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At a national level, a national strategy for the sea and coast (SNML) was adopted in 2017.

It constitutes the current framework for public policy at sea and on the coast.

The national strategy is implemented at sea basin level with sea basin strategy documents (*document stratégique de façade - DSF*). An unique one in MED covering Occitanie, Sud and Corsica.

These planning documents refine and supplement the general axes established by the national strategy, to address the economic, social and ecological challenges specific for each seabasin.

With DSF, France decided to perform a joint implementation of the Marine strategy framework directive (MSFD) and the MSP Directive.

The French ministry for the ecological and inclusive transition (MTES) is the national authority in charge with the overall maritime spatial planning in particular to ensure the coherence of strategic plans at the national level, consulting with the National Committee for the Sea and coast which brings together stakeholders' national representatives and reporting strategic plans to the European Commission.

The planning process is inter-ministerial with the involvement of the General Secretary for the Sea (SG Mer).

France notified the adoption of the four sea-basin strategies to the European Commission in February 2020. These documents all contain the two first parts of our sea basin strategy documents: initial assessment, strategic objectives and MSP ("vocation map" and fact sheets). Action plan and monitoring process are under definition in order to be adopted next year (2021).

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