



The European Ocean Pact

Sustaining the ocean that sustains us

Political impetus

Mission letter to
Commissioner Costas
Kadis: “***European Ocean
Pact, ensuring
coherence across all
policy areas linked to
the oceans.***”

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The EU is an Ocean Union

EU: the world's largest collective maritime area



25 million km²
EEZs

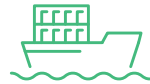


40% of EU
population living within
50 km of the sea

EU critical interests in maritime matters



70 000 km
coastline



Maritime routes
carry **74%** of the
EU's external trade



Undersea cables
for **99%** of inter-
continental internet
traffic

EU blue economy powerhouse



5 million jobs



€250 billion in
annual GVA



Traditional, new and
emerging sectors



Restorative and
regenerative practices

Triple planetary crisis impact on the ocean



Stony coral tissue loss disease (SCTLD) or white plague disease , Caribbean Sea

**Biodiversity
loss**



An Actively Calving Glacier in Gulf of Alaska

Climate change



Toxic plastic waste floating underwater in the ocean

Pollution

A strong governance framework is needed to align actions at Union, regional, national, and local levels through the various sea basins, involving both EU and non-EU countries.

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Strengthened Governance Framework

- 1 Ocean Act:** by 2027 that will build on a revision of the MSP Directive
Ocean Board: stakeholders supporting the Commission in implementation
Ocean Pact dashboard: to monitor and report progress
- 2** Working together at regional level: **sea basin approach/** Black Sea, Baltic, Atlantic, Mediterranean, Arctic
- 3 Financial** support – integrated approach to funding from private and public sources, incl. to enhance coastal communities' resilience through EU financing and EIB loans.

6 PRIORITIES

Protecting and restoring **ocean health**



Boosting **competitiveness** of the sustainable blue economy



Supporting **coastal, island and outermost regions**



Advancing **ocean research**, knowledge, skills and innovation



Enhancing **maritime security** and **defence**



Strengthening **EU ocean diplomacy** and **international governance**.



Guiding principles for implementation

**Source-to-sea
approach**

**Ecosystem
based
approach**

**Precautionary
principle**

**Best available
scientific
advice**

The Pact aims at a holistic approach and collaboration across Member States, regions, and with stakeholders: fishers, blue economy professionals, innovators, investors, scientists, and civil society.

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Reception

Η ΕΕ εγκρίνει Σύμφωνο για τους Ωκεανούς με στρατηγική για βιώσιμη θάλασσα

Visits: 2149045

EU-Ozeanpakt: theoretisch gut, praktisch noch unverbindlich

"L'Union européenne doit devenir l'Union des océans"

Europeche hails new EU framework as safeguard for fishing grounds access

Comissão Europeia lança plano para o oceano e financiamento de mil milhões

miljöpartiet de gröna
EU-PARLAMENTET
Isabella Lövin (MP) om EU-kommissionens havspakt: "Glädjande steg mot en havslag på EU-nivå - något Miljöpartiet slagits för"

BIODIVERSITÀ
L'Ue lancia il "patto per gli Oceani"

Le Pacte européen pour l'océan présenté à Nice
Conférence des Nations unies à Nice

Le Pacte européen pour l'océan peut-il placer les citoyens au cœur de la politique bleue ?

Bruselas adopta el Pacto de los Océanos, con el que animará a Estados miembros a establecer áreas marinas protegidas

GREENWIRE
EU conjures surprise law to govern ocean resources

By Leonie Cater | 06/06/2025 01:19 PM EDT

The unexpected "Ocean Act" will cover everything from fishing to tourism to defense — but details are scant.

Presentation at UNOC 3 in Nice

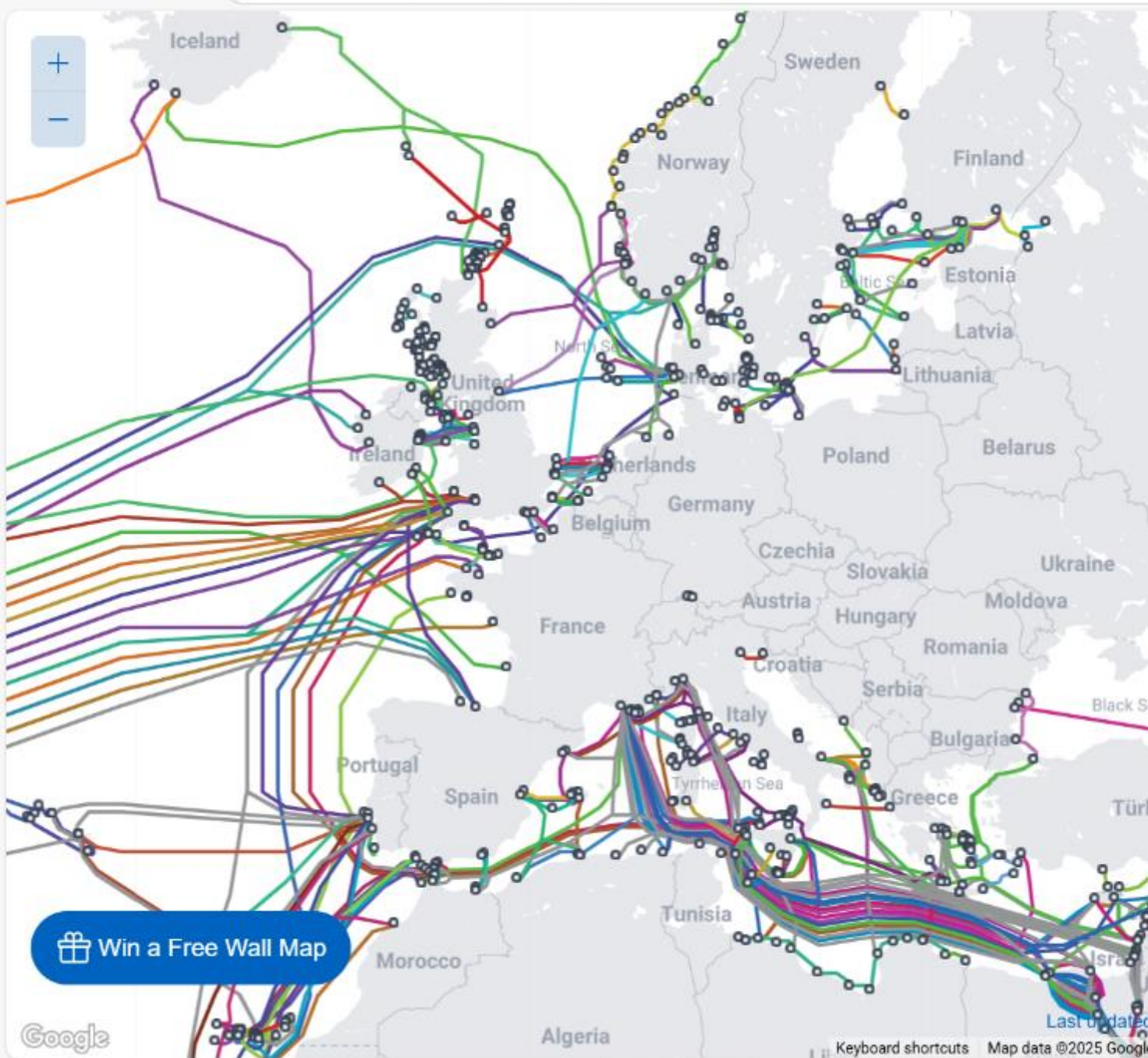


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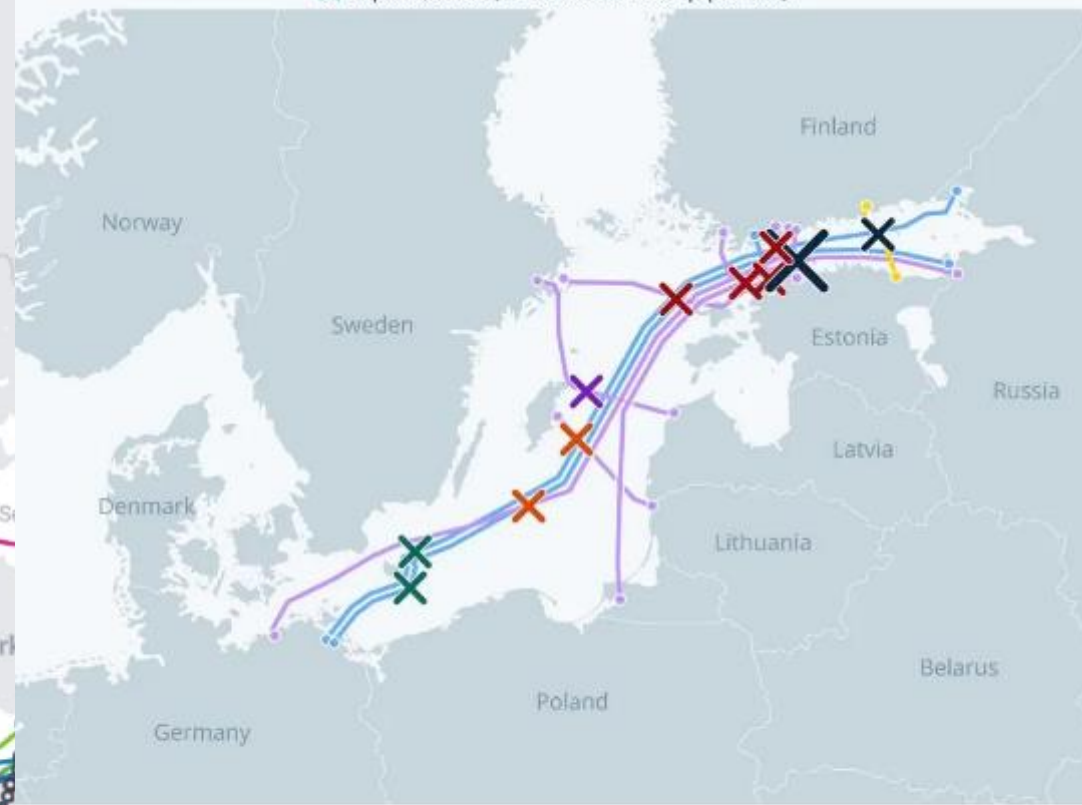
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Baltic Sea Cable Incidents Pile Up

Incidents of damage to underwater cables and pipelines in the Baltic Sea (2022-2025)

- Telecommunications — Electricity — Gas
- ✕ Jan. 26, 2025 (Sweden-Latvia cable)
 - ✕ Dec. 25, 2024 (Finland-Estonia cables)
 - ✕ Nov. 17-18, 2024 (mid-Baltic incidents)
 - ✕ Oct. 7-8, 2023 (Baltconnector pipeline & cables)
 - ✕ Sep. 26, 2022 (Nord Stream 1&2 pipelines)



Source: Media reports

