



# North Sea Strategy Consultation

The European Union has initiated pilot actions for 'macro-regional strategies', based around sea-basin areas, for areas such as the Baltic and Mediterranean. The North Sea Commission (NSC) Executive Committee has agreed that the NSC should explore the opportunities which a strategy for the North Sea could present to our region. This consultation aims to gather the views of NSC Member Regions and Thematic Groups on the desirability and potential scope for a North Sea Strategy.

Respondents are asked to complete as much of the questionnaire as possible and return it to Martin Brebner by **Monday 31 May**, either electronically...

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The results will be presented to the Joint North Sea Conference in Stavanger (16-18 June 2010). For further background information on the work to date, please see:

<http://northseacommission.org/north-sea-strategy.html>

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Country:	
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## Section 1 - The fundamental questions

a) Is a strategy for the North Sea Region desirable and why/why not (please detail in the box below)?

Yes  No

Comments:

**SUBSEQUENT QUESTIONS ARE BASED ON A 'YES' RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE. PLEASE TICK ALL WHICH APPLY.**

b) What should be the purpose of the strategy?

- i) To identify challenges and opportunities for the region
- ii) To co-ordinate different sectoral policies
- iii) To co-ordinate the activities of different levels of governance
- iv) To identify priorities for the North Sea Commission
- v) To identify policy priorities for the European Union
- vi) To identify funding priorities for the European Union
- vii) To provide a political framework for the delivery of the INTERREG North Sea Region Programme
- viii) All of the above
- ix) Other (please detail in the box below)

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c) Should the strategy focus on the North Sea itself, or the wider North Sea Region (please choose one only)?

- i) The North Sea (i.e. only maritime activities)
- ii) The North Sea Region – land based activities only
- iii) Both of the above

Comments:

d) What geographical area(s) should the strategy cover?

- i) North Sea Commission member regions
- ii) The INTERREG North Sea Region Programme area
- iii) All regions bordering the North Sea
- iv) All countries (whole territory) bordering the North Sea
- v) The North Sea itself
- vi) The English Channel
- vii) All regions bordering the English Channel
- viii) Other (please detail in the box below)

Comments:



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## Section 2 - Ways of working

a) What should be the role of the NSC in the development of a strategy?

- i) Write a strategy and develop joint projects to implement it
- ii) Identify priority themes and lobby the EU to develop a strategy
- iii) Respond to initiatives from the Committee of the Regions
- iv) Respond to initiatives from the European Commission
- v) Bring stakeholders together to identify priorities
- vi) Other (please detail in the box below)

Comments:

b) Who should lead the development of a strategy?

- i) The North Sea Commission
- ii) The Committee of the Regions
- iii) The European Commission, DG REGIO
- iv) The European Commission, DG MARE
- v) Member States
- vi) Individual regions
- vii) The Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions
- viii) The North Sea Regional Advisory Council
- ix) Other (please detail in the box below)

Comments:



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c) Who else should be involved in the development of a strategy?

- x) The North Sea Commission
- xi) The Committee of the Regions
- xii) The European Commission, DG REGIO
- xiii) The European Commission, DG MARE
- xiv) The European Parliament
- xv) Member States
- xvi) Individual regions
- xvii) The Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions
- xviii) The North Sea Regional Advisory Council
- xix) Stakeholder organisations
- xx) Universities and research institutes
- xxi) The INTERREG North Sea Programme
- xxii) Other (please detail in the box below)

Comments:

## Section 3 – The content of the strategy

a) Do you agree with the five priority themes identified?

- i) Managing Maritime Space
- ii) Increasing Accessibility and Attractiveness
- iii) Tackling Climate Change
- iv) Promoting Innovation and Excellence
- v) Sustaining Liveable Communities
- vi) There should be another theme (please detail in the box below)

Comments:



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b) Which sub-priorities/actions would you like to see in a strategy?

- i) Clean Shipping
- ii) Climate Change Adaptation
- iii) Climate Change Mitigation
- iv) Coastal Activities
- v) Coastal Protection
- vi) Culture and Heritage
- vii) Energy Efficiency
- viii) Food and Drink
- ix) Green Energy
- x) Land-Sea Interface
- xi) Maritime Spatial Planning
- xii) Modal Shift
- xiii) Multi-modal Transport
- xiv) North Sea Stakeholder Forum
- xv) Oil and Gas
- xvi) Sustainable Environment
- xvii) Research and Innovation
- xviii) Rural Development
- xix) Safety at Sea
- xx) Tourism
- xxi) Urban Development
- xxii) Others (please detail in the box below)

Comments:



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c) Which existing strategies should be taken into account and how can these be linked to a North Sea Strategy? If there are specific elements of these strategies which should be included, please highlight these in the box below.

- i) Europe 2020
- ii) Other European Strategies (please detail in the box below)
- iii) Other macro-regional strategies (please detail in the box below)
- iv) Norvision
- v) Member State strategies (please detail in the box below)
- vi) Regional Strategies (please detail in the box below)
- vii) Others (please detail in the box below)

Comments:

## Section 4 – The delivery of the strategy

a) Who should be responsible for delivery of the strategy?

- i) The North Sea Commission
- ii) The European Commission
- iii) Member States
- iv) Regional and local authorities
- v) Stakeholders
- vi) Others (please detail in the box below)

Comments:



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b) How should priority initiatives be financed?

- i) A range of sectoral EU funding programmes
- ii) INTERREG Programmes
- iii) National EU structural funds programmes
- iv) Other national programmes
- v) By regional/local authorities
- vi) Other sources (please detail in the box below)

Comments:

c) What should be the timescale for delivery of the strategy?

- i) The EU Financial Perspective (2014-20)
- ii) The Europe 2020 timeframe (2010-2020)
- iii) The European Parliament/Commission Term (→ 2014)
- iv) Other (please detail in the box below)

Comments:



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Any other comments?:

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