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# **ECOP Wednesdays**

Discovering the European Marine Science Policy Landscape

**We will start at 12:00 CEST**

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**Welcome**  
**Moderator: Paula Kellett**

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# Housekeeping Rules

- Please make sure your name is clearly entered
- Keep your microphone muted unless you are speaking
- Raise your hand if you would like to speak
- You can also use the chat function to make comments and ask questions
- Please be respectful and use appropriate language
- Discussion can continue on the Slack channel afterwards

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# ECOP Network

- For Early Career Ocean Professionals (ECOPs) at EMB member organizations
- Established by EMB Young Ambassadors and Secretariat
- Opportunity to network and meet peers accross Europe
- Gain a voice at EMB level
- Dedicated Slack channel to keep in touch and discuss
- ECOP Wednesdays event series

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# Getting to know the European marine science policy landscape

**Dr Paula Kellett**  
Science Officer, EMB



# It's complicated!

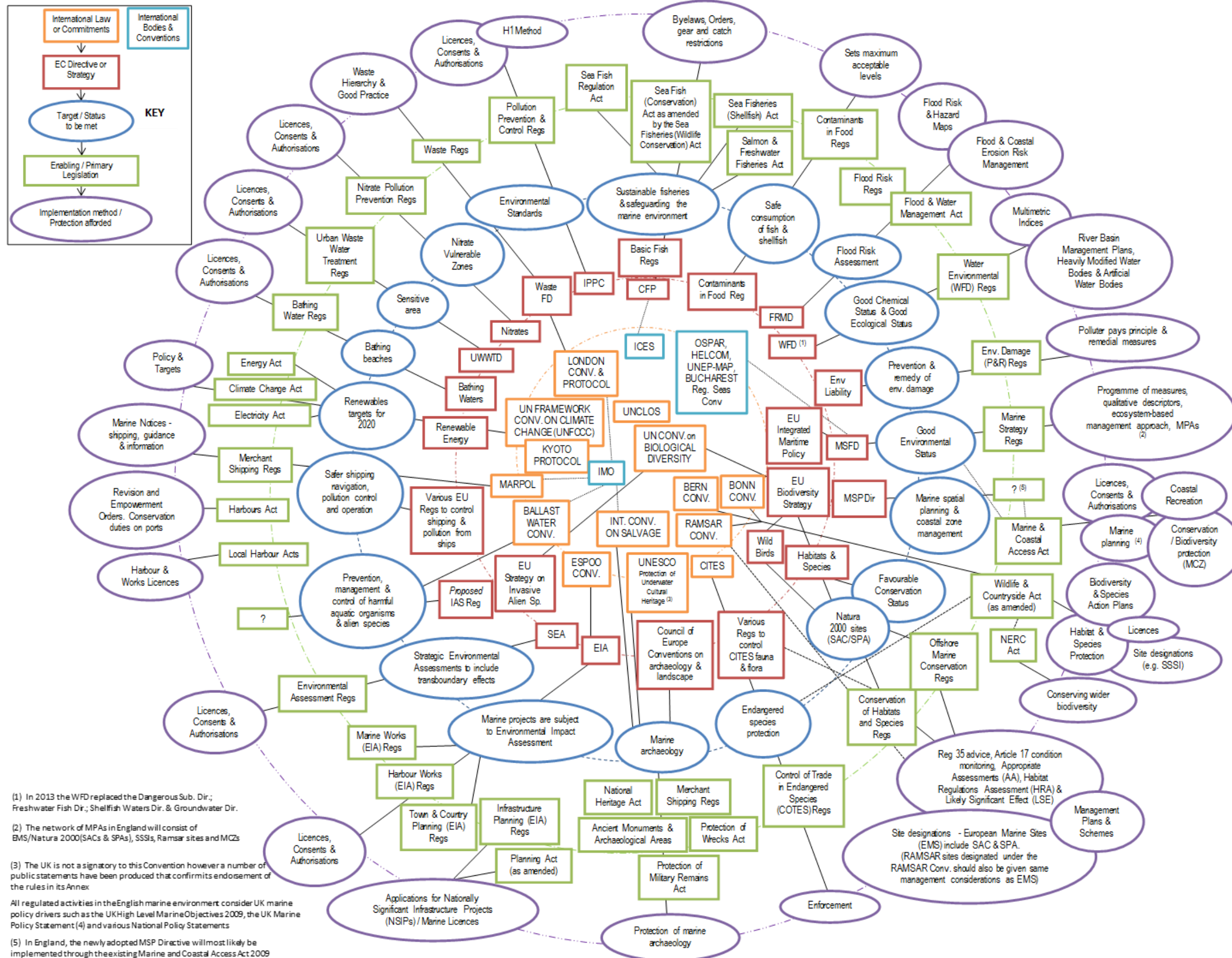
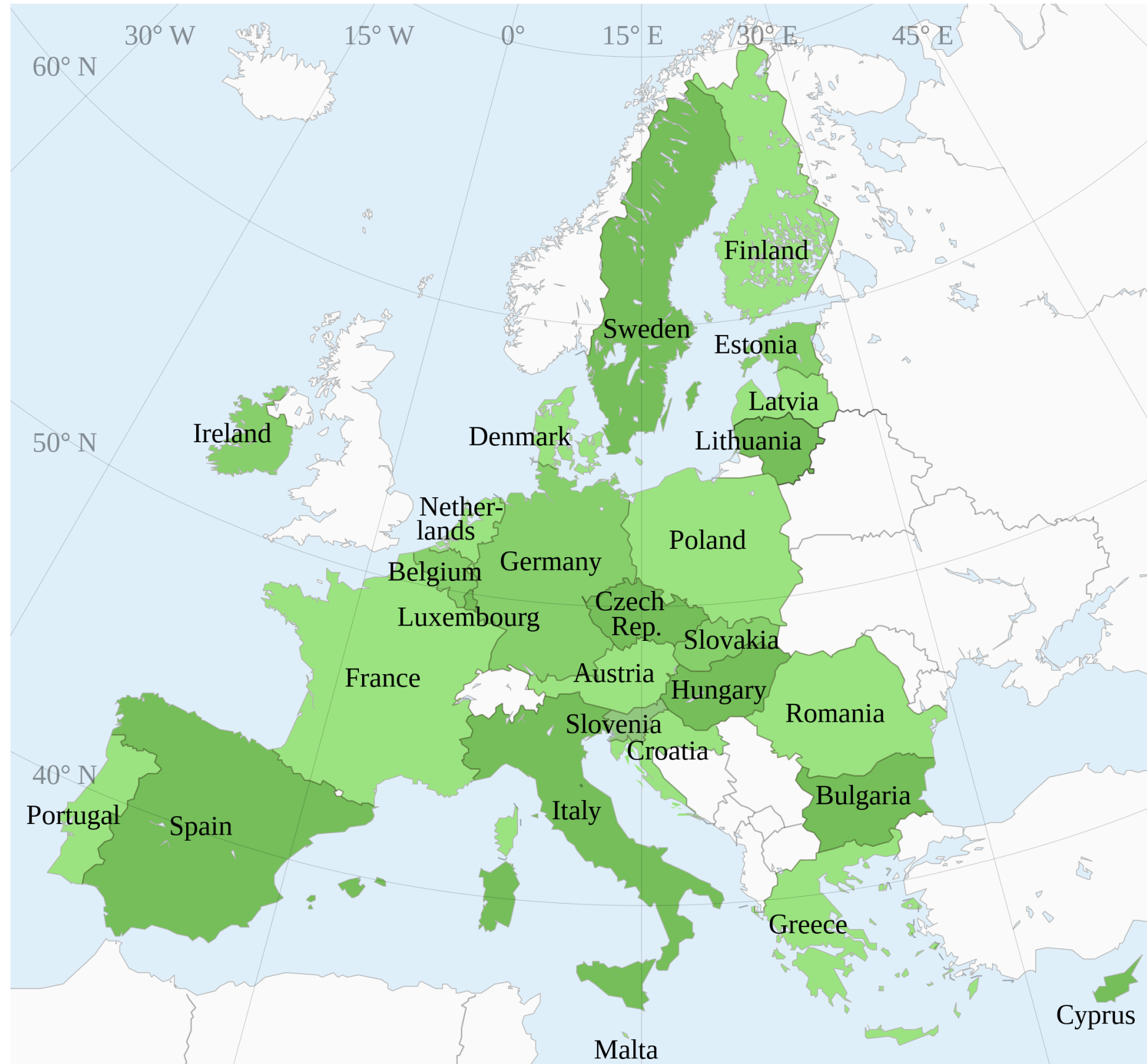


Figure taken from:  
**Boyes & Elliott (2014)**  
**'Marine legislation – The ultimate 'horrendogram': International law, European directives & national implementation'**  
*Marine Pollution Bulletin, 86: 39-47*

# European Union



# Organs of the European Union

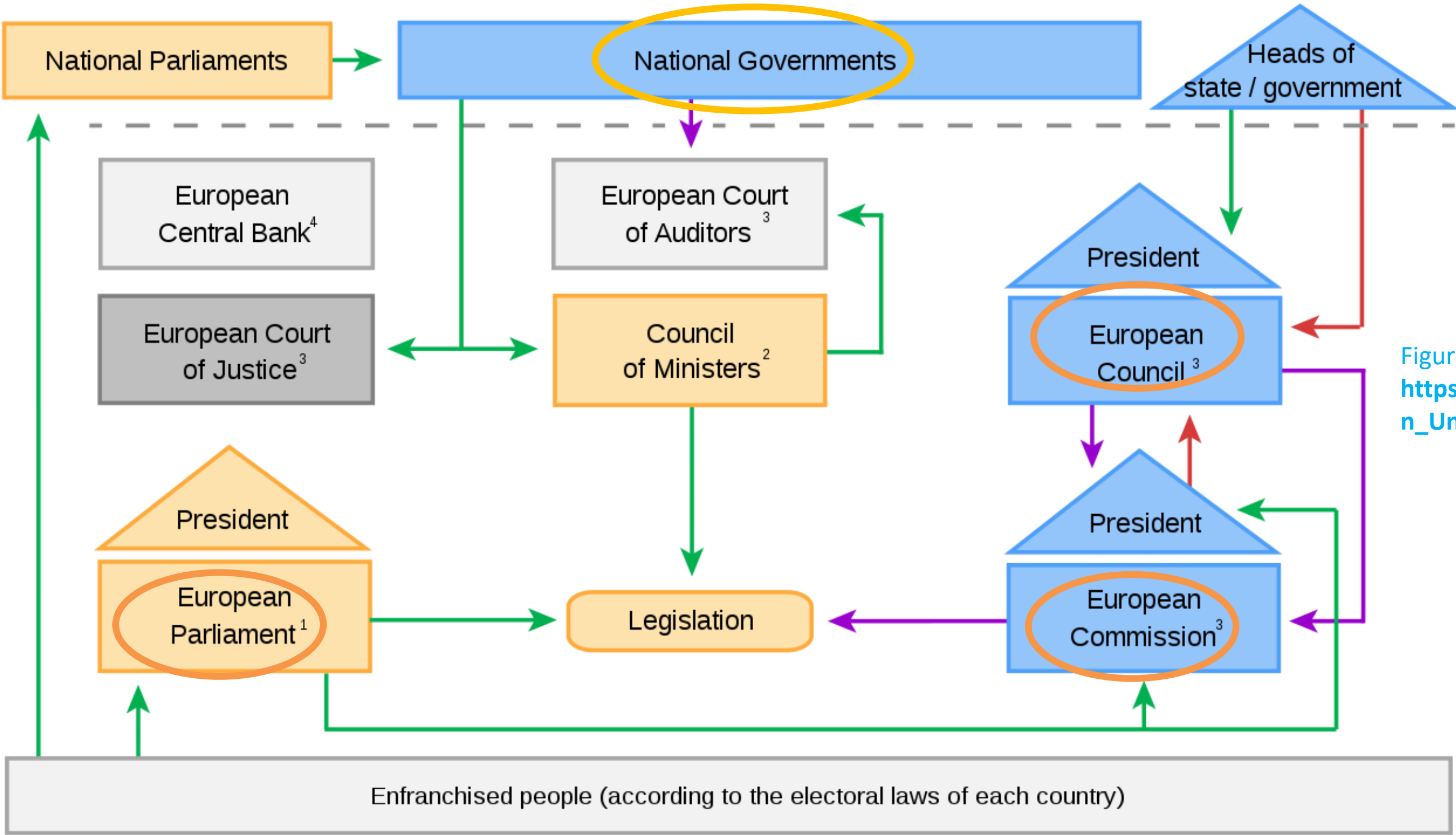


Figure taken from:  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Institutions\\_of\\_the\\_European\\_Union](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Institutions_of_the_European_Union)

**Note:**  
Strictly speaking, contrary to what is shown in the figure, the European Council (Heads of EU Member States) provide direction to policy-making, but the official decision-making (together with European Parliament) is done by Council of the EU, which comprises of EU Member State government ministers.

Neither of these is to be confused with Council of Europe, which is not an EU body.

- Legislative branch
- Executive branch
- Judicial branch
- elects / appoints / decides on
- membership
- proposes

1: Elections are every 5 years. The right to vote may be different depending on the country  
 2: State chamber. Convenes in varying composition depending on the policy area.  
 Each country is represented by one member per department  
 3: Each country is represented by one member  
 4: The European Central Bank is composed of representatives of the national central banks. Its Board is elected by the European Council on the proposal of the Council of Ministers

# European Commissioners 2019-2024:



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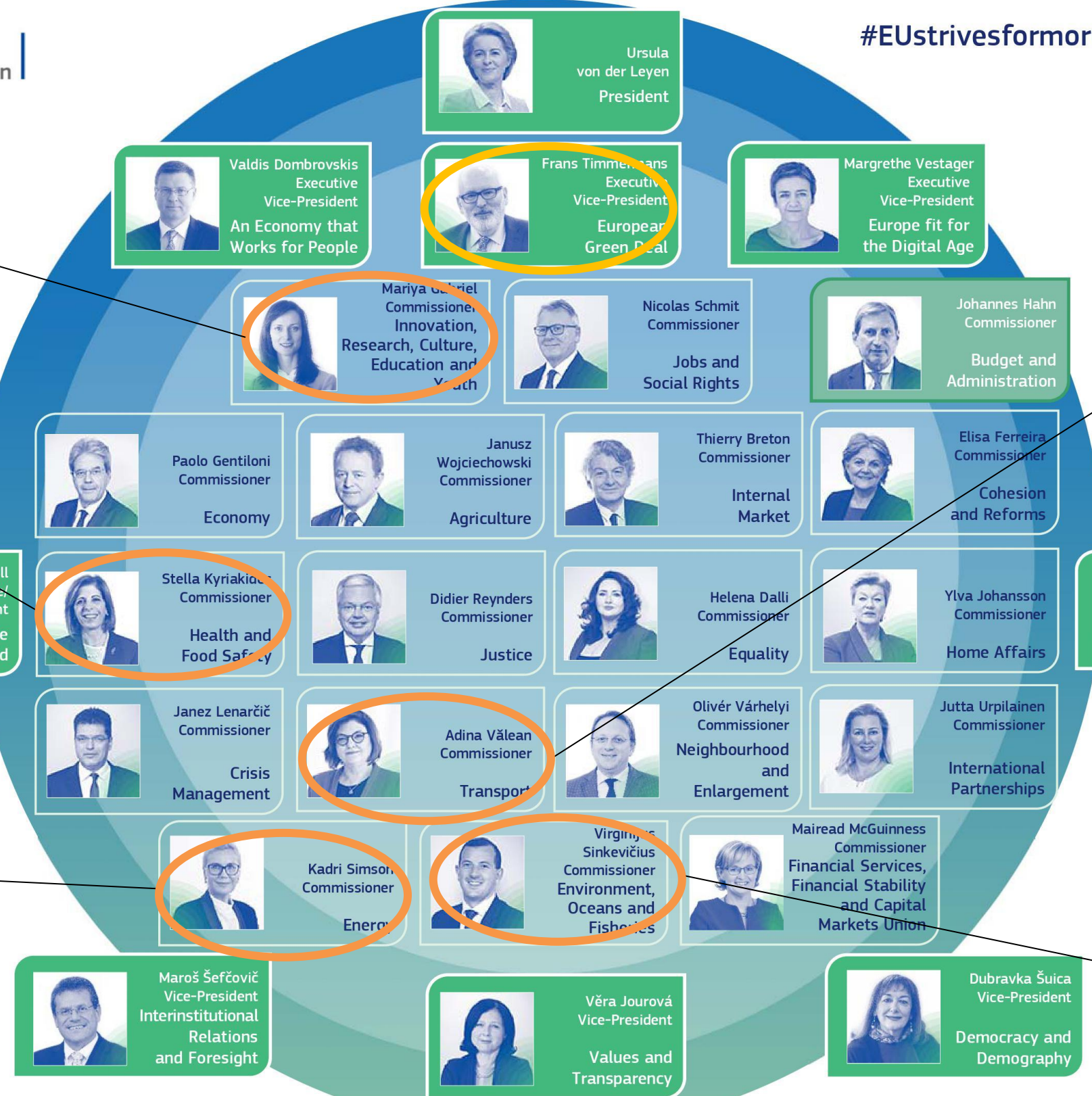
Directorate General for Research and Innovation (DG RTD)  
Joint Research Centre (JRC)

Directorate General for Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE)

Directorate General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE)

Directorate General for Energy (DG ENER)

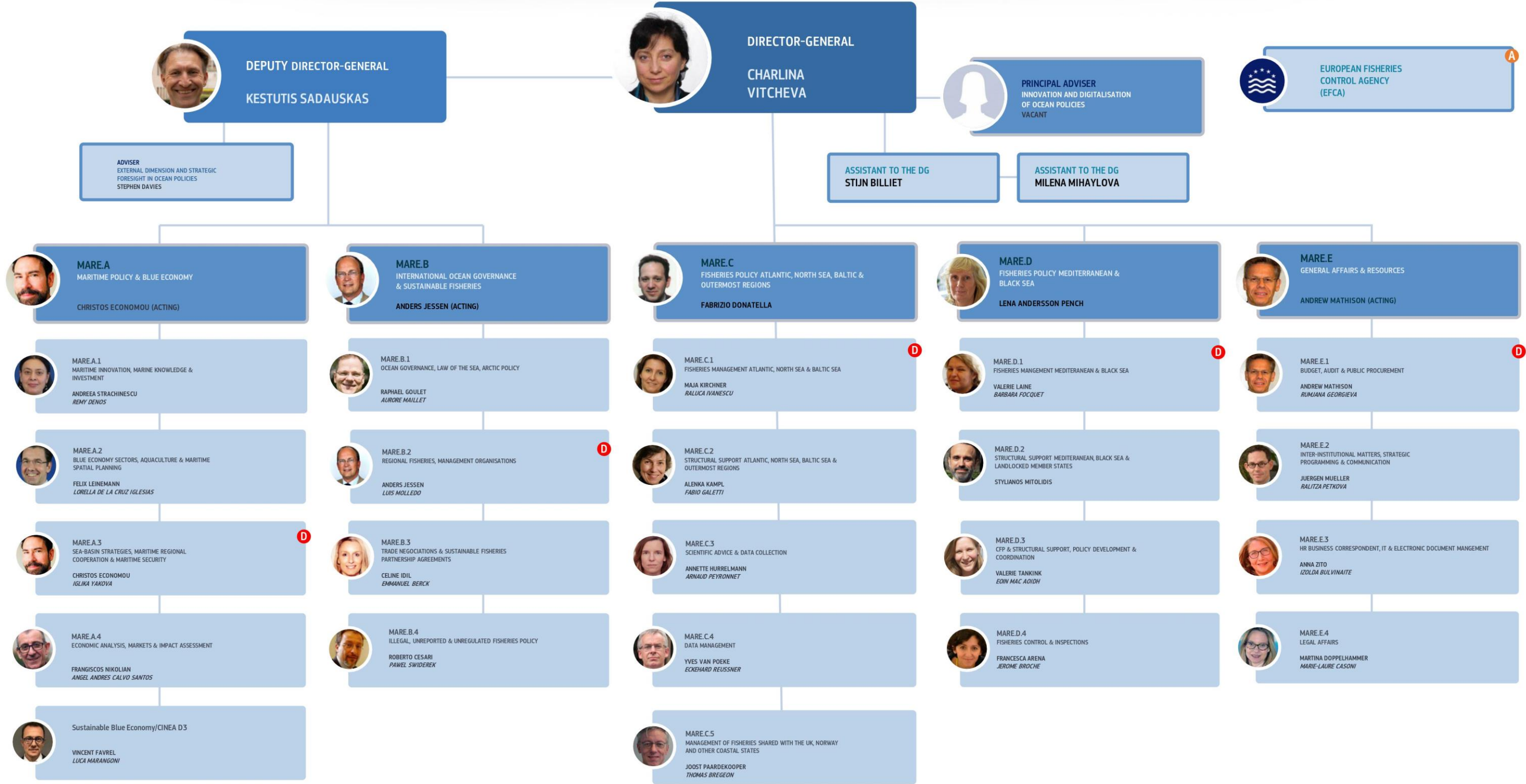
Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE)  
Directorate General for Environment (DG ENV)



A New Push for European Democracy

# DG MARE Organizational Chart:


**European Commission**
**DG** Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
COMMISSIONER : VIRGINIJUS SINKEVICIUS 



# DG MARE Focus on Unit:

DG MARE Commissioner  
**Virginijus Sinkevicius**

DG MARE Director-General  
**Charlina Vitcheva**

DG MARE Strand A  
Maritime Policy and Blue Economy  
**Christos Economou**

DG MARE Unit A.3  
Blue Economy Sectors, Aquaculture and MSP  
**Felix Leinemann**

DG MARE Unit A.3  
Blue Economy Sectors, Aquaculture and MSP

Deputy Head of Unit	Team Leader
Secretary	Senior Expert
Clerk	8 Policy Officers by topic
Finance and Contracts	Policy Assistant

# Engaging with the European Commission:

- Developing and sharing (marine and maritime) scientific evidence to support decision- and policy-making
- Making (marine and maritime) research and policy recommendations in accessible formats
- Understanding and highlighting policy relevance and application of (marine and maritime) scientific research
- Engaging with EC marine- and maritime-relevant initiatives, e.g. Mission Ocean, EU4Ocean
- Engaging in advisory bodies and groups as national expert representatives
- Participating in EC-funded research projects, e.g. Horizon 2020, Horizon Europe, EMFF, MSCA....and many more
- Engaging in public consultations: [https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say_en)
- Get to know the policy makers – personal relationships



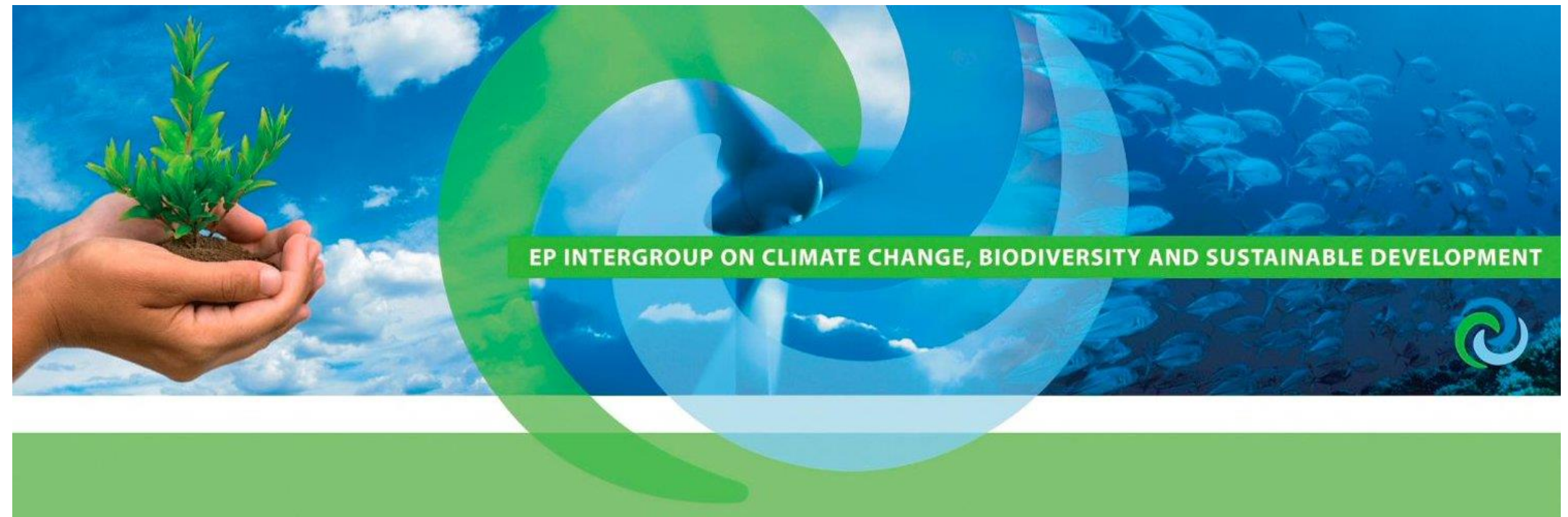
# Engaging with the European Parliament:

- Electing MEPs in your country (for EU member states) every 5 years
- Presenting evidence to Parliamentary Committees, e.g. PECH, ENVI
- Lobbying national MEPs ahead of votes
- Engaging with Parliamentary Intergroups and attending events, e.g. SEARICA, Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development
- Get to know the MEPs

INTERGROUP



Seas, Rivers, Islands  
&  
Coastal Areas



# How it links together

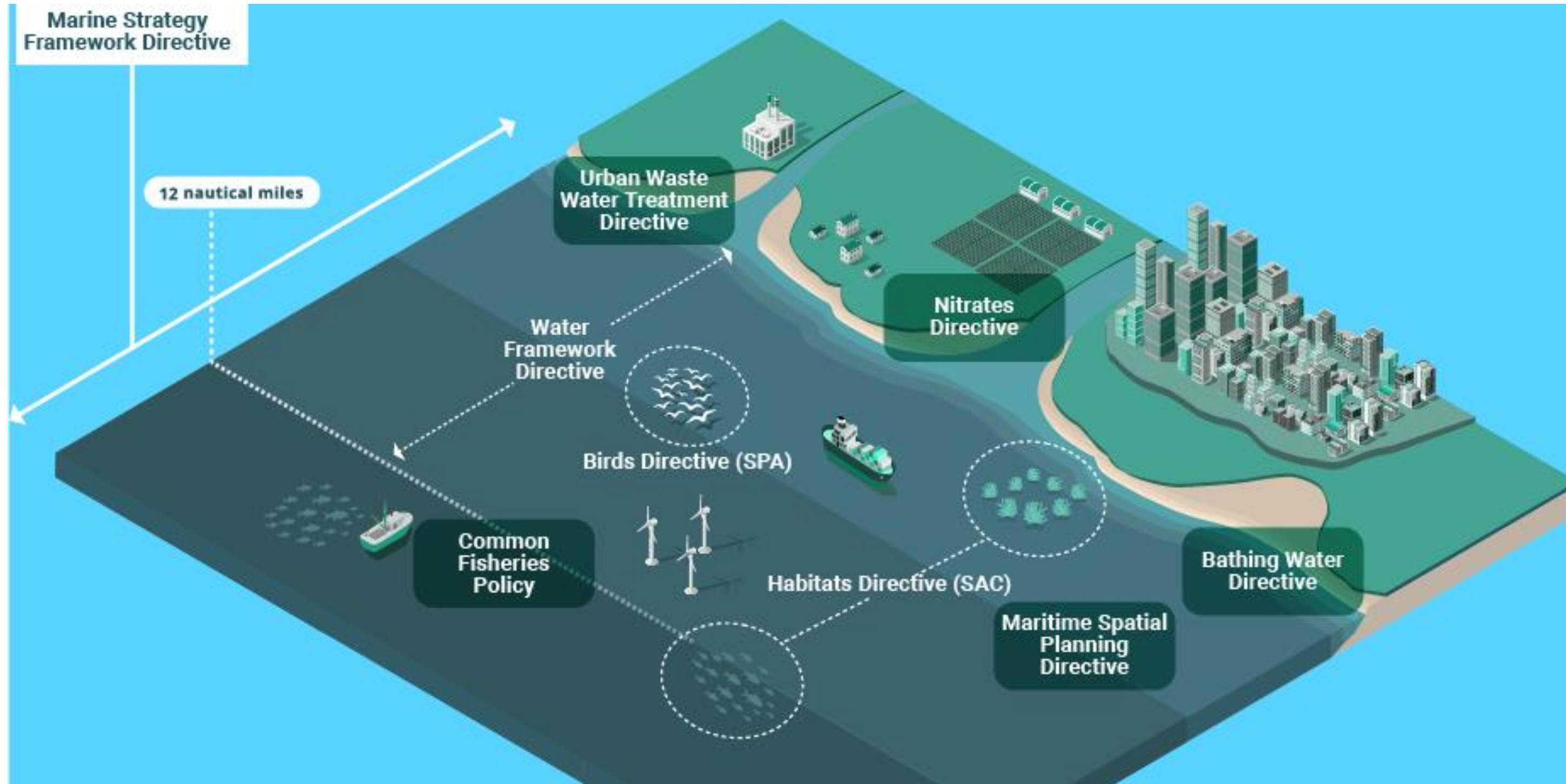
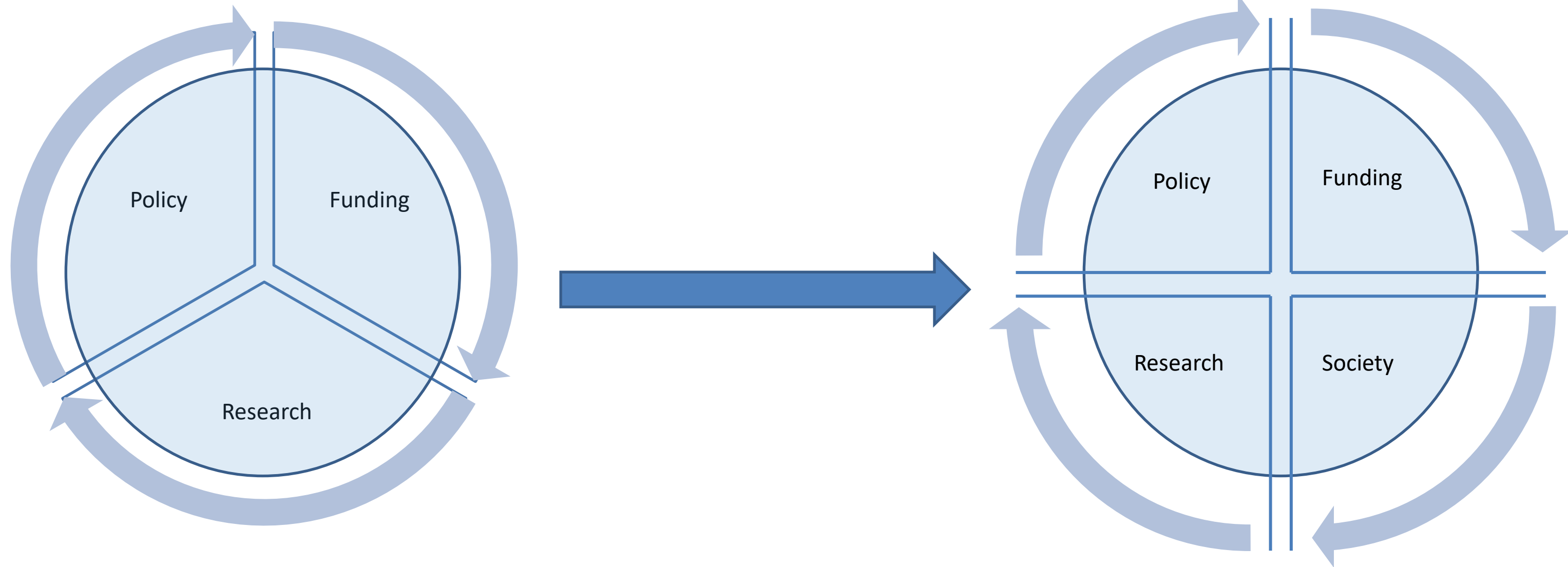


Figure taken from:  
<https://water.europa.eu/marine/policy-and-reporting/interaction-with-other-policies>

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# On the interface

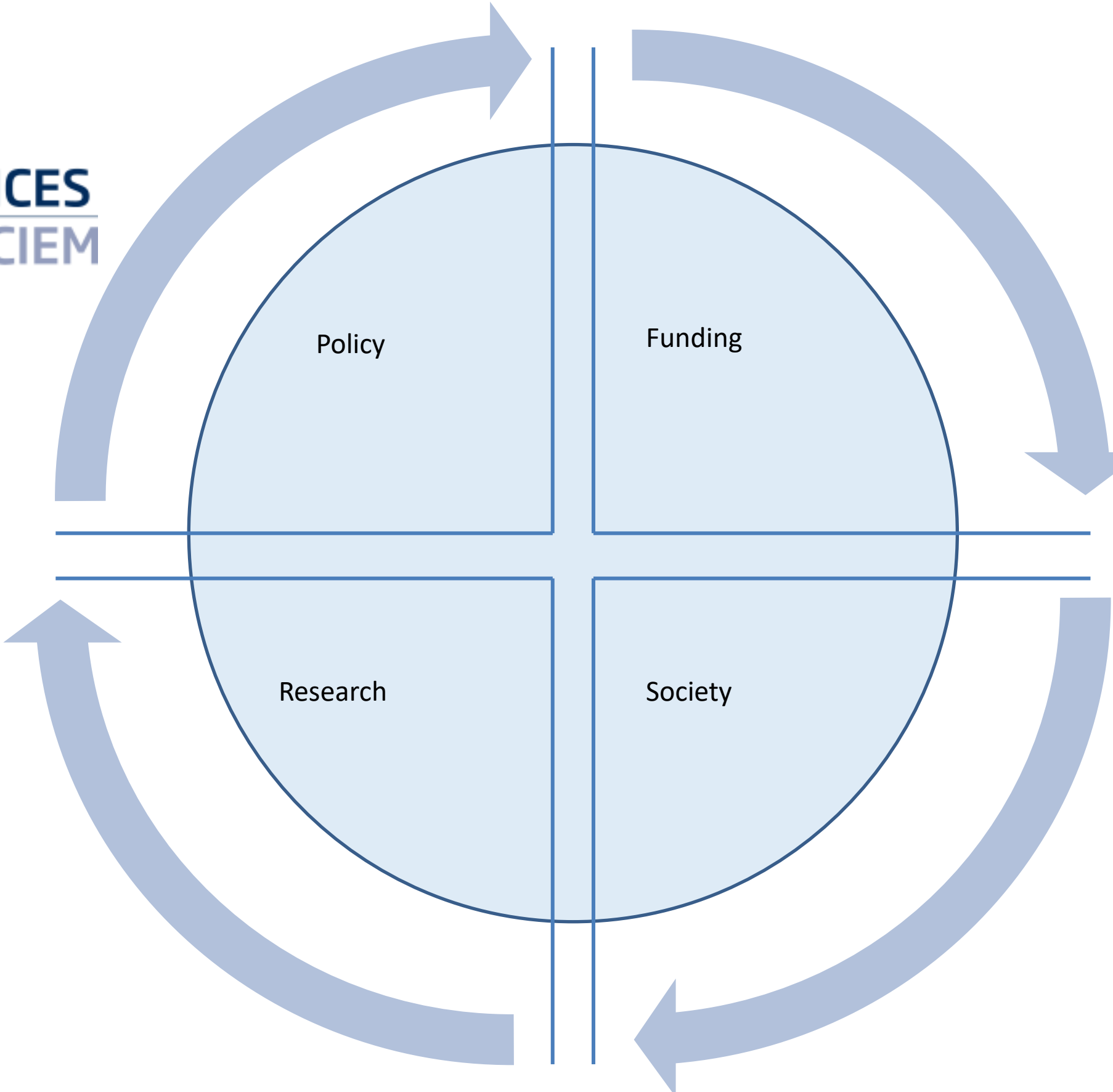


# Who sits on the interface?

Research / Policy



Society / Policy



Funding / Policy



Research / Funding



Research / Society



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**Next time: Wednesday 3 August 2022 | 12:00-13:00 CEST**

## **Ocean Science Diplomacy**

**Dr Andrei Polejack**  
World Maritime University



Register at: [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAsfuigpzlqH90Cjgs5Fh5CIYi2\\_k7kIACK](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAsfuigpzlqH90Cjgs5Fh5CIYi2_k7kIACK)