



# 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 km<sup>2</sup>**  
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

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

"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"



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

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

di Redazione 6 giugno 2025

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

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

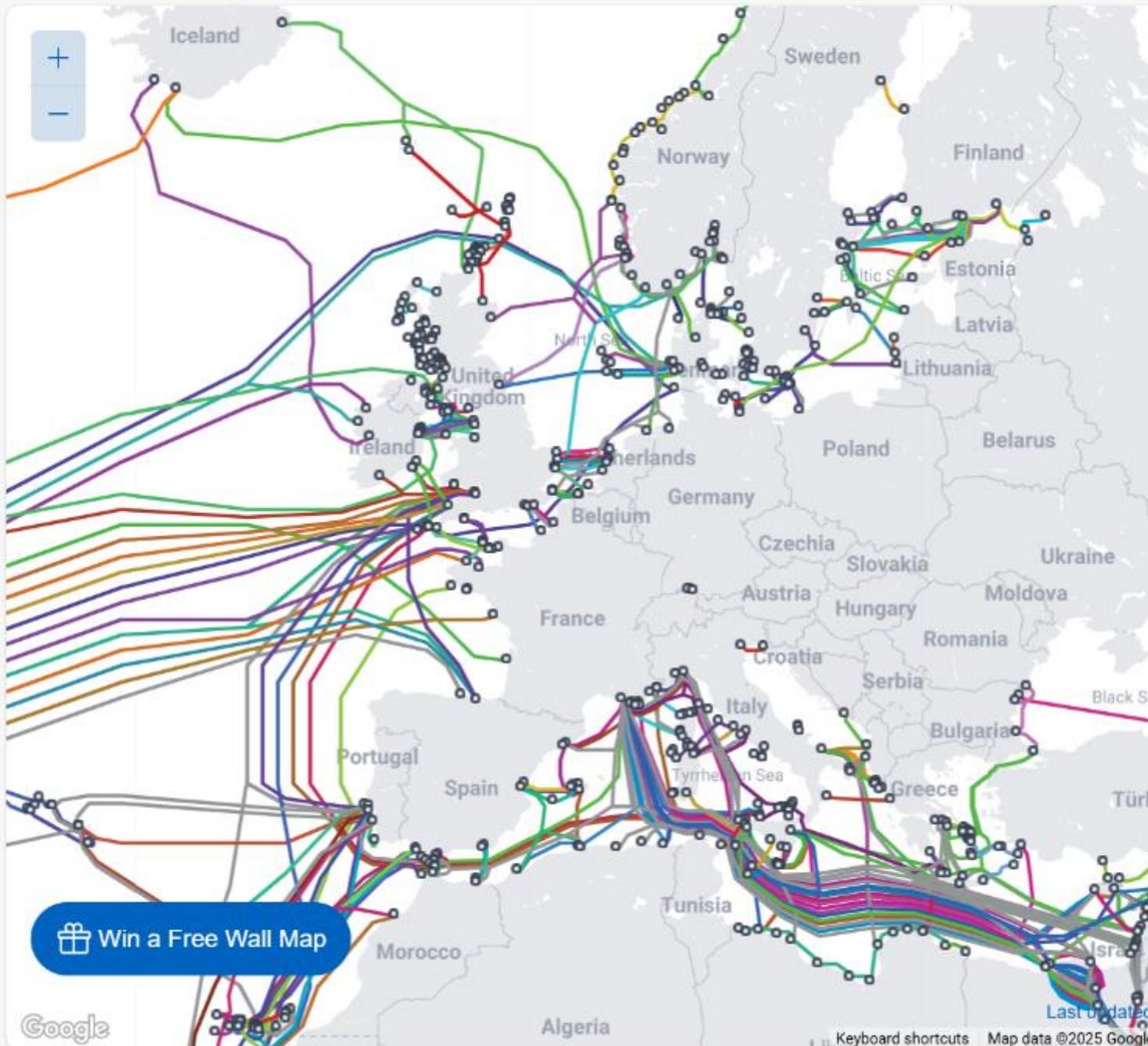


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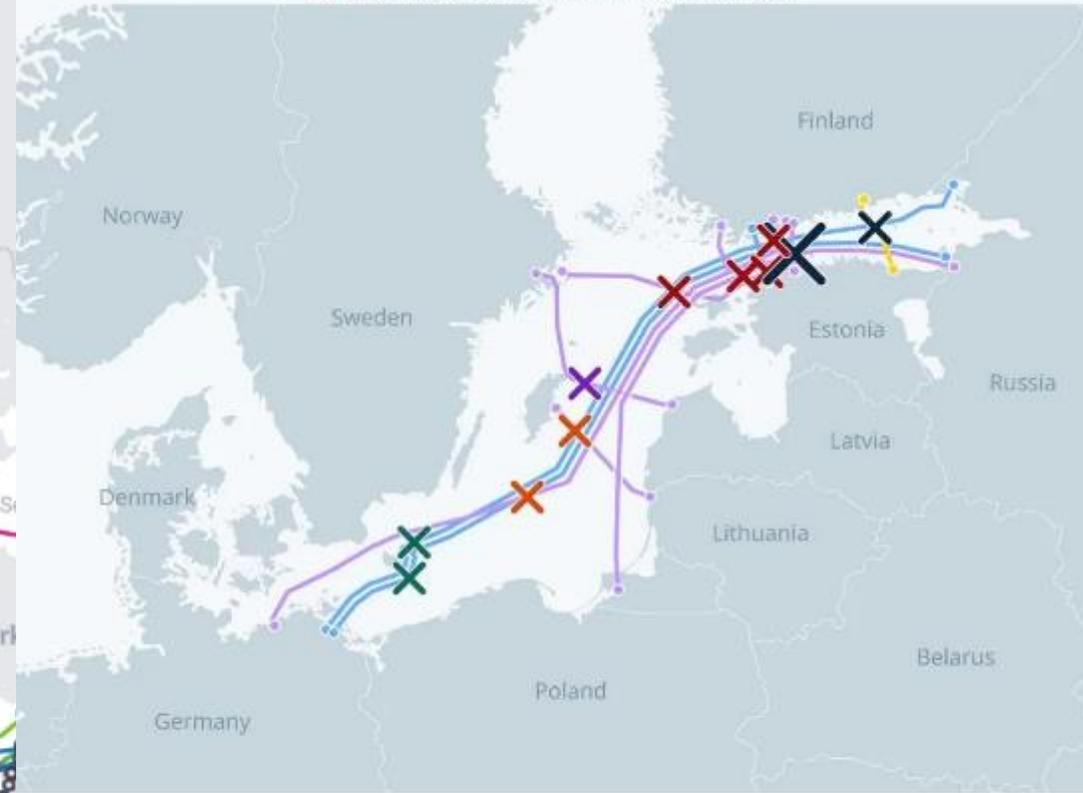
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# Baltic Sea Cable Incidents Pile Up

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

