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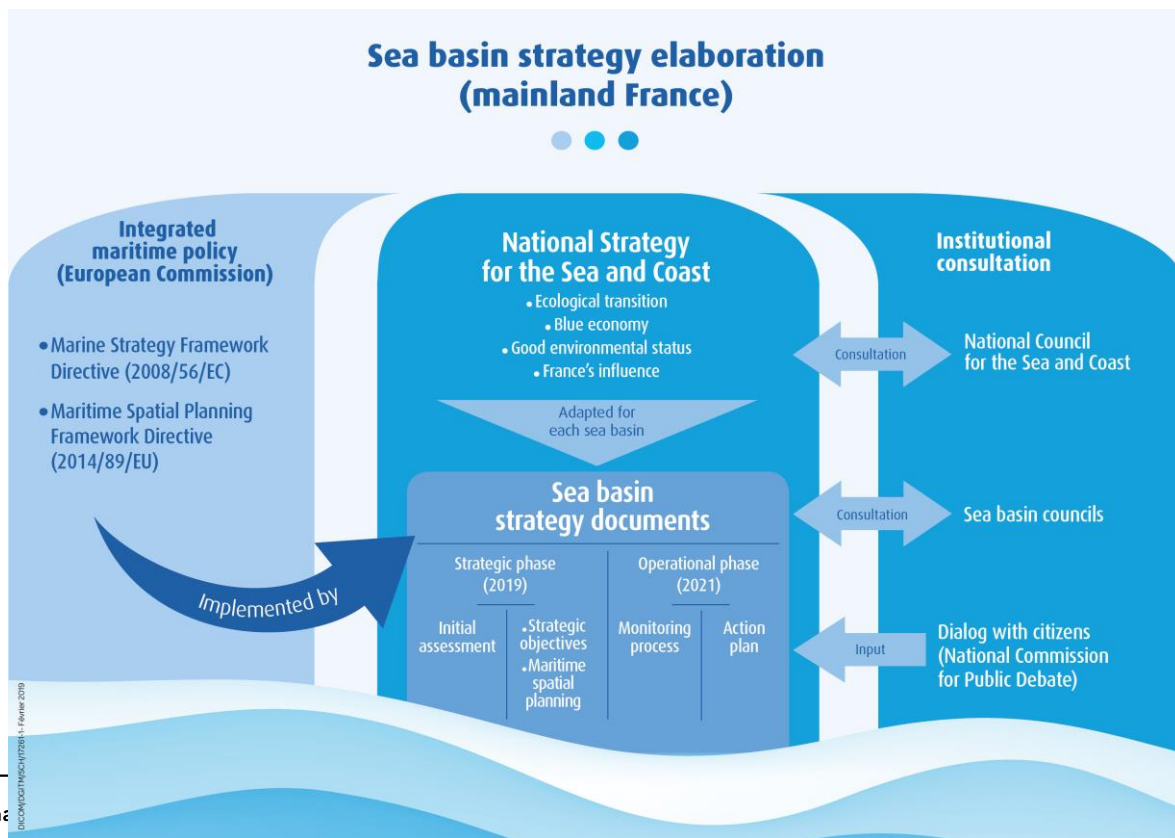
NATIONAL MSP PROCESS IN FRANCE

NATIONAL STRATEGY & SEA BASINS STRATEGIC DOCUMENTS MAKING PROCESS

REGINA MSP PROJECT

1ST MARCH 2023

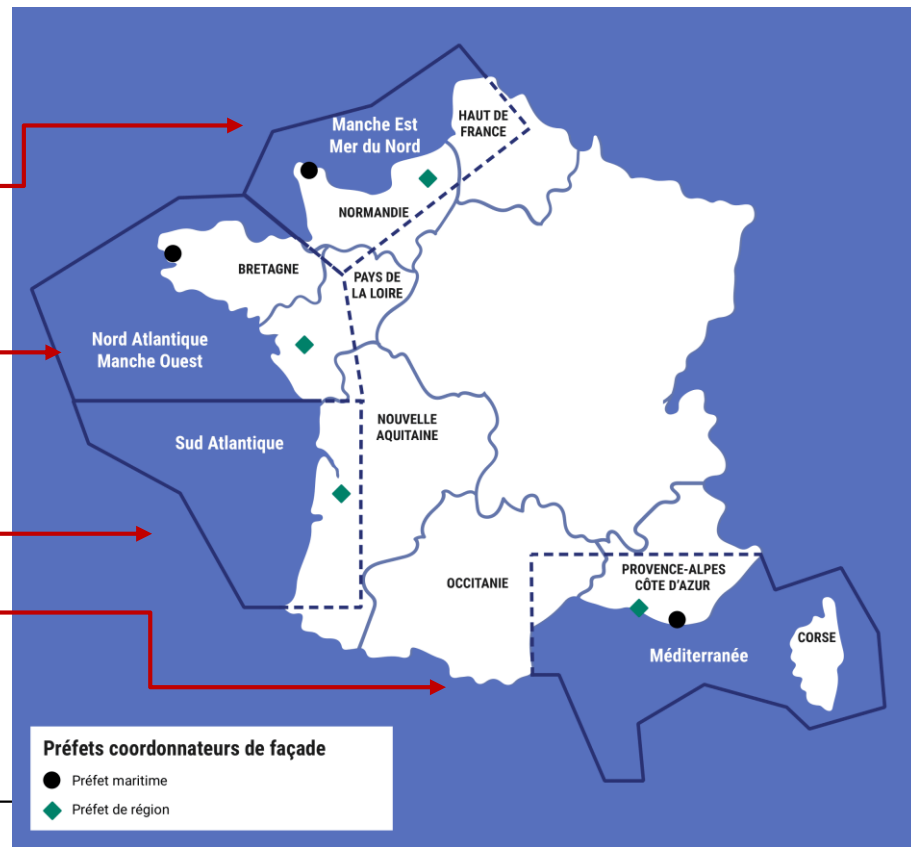
The French MSP institutional background in a nutshell



A process conducted at the Sea Basin scale

- Eastern Channel – North Sea sea basin
- North Atlantic – Western Channel sea basin
- South Atlantic sea basin
- Mediterranean sea basin

Sea basins perimeter
Source: Ministère de la Mer

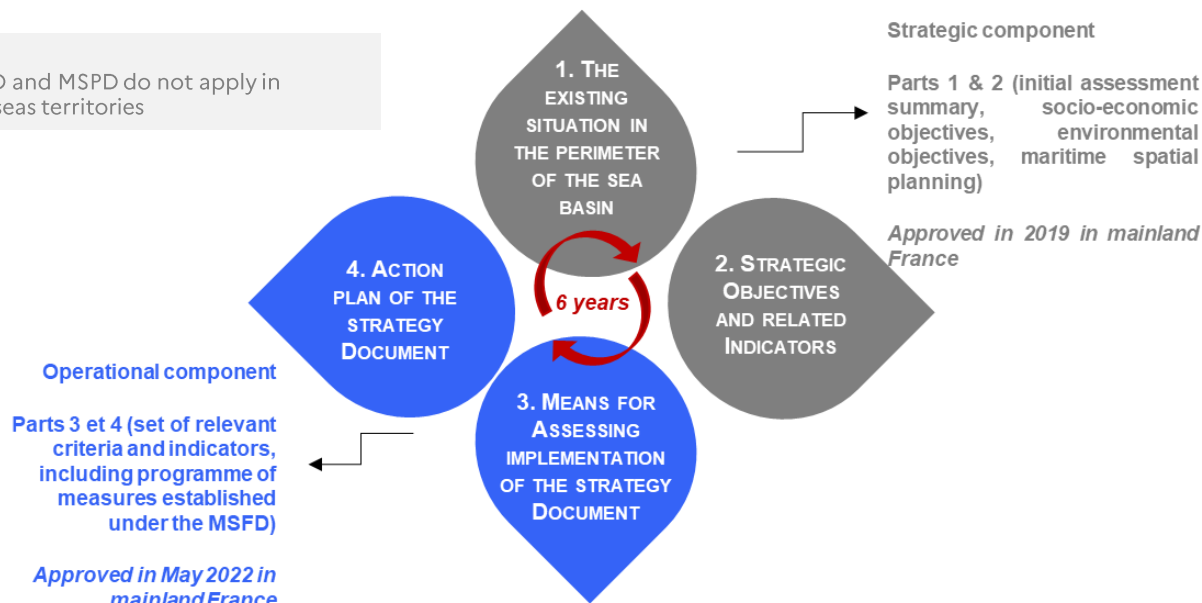


A process conducted under the responsibility of two coordinating prefects (French state representatives)

A legally binding document in 4 « parts »



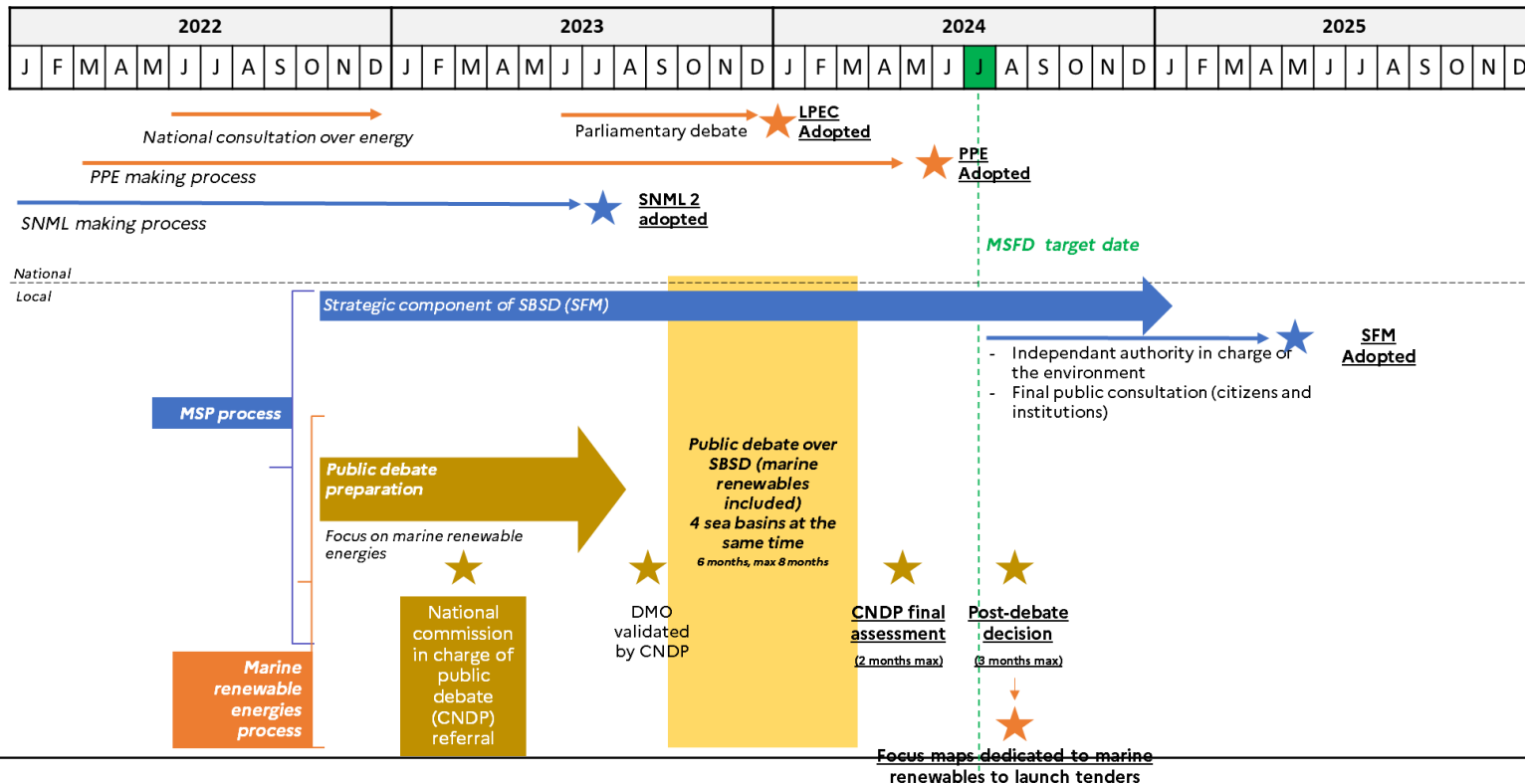
MSFD and MSPD do not apply in overseas territories



The **legal basis** for the sea basin strategy document, described in Article L. 219-4 of the French Environmental Code, is as follows:

- **at sea**, plans, programs, schemes and projects for works, structures and developments for which impact studies are required shall be **compatible** (or be rendered compatible) with the objectives and provisions of the sea basin strategy document. Compatibility implies **not departing from the basic orientations**, in this case the strategic objectives and designated uses map, while allowing some flexibility in terms of specifying their application.
- **on land** but with an influence at sea, they shall take the objectives and provisions of the sea basin strategy document **into consideration**; specifically, they are subject to the compatibility requirement, with concessions possible where justified.

Joint procedure over sea basin strategies and marine renewable projects



Focus on the role of regions within the process

Legal basis

Art. R219-1-10 of the French environmental code

- Regional council are among the institutions to be consulted at every stage of the consultation process
- Other local councils and institutions esp. (departemental level and group of municipalities) in charge of coastal planning tools are among the institutions to be consulted as well

Art L.219-1-4 of the French env.code

- Regional and infra-regional plans are to be compatible with SBSD

In practice

Variable association of regional bodies within the different sea basins

- Esp. via the sea basins councils
- Nomination of regional VP within the different councils (CNML, CMF)
- Collaboration to the strategic making process
- Contribution to identification of actions
- Cooperation with « Sea Parliaments »

Challenges

Notion of compatibility

Wider scope than regional councils

Coordination of the different processes, esp. given the various time frames concerned

Implementation of MSP action plans regarding local expectations and resources

Thank you for your attention

