





INTEGRATED COASTAL ZONE & COASTAL SEAS MANAGEMENT: VIEWS AND PLEAS BY DREDGING CONTRACTORS

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Dredging Contractors are marine earth-movers, land-builders, port constructors, general contractors for marine and green/blue-energy units.

In Europe's coastal zones and coastal seas alone, dredging contractors moved more than 100 Mm3 of sediments and rocks during 2014. And worldwide, more

than 800 Mm3!







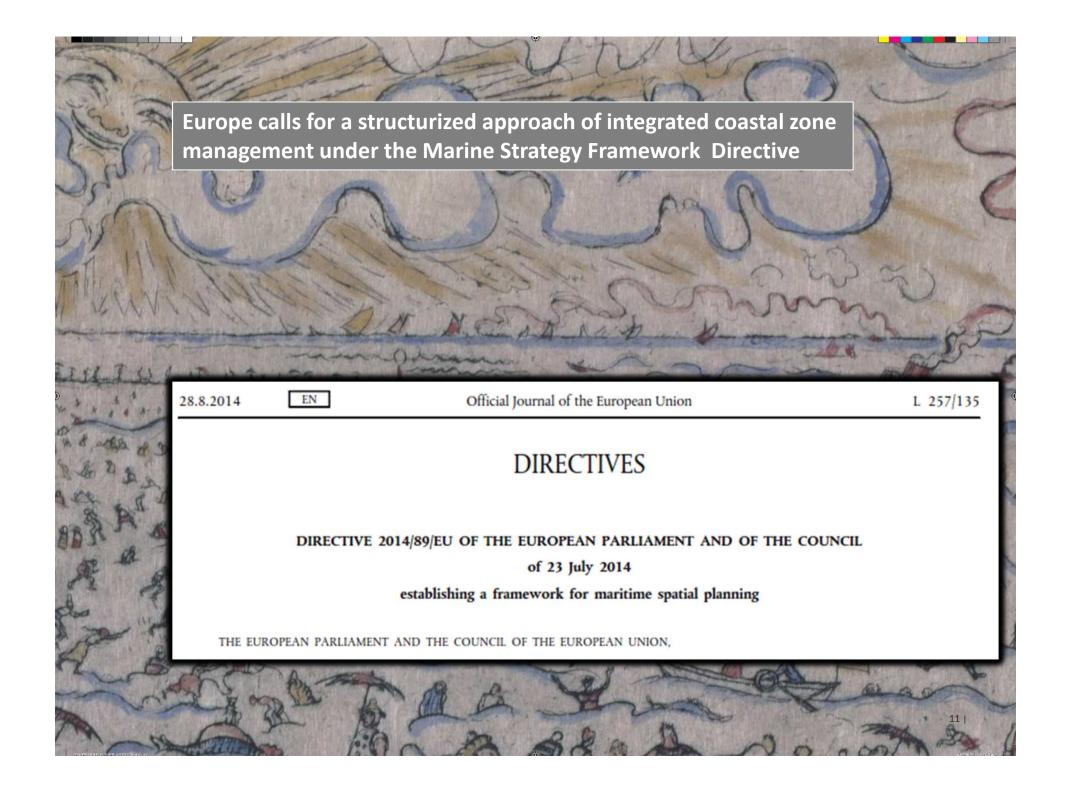
Dredging Contractor's View: sustainable beneficial use of dredged material

Securing the nautical accessibility of ports require the dredging in maritime access-channels & fairways of approx. 7 to 8 Mm3/year of sand and muddy sediments (10 Mtds/year).

Instead of a mere dumping of these materials at sea, dredging contractors plead for a smart re-use of these valuable resources for, e.g.:

- Land or habitat creation
- Beach-nourishment for sustainable coastal protection





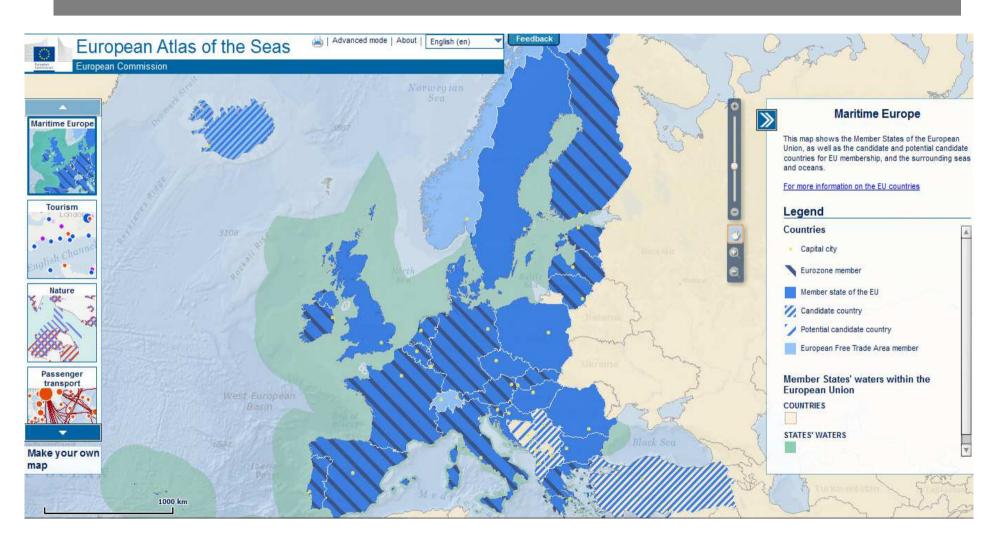


Other EU-initiatives pave the way to a sustainable development of our coastal zones and coastal seas, based on knowledge and expertise





Maritime Europe: a diversified ecosystem-service area of more than 3 M km²



Marine Spatial Planning in the North Sea, considering the various services at stake:

- Merchant shipping
- Oil & Gas exploitation + transport
- Fisheries
- Transportation
- Valuable ecological areas (Natura 2000,...)
- "Green" (wind) and "Blue" (tides, waves,...) energy production

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- Mineral resource extraction
- Recreation
- Military training areas

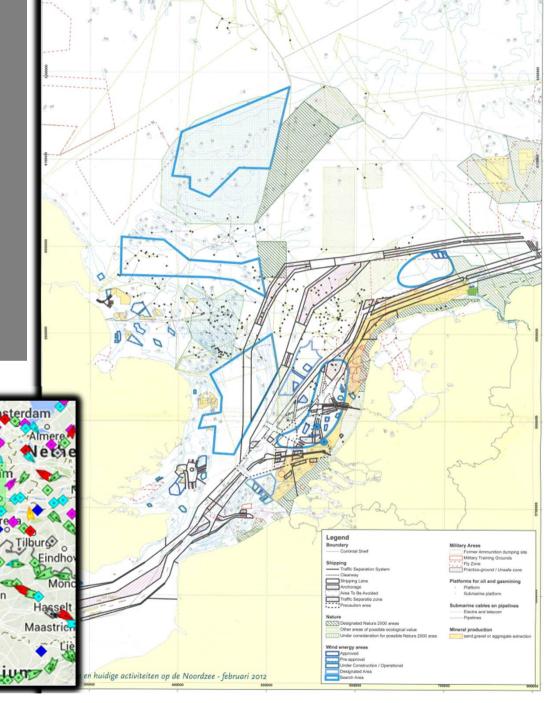
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Others...



Focus on Belgian Continental Shelf

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← 12 mijlszone

Ankergebied

Meteomast

Rada

Wrakken

Pijpleidingen

Kabels (in gebruik)

. Kabels (niet in gebruik)

Baggerzones

Stortzones

Controlezones

Exploratiezones

Munitiedepositie

Militaire oefenzones

Windconcessiezones

Eldepasco

C-power

Belwind

Natura 2000

Ramsar

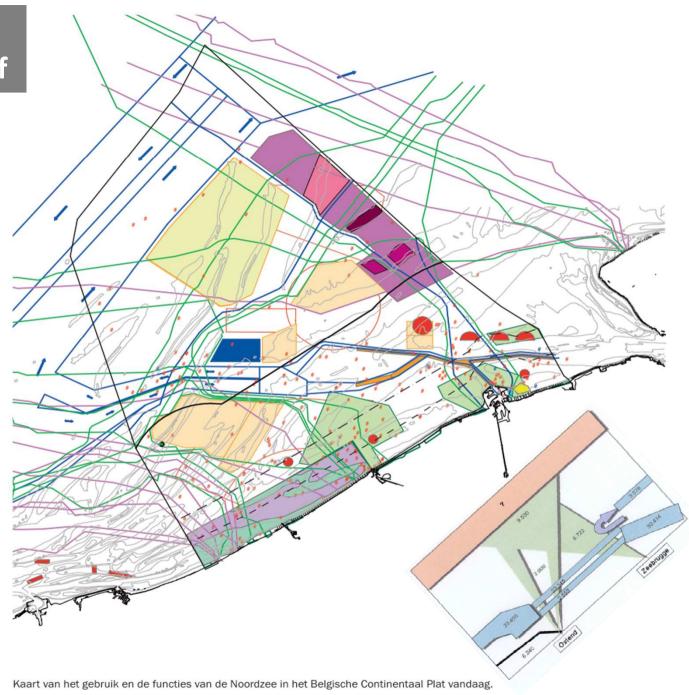
SBZ (speciale beschermingszones): VRL EN HRL (=Habitat richtlijngebied)

Marien reservaat

Scheepvaartroutes







Merchant shipping and Maritime Traffic

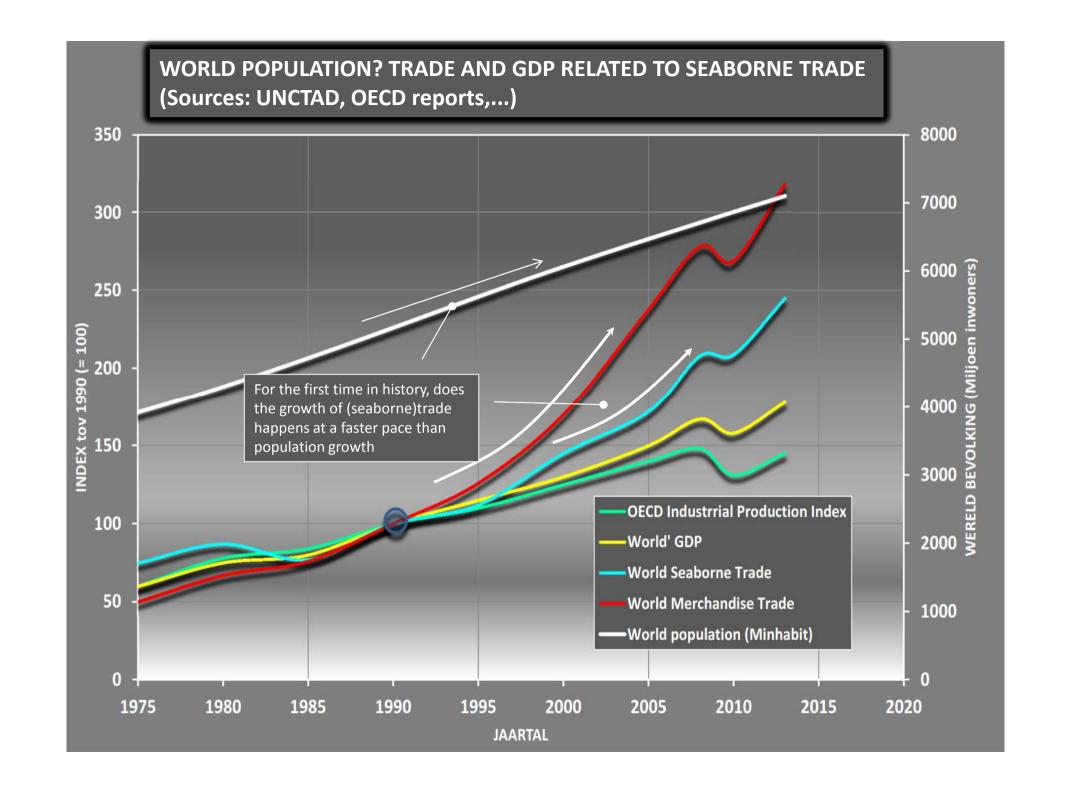




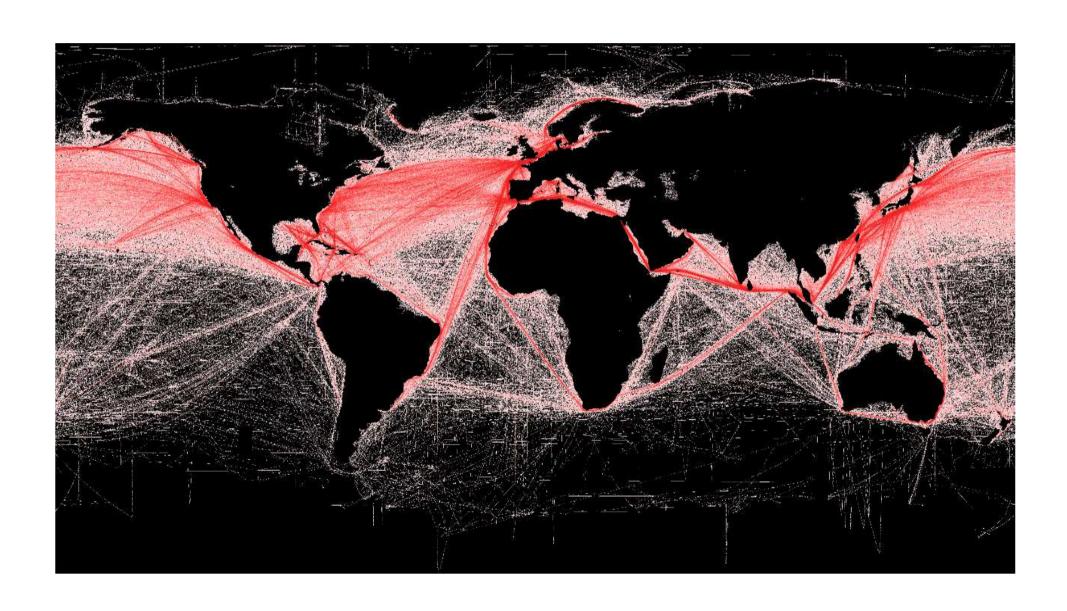




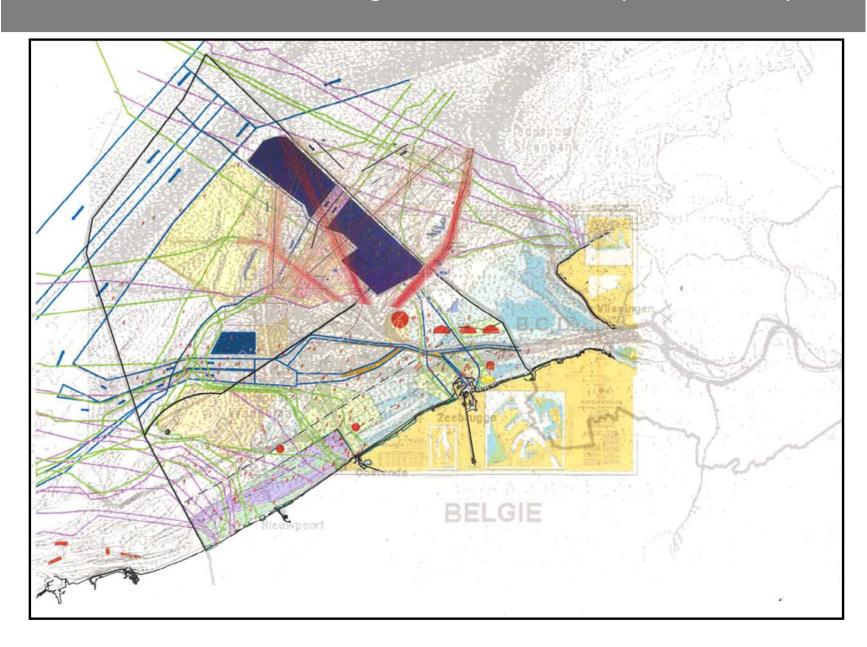




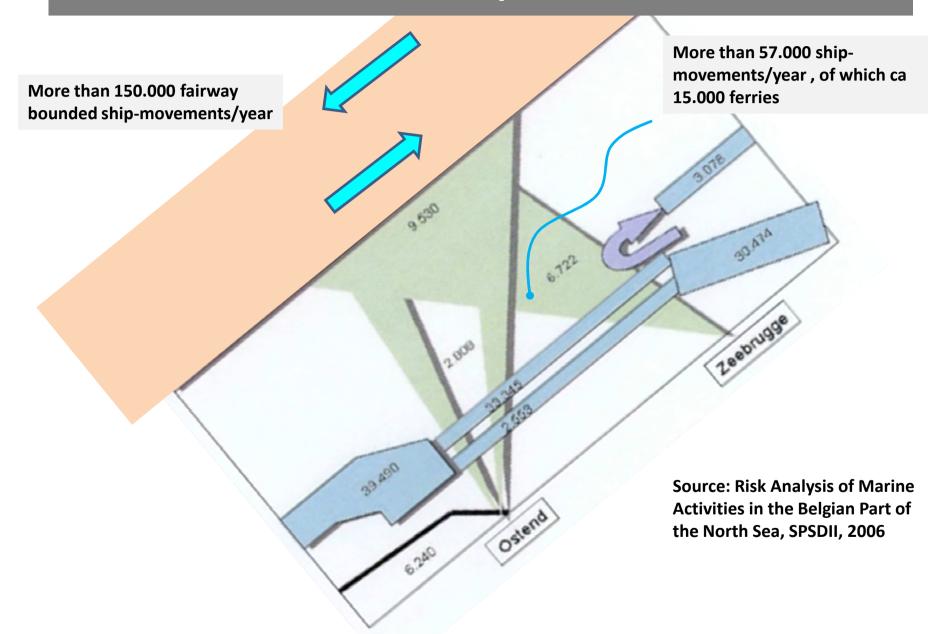
About 87 % of World's Trade is transported by ships and 90 % of the EU's external trade is carried by sea



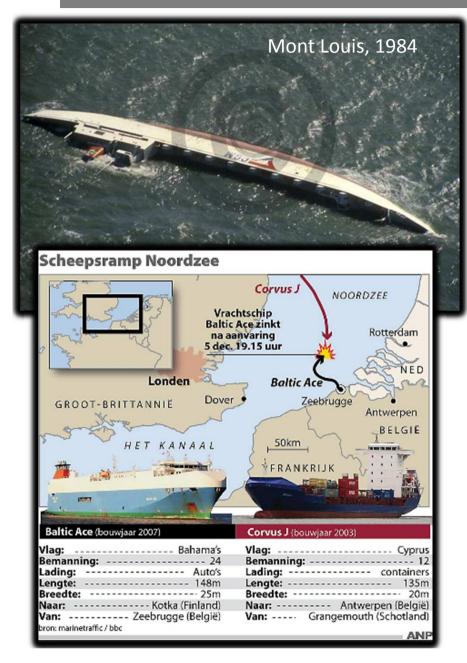
Maritime Traffic on the Belgian Continental Shelf (AIS data, 2012)



Traffic intensity on the BCS

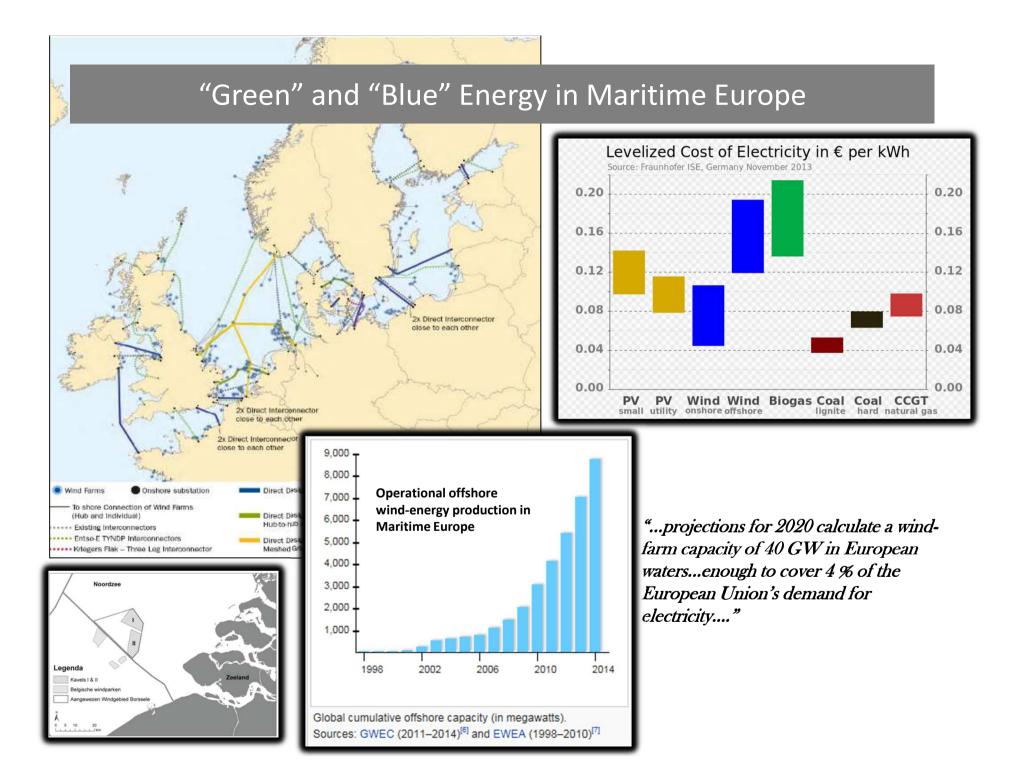


Cross-roads of maritime fairways: risks of hazards









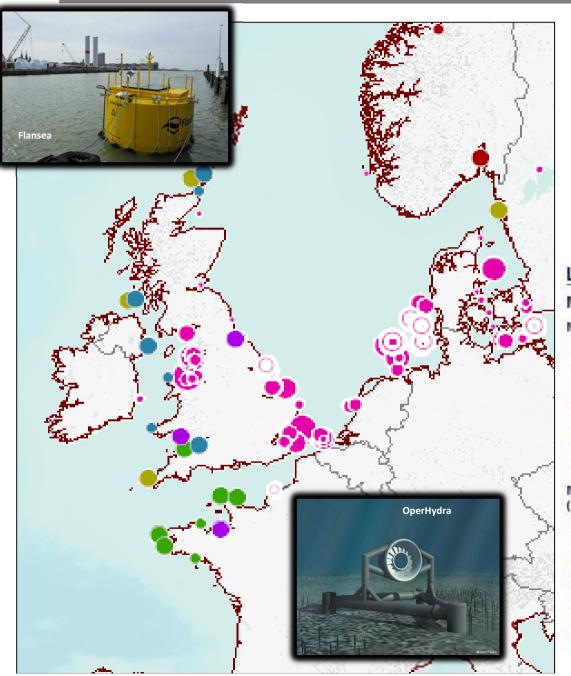
"Green Energy" in Maritime Europe: development of offshore wind-mill farms







"BLUE ENERGY" in Maritime Europe: realisations & projects





Legend

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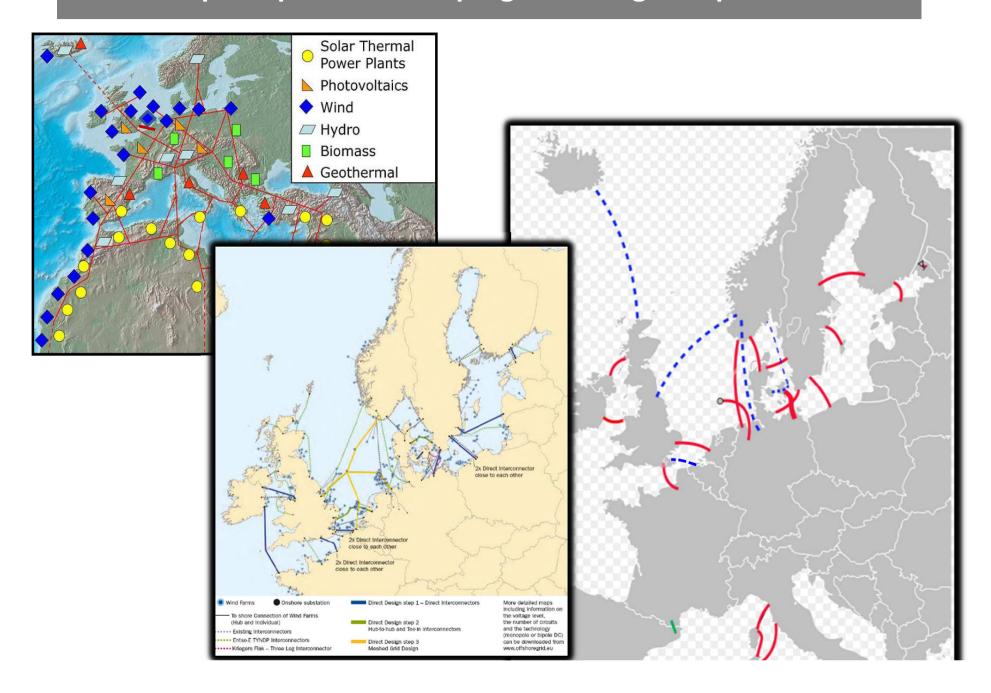
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- Stream
- Waves
- Osmotic power



Marine energy production facilities (under construction and projects)

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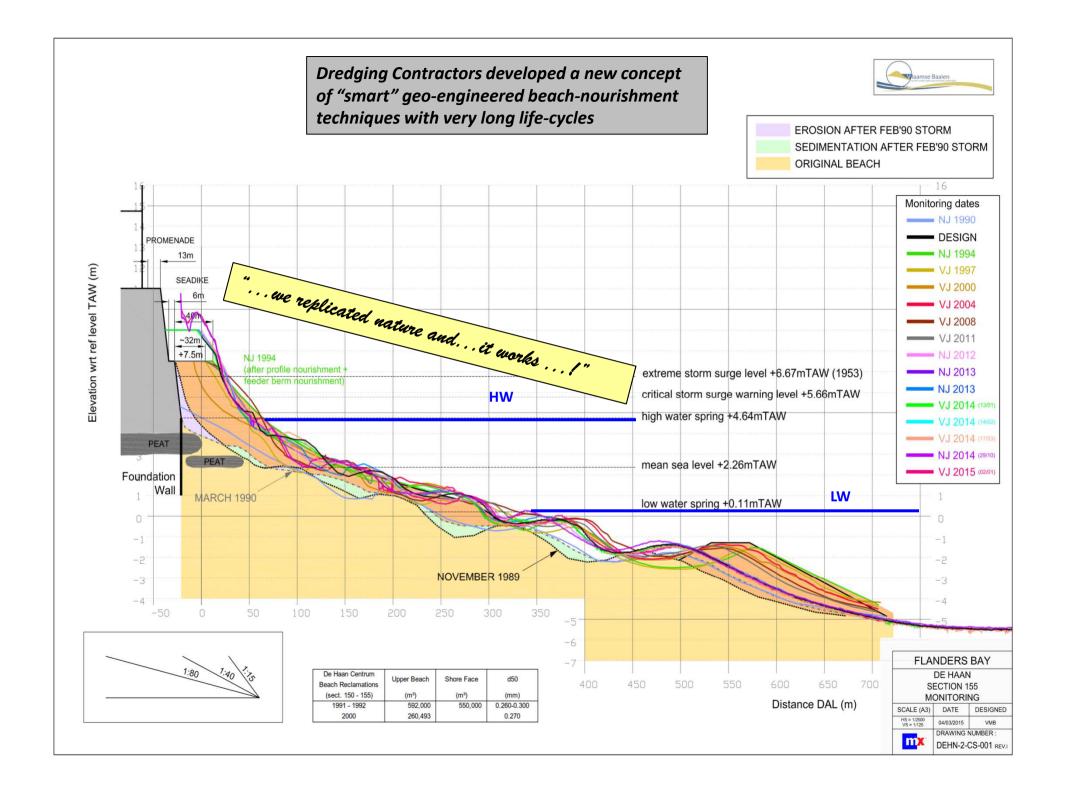
Conceptual plan of HV Supergrid linking European Grids



Sustainable and Integrated Coastal Protection: the end of an era of hard concrete structures and the eve of soft, natural and resilient coastal defense systems

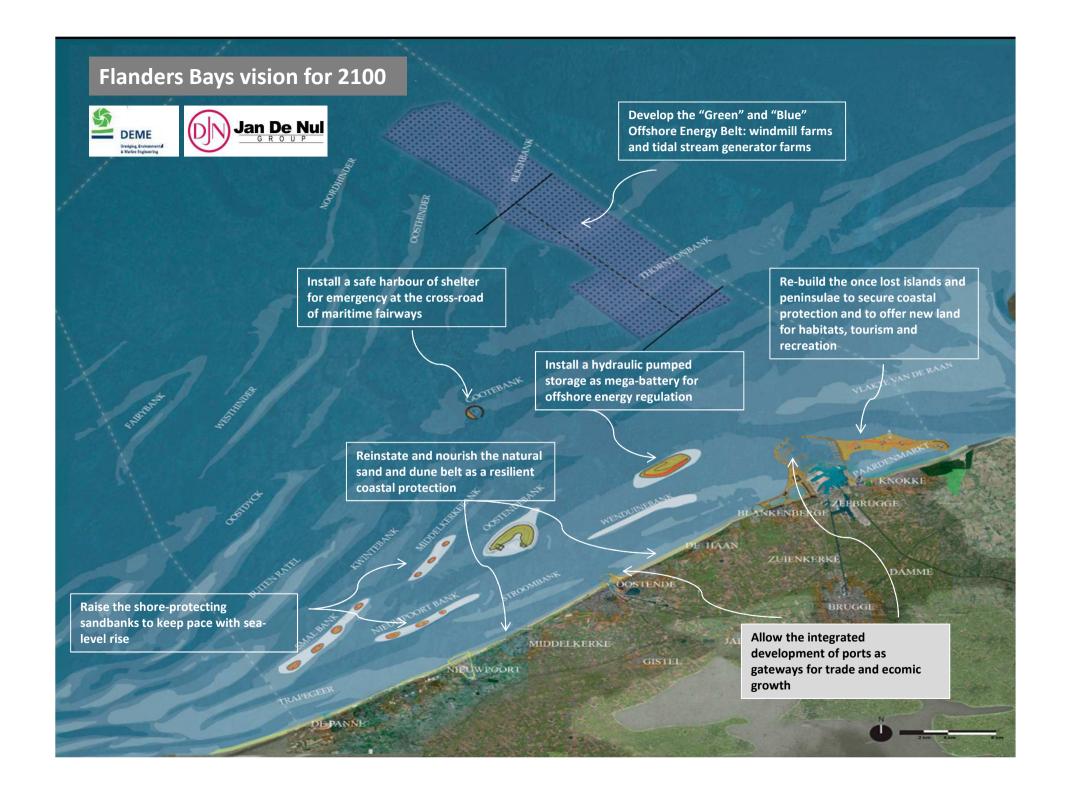


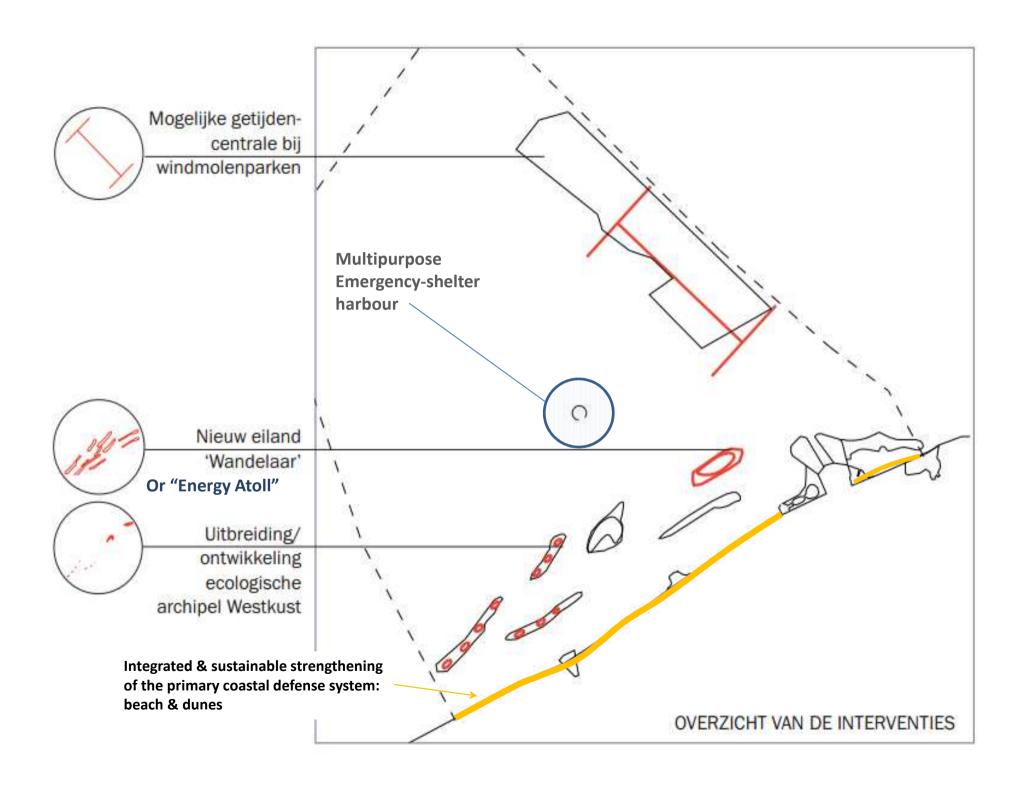


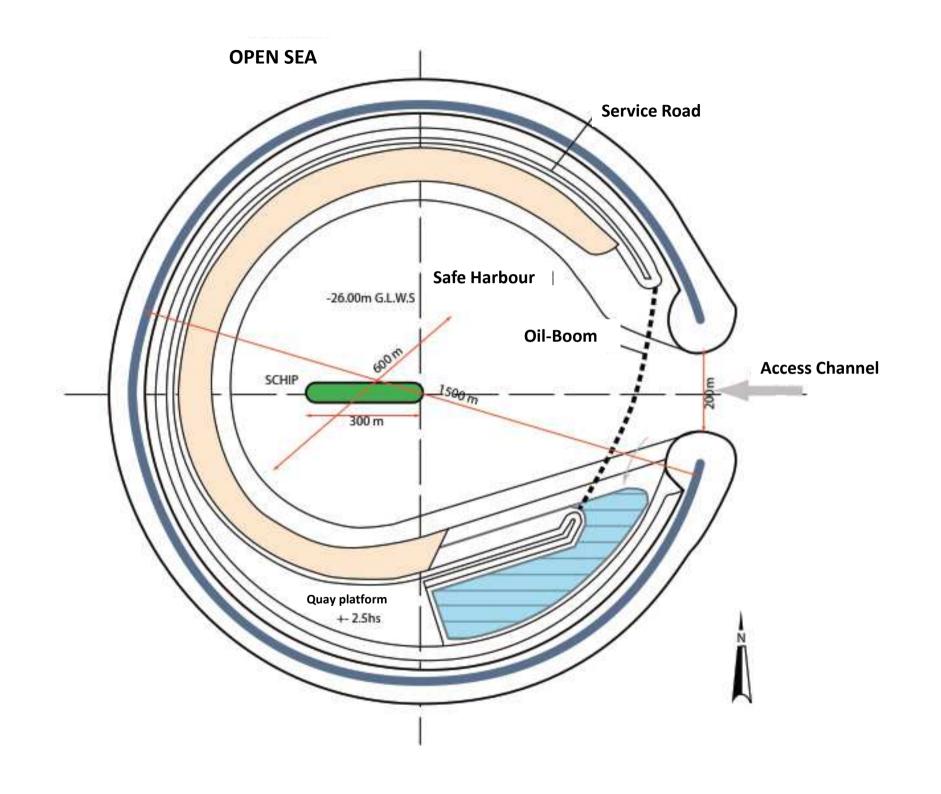


Flanders Bays: a vision for integrated coastal zone and coastal waters







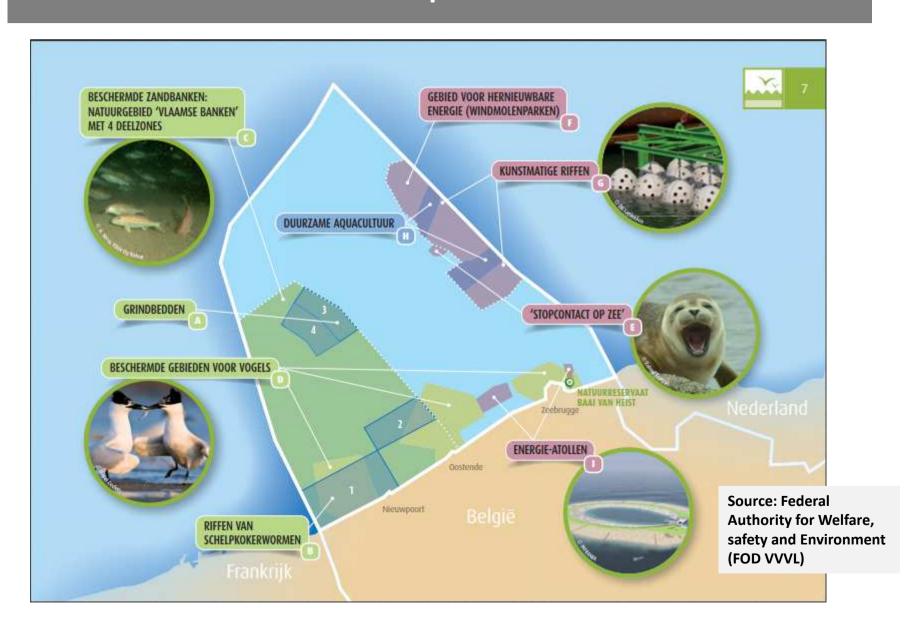


Is feasible and realistic?? "Yes...we already have designed and built a similar shelter-island in Dubai..."

Flanders Bays presented By Minister H Crevits (November 2013) as a reference for the Master Plan of the Flemish Government



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Integrated Coastal Zone and Coastal Seas Management

The Legal Framework is in place, the Industry is ready for implementation and the Technology is developed.

What are we waiting for?

Thank you!