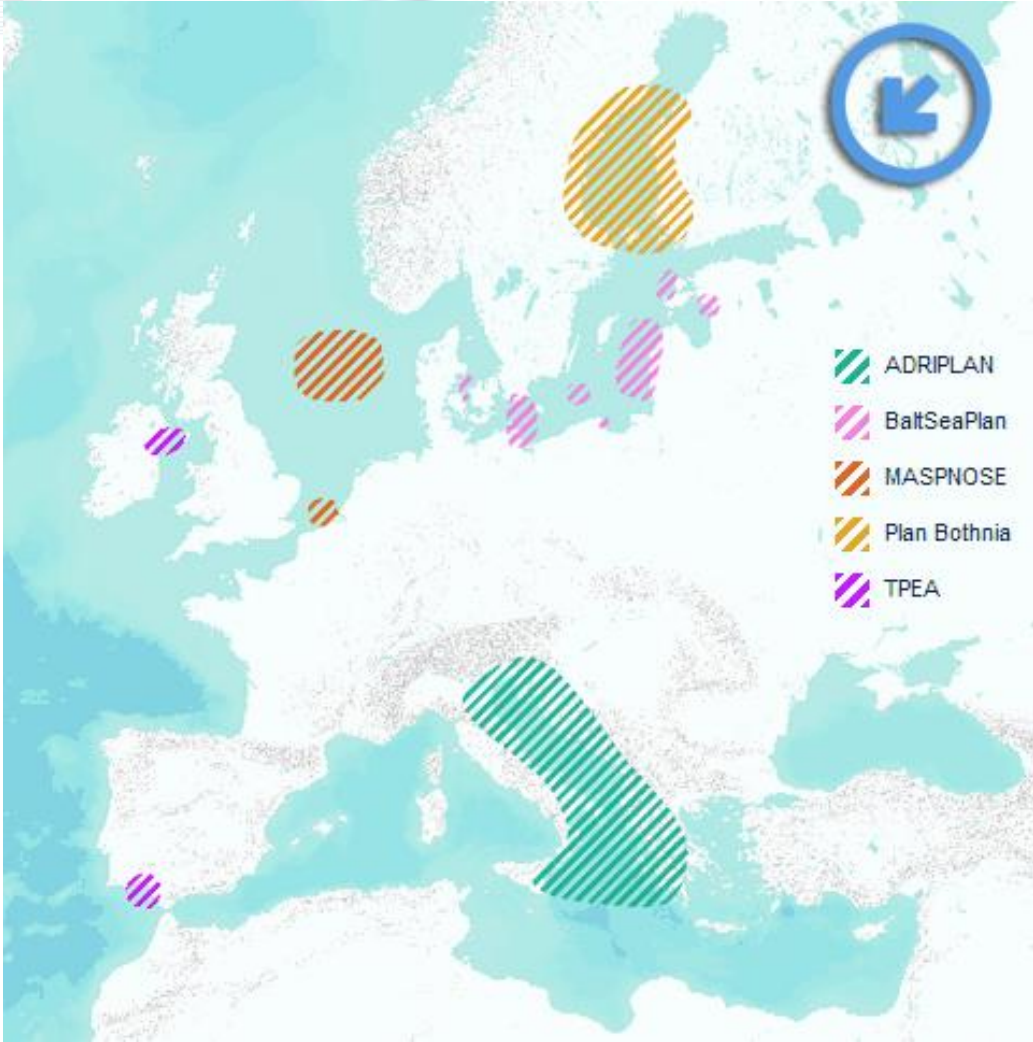
## Supporting Implementation of Maritime Spatial Planning in the Celtic Seas

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# General background

- ❑ In July 2014 the EU adopted a directive establishing a framework for MSP
- ❑ The transposition of the Directive into Member States law should be completed by September 2016
- ❑ In order to facilitate the Directive implementation **DG MARE has already launched 4 preparatory actions:**
  - TPEA (Transboundary Planning in the European Atlantic): project on Maritime Spatial Planning in the Atlantic, including the Celtic Sea and Bay of Biscay – Lead partner: UoL

# MSP Preparatory actions



# DG MARE call for proposals

- ❑ At the end of June 2015 DG MARE has launched a new call for proposals: “**Action on Maritime Spatial Planning in the Northern European Atlantic**”
- ❑ Region of concern: **Celtic Seas – OSPAR Region III**
- ❑ The call is both aimed at:
  - Fostering **cross-border cooperation**
  - Contributing to the **implementation of local plans** as their existence is a prerequisite for international cooperation
- ❑ Other calls will follow with the next one bearing upon the Mediterranean Sea



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- ❑ **Title:** Supporting Implementation of Maritime Spatial Planning in the Celtic Sea
- ❑ **Grant:** ~ 2 M€
- ❑ **Duration:** 2 years, January 2016 – December 2017
- ❑ **Coordinator:** University Cork College (UCC) with support of UoL and SHOM. Both UCC and UoL were involved in the TPEA project
- ❑ **Consortium:** 7 partners from 3 Member States
  - **Ireland:** UCC, Marine Institute
  - **UK:** UoL, Scottish Government, DOE
  - **France:** SHOM, AAMP
- ❑ **Observers as members of the project group:**
  - **Public bodies and planning authorities:** UKHO (Mark Halliwell)...
  - **NGO**

# SIMCelt objectives

## □ General objectives:

- To **support implementation of the MSP Directive** by Member States within the Celtic Seas
- To contribute to supporting **cross-border cooperation** between MS in relation to implementation of the MSP Directive

## □ Specific objectives:

- To inform awareness and understanding of the **range of factors potentially impacting on the marine area**, their **potential cumulative impact and projected future trends**
- Building on existing mechanisms, to identify opportunity for **data sharing and joint use of data** (within the context of transboundary areas)
- To identify and address **data gaps and support the coherence of data analysis across marine area boundaries**
- To examine the **potential impact and interaction of sectoral activities**
- To explore the potential spatial requirements for **marine conservation**
- To examine the **challenges to, and opportunities for, transboundary cooperation on MSP**

# SHOM commitment

- ❑ **SHOM both:**
  - Is an expert in the field of **marine data collection and management**
  - Provides **support to French planning authorities in regard to navigation matters** (anchorage areas, TSS...)
- ❑ **A key element of MSP is:**
  - high quality maritime spatial data and information
  - And the infrastructure to support its exchange and use
- ❑ **Relying on its experience in operating the marine portal data.shom.fr, SHOM is the lead partner for sub-component: Data and information requirements for MSP**
- ❑ **Specific objective: to support access and use of maritime spatial data**

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