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The European Union has put in place a range of policies and measures, related to planning and regulating the sustainable use of Europe's seas. These policies cover a number of activities such as fisheries, offshore energy production, and protection of marine biodiversity and recognise the ecological and economic importance of Europe's seas. The Marine Strategy Framework Directive, adopted in 2008, aims to ensure coherence between these EU policies and sets three goals for Europe's seas: to be 'productive', 'healthy', and 'clean'. These efforts are aligned with the EU's Blue Growth agenda — a long-term strategy to support sustainable growth in the marine and maritime sectors as a whole, which is accompanied by the Maritime Spatial Planning Directive. The EU policies in this domain are also aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular, Goal 14.

This section contains information on the development and implementation of The Marine Strategy Framework Directive, as well as other relevant policy instruments.

