

The evolution of the European policies on coastal and marine issues

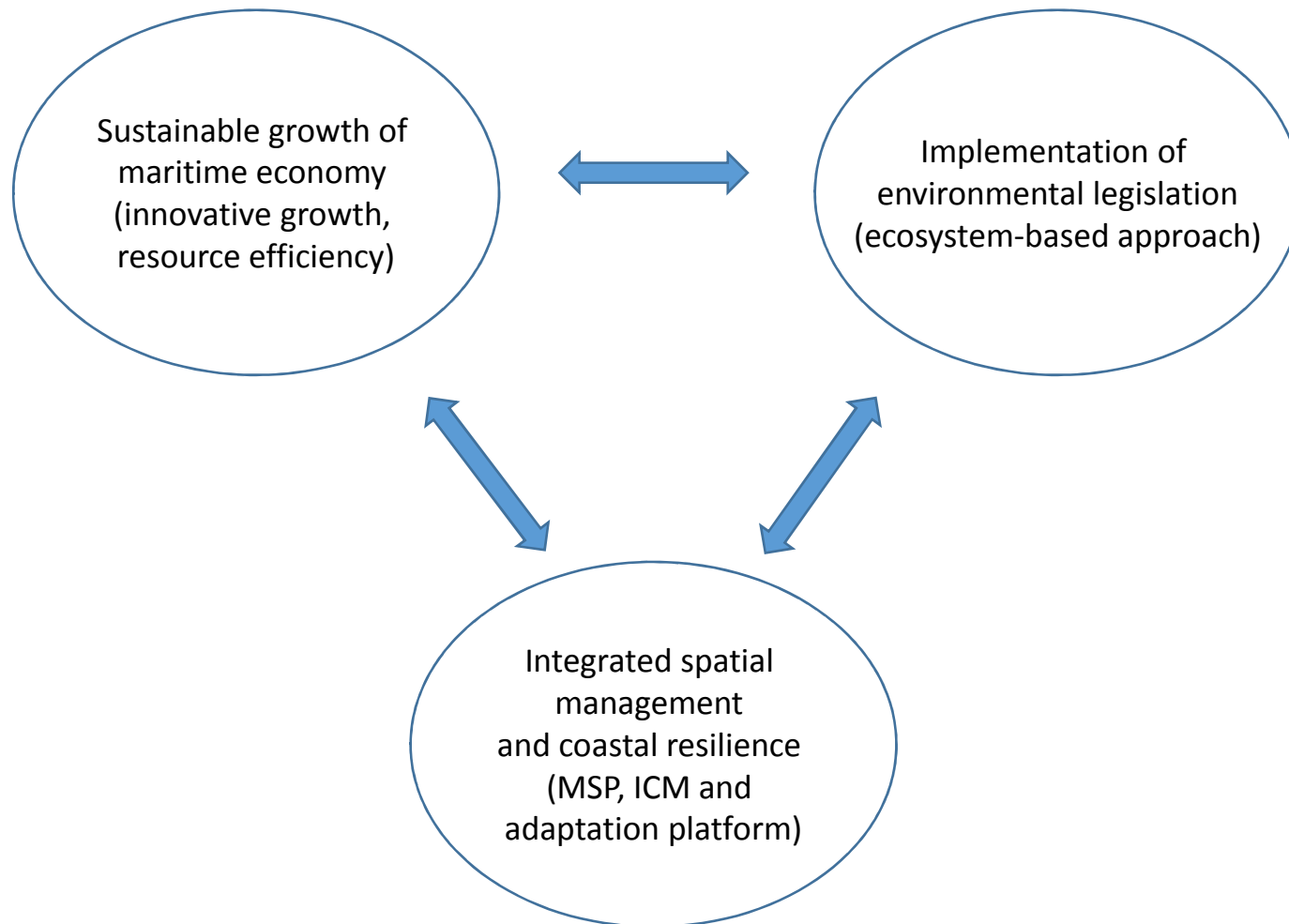
Historical highlights of ICZM policy in EU

- The UN **Earth Summit of Rio de Janeiro in 1992** kick-started the development of focussed EU policy on integrated coastal zone management.
- A Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on "Integrated Coastal Zone Management: A Strategy for Europe" ([COM/2000/547](#) of 17 Sept. 2000);
- **Recommendation** concerning the implementation of Integrated Coastal Zone Management in Europe by the European Parliament and Council on 30 May 2002 ([2002/413/EC](#)).

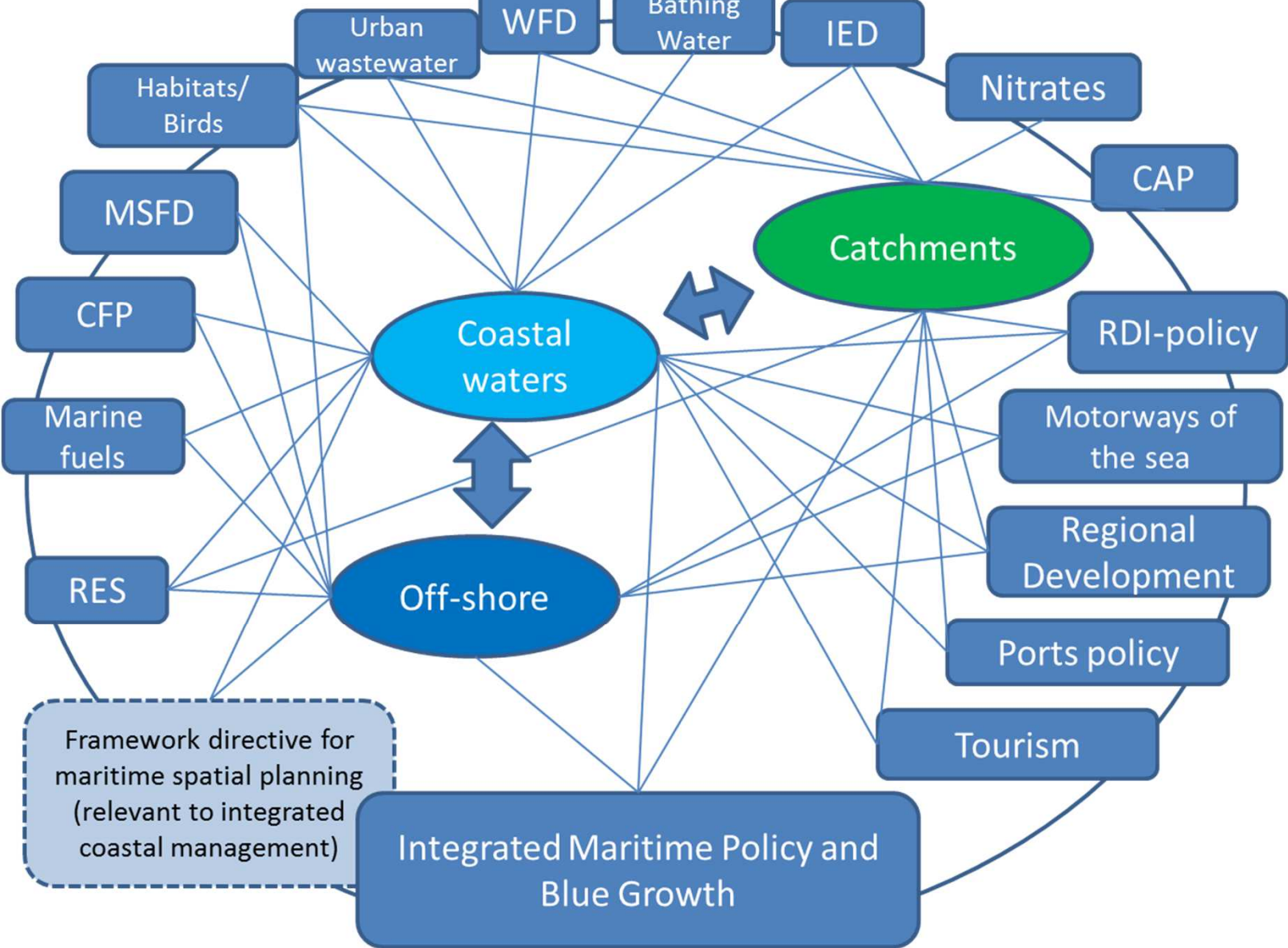
Towards legislative regulation

- On 12 March 2013 the Commission adopted a [proposal for a Directive](#) establishing a framework for maritime spatial planning and integrated coastal management.
- [Directive establishing a framework for maritime spatial planning](#) (23.07.2014)
- On 13 September 2010, the Council adopted the decision to ratify the [Protocol on Integrated Coastal Zone Management](#) to the Barcelona Convention ([Council Decision 2010/631/EU](#)). Protocol entered into force the 24th of March 2011.

Coherent policy alliance for sustainable coastal areas

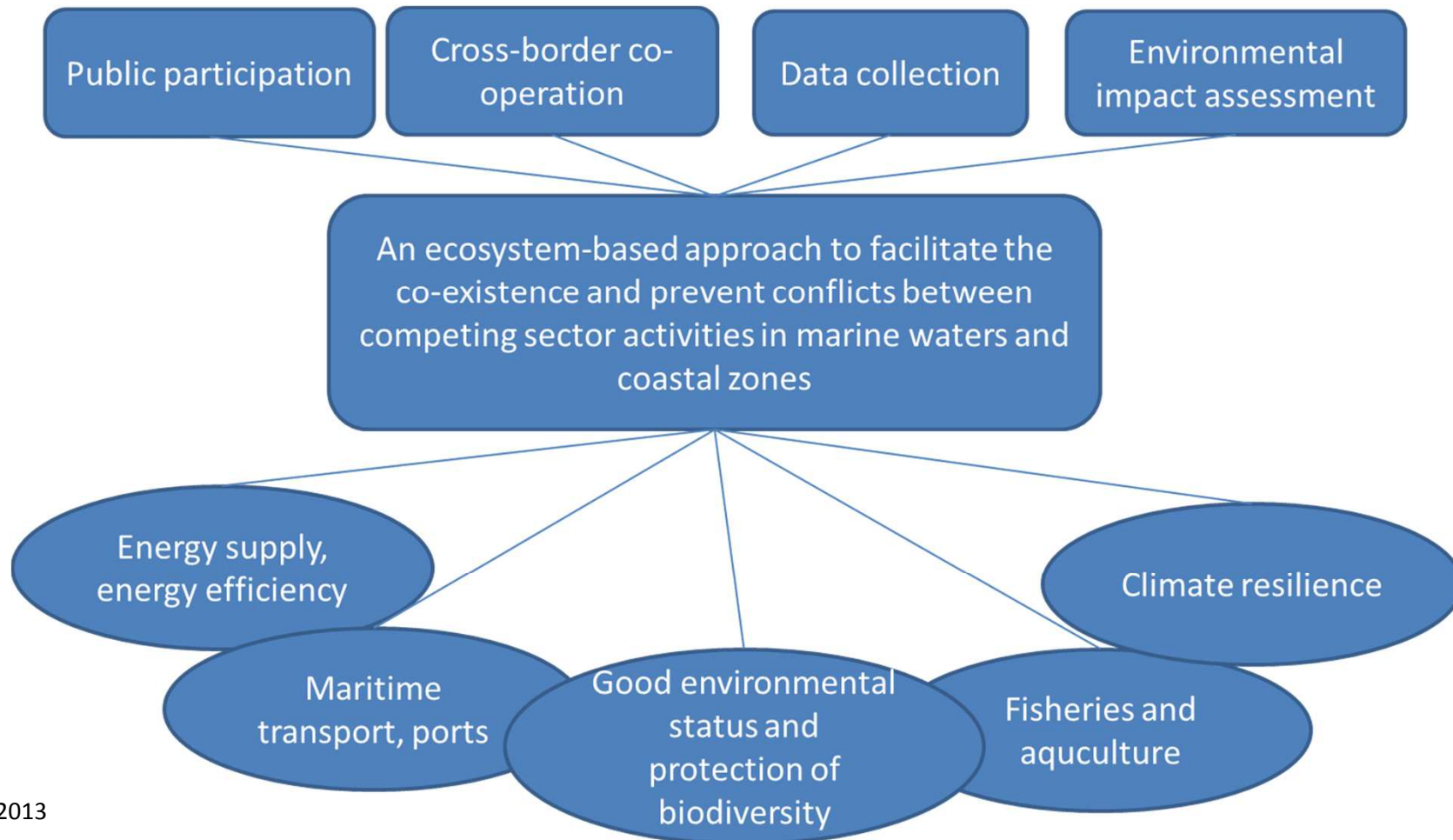


Selected EU policies and policy instruments related to the land-coast-sea nexus



Source: EEA, 2013

The basic elements of the maritime spatial plans and their relevance to integrated coastal management strategies



Trans-boundary context for MSP and ICM

- EU Integrated Maritime Policy, the Regulation (EU) No 1255/2011 on IMP Action programme - supported and facilitated the implementation of maritime spatial planning and integrated coastal management
- European Structural and Investment Funds, including the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, will provide opportunities to support the implementation of MSP Directive for 2014-2020.
- Art 11 and Art 12 in MSP directive – cross-border development cooperation and protection of environment
- Regional Sea Conventions – N-E Atlantic (OSPAR), Baltic (HELCOM), Mediterranean (Barcelona Conv), Black Sea (Bucarest Conv)
- Multilateral national agreements – Wadden Sea trilateral cooperation of Netherlands, Germany & Denmark, etc.
- Transboundary cooperation of coastal regions – CPMR, EU Regional development instruments – INTERREG
- National implementation of EU environmental legislation – ecosystem approach e.g. River basin districts, Marine regions

Integrated approach - assessment of coastal zones and maritime space

- development and pollution **pressures** that impact coastal and marine areas;
- **services** that are provided by ecosystems of the coastal and marine areas;
- vulnerability to environmental change (incl. climate) and need for **adaptation**;
- policy responses and maritime space **management** (e.g. ICZM and Maritime spatial planning).