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Mainstream CE in all policy
areas

Advocate, Conduct
environmental & climate



BLUE ECONOMY

If the **global blue economy**, were compared to a national economy, it would be the 7th largest in the world, and the ocean as an economic entity would be a member of the **G 7**.

Oceans hold **97%** of all our water and **80%** of all life forms.

Provides **4.5 million direct jobs**

Encompasses **all industries and sectors**:

- Marine environment: i.e. shipping, fisheries, energy generation
- Land environment: i.e. ports, land-based aquaculture, coastal tourism

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CHAPTER 4: ESTABLISHED SECTORS

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- 4.6. MARITIME TRANSPORT
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CHAPTER 5: EMERGING SECTORS

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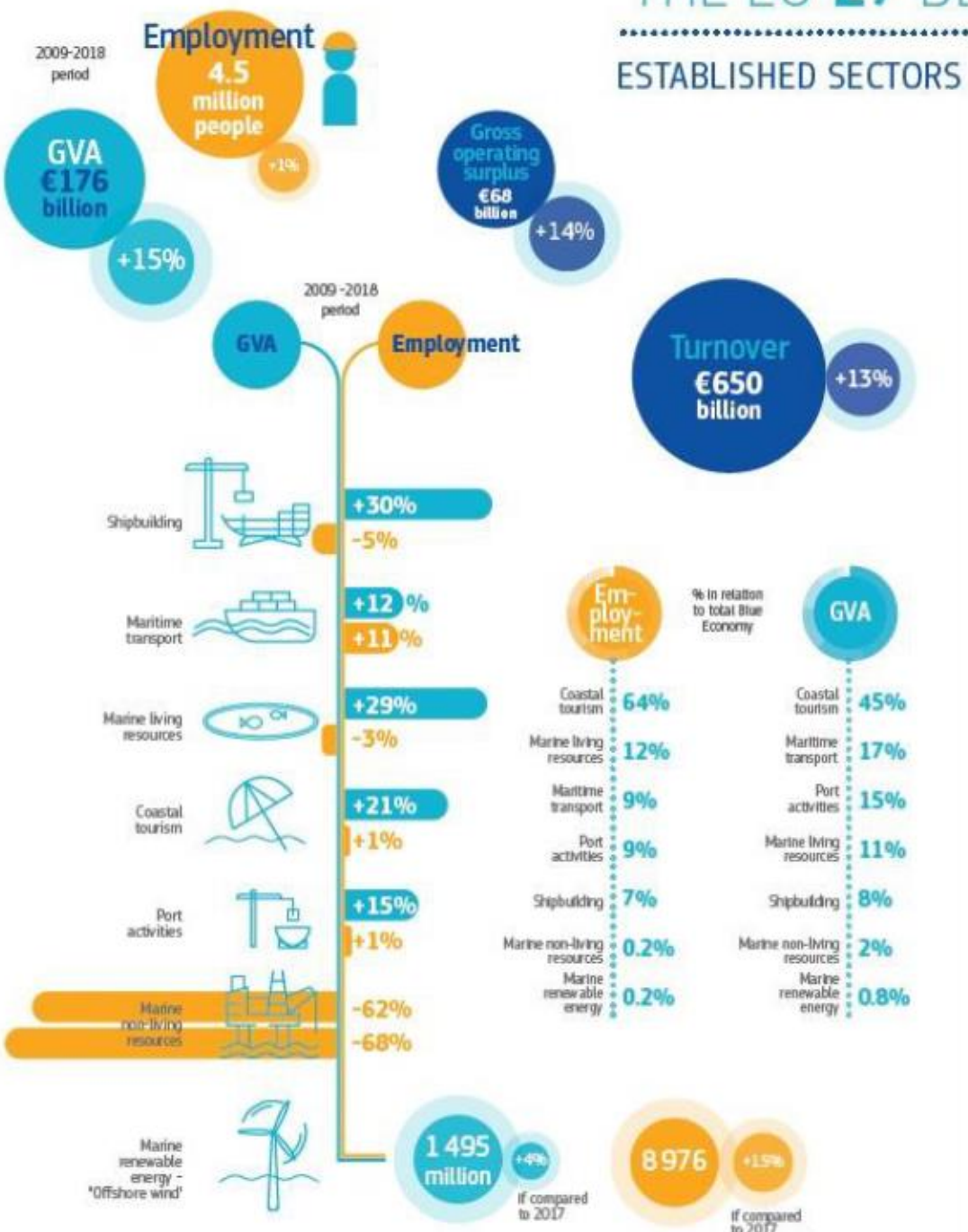
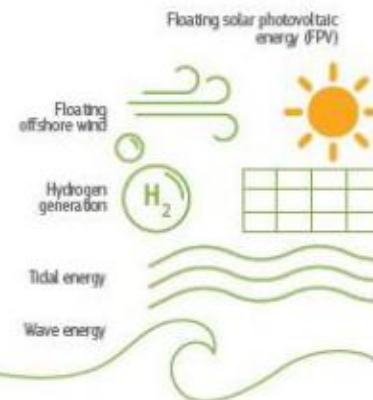
THE EU 27 BLUE ECONOMY

ESTABLISHED SECTORS

EMERGING SECTORS

BLUE ENERGY EMERGING SECTOR

Includes:



WAVE AND TIDAL CAPACITY

100 MW million
Installed capacity by 2025

In the last decade
€3.84 billion

total EU R&D expenditure on wave and tidal energy

WAVE

In 2019, 600 KW of new wave energy capacity was deployed in the EU27.

by 2020,

12 MW global installed capacity of wave energy with 8MW (66%) installed in EU27

DESALINATION

Between 2010 and 2019 the new commissioned capacity (was of 0.84 million m³/day) investment of €630 million

TOTAL €630 million

BLUE BIOECONOMY

NUMBER OF COMPANIES +150% over the last decade

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

TOTAL FUNDING €2088 million

70% of the global ocean energy capacity has been developed by EU27 based companies

The EU maintains global leadership (despite the UK's withdrawal from the EU)

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Impacts of blue economy and other economic activities on marine environment:

- Visible pollution (i.e. plastic litter & oil spills)
- Invisible pollution (i.e. microplastics, underwater noise, chemicals, nutrients)

Effects of climate change and G H G s:

- Water temperature, acidification, rising sea level, more frequent and intense flooding and erosion, etc.
- Biodiversity loss

EU GREEN DEAL & SDGS



Making Europe the first
climate neutral
continent in the world

Reduce GHGs 55% by
2030

3 related EU Missions

SDGs: Almost all related
to blue economy

UN Environment
Programme



Recognition of the major role of blue economy towards the implementation of the EU Green Deal

FROM BLUE GROWTH TO SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY



SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY



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**COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS**

**on a new approach for a sustainable blue economy in the EU
Transforming the EU's Blue Economy for a Sustainable Future**

Integration of **OCEAN POLICY**
into Europe's new **ECONOMIC
POLICY**

Urge to
Connect the **GREEN** and the **BLUE**
policies

Lead international ocean governance
beyond EU borders

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TRANSFORMING THE BLUE ECONOMY VALUE CHAINS

Achieving the objectives of **climate neutrality** and **zero pollution**

Circular economy and preventing waste

Biodiversity and investing in nature

Coastal resilience

Responsible food systems

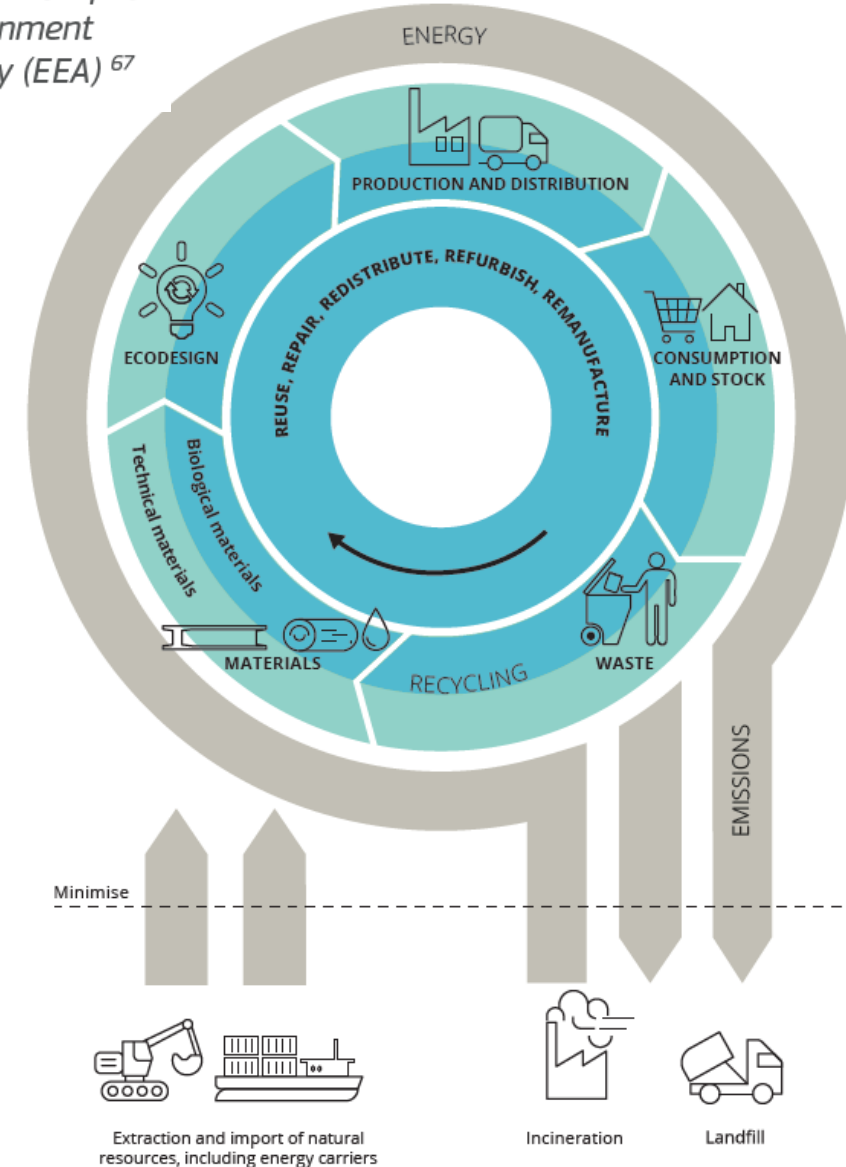
CIRCULAR ECONOMY



Business as usual scenario: 3 planets by 2050



Source: European
Environment
Agency (EEA) ⁶⁷



FROM: Take – Make – Waste

TO: Reuse, Redistribute, Refurbish,
Remanufacture

Biological cycle: residues are returned to nature after use

Technical cycle: product, components or materials are
designed and marketed to minimise wastage

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Reducing the impacts of human activities on the sea

Development of circular models and

solutions

Standards for circular design of:

- Fishing gears (facilitating re-use & recyclability)
- Ship recycling
- Decommissioning of offshore platforms
- Reduction of plastics and microplastics pollution
- etc.

Policy - Regulations

Marine Strategy Framework
Ship recycling regulation
Single-Use Plastics Directive
Maritime Spatial Plans
Sea-basin strategies, macro-
regional strategies

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Challenges for the transition towards blue sustainable and circular economy

Planning

Multi-level governance
Harmonisation of blue-green strategies
Territorial cooperation

Financing

Investment VS regulatory environment
R&I readiness
Insurance environment
Lack of investment-grade projects/firms at scale

Skills & Social dimension (Just transition)

Economies in transition
Low skill work force
Innovation & technology VS traditional sectors

Data acquisition & monitoring

Data collection: what, who, how, how much
Data monitoring: impact indicators

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SBE - setting the right conditions



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EPLO Circular Economy and Climate Change Institute work on the Sustainable & Circular Blue Economy

Linking



Advocacy

Awareness

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