



The Ocean

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As a preamble

- **Lisbon, Göteborg, Barcelona process are driving forces for EU Research agenda**
- **“Galway process” for the research on marine science and technology in the 7th FP ?**
- **“European Marine Science Community” clearly well established. Multifunctionalities linked to oceans and coastal zones start to become linked together**
- **The area of Marine activity is not identified as such in the national economic and social accounts (a Göteborg observation)**





7th Framework Programme

- **6 axes:**
 - **3 of them are continuation (collaboration, human resources, coordination);**
 - **the 3 others are new (european infrastructure, European Research Council, technological platforms).**
- **Thematic priorities are not identified. Signals are nevertheless given in Financial Perspectives and the coming Communication. They will depend on the political driving forces, including the policy research itself.**
- **Thematic priorities will have to be considered according the axes.**





Thematic priorities

- **Content of thematic priorities can be defined following two ways:**
 - **according sectoral topics (marine science, water, biodiversity, agriculture)**
 - **according needs to strengthen policies (technologies, optimisation and management of resources and services, scientific knowledge)**

p.m. the Lisbon agenda is at the basis of the Financial perspectives
- **Scientific community and industries have to cooperation, essential for Lisbon and Barcelona. Other driving forces are important to take into account sustainability which means balance between environment, economic, social and technology**





To conclude

- **The Göteborg process and this Brussels event is a good opportunity to prepare at the best the 7th PC**
- **The scientific community exists; the different policies linked to Oceans and Coasts start to be linked around the potential research contribution**
- **The lessons from the 6th FP will be crucial for the future research agenda**

