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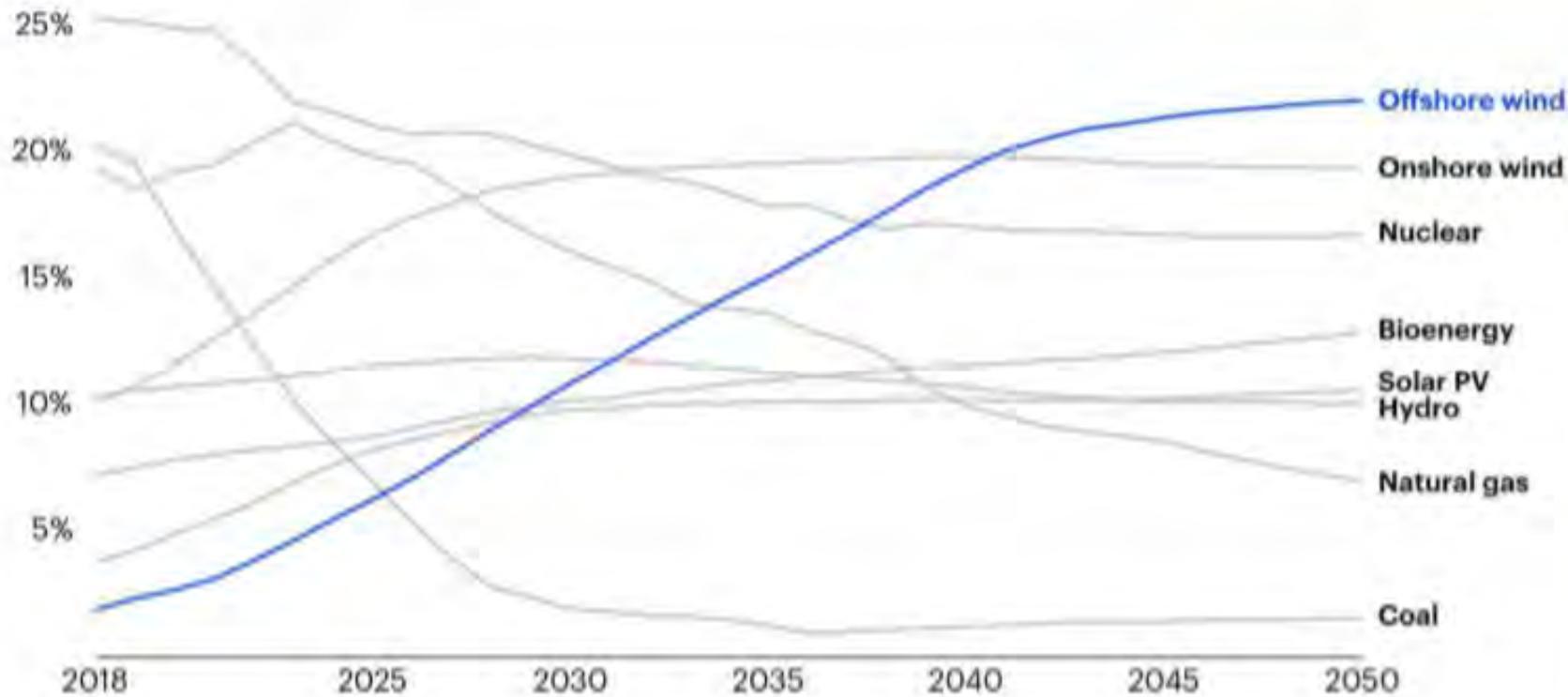
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Marine renewable energy

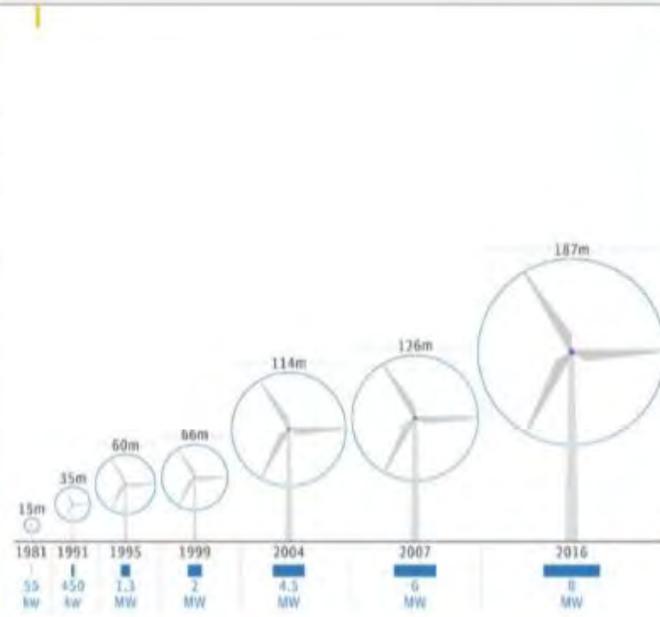
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Blue energy is taking off in the Mediterranean region

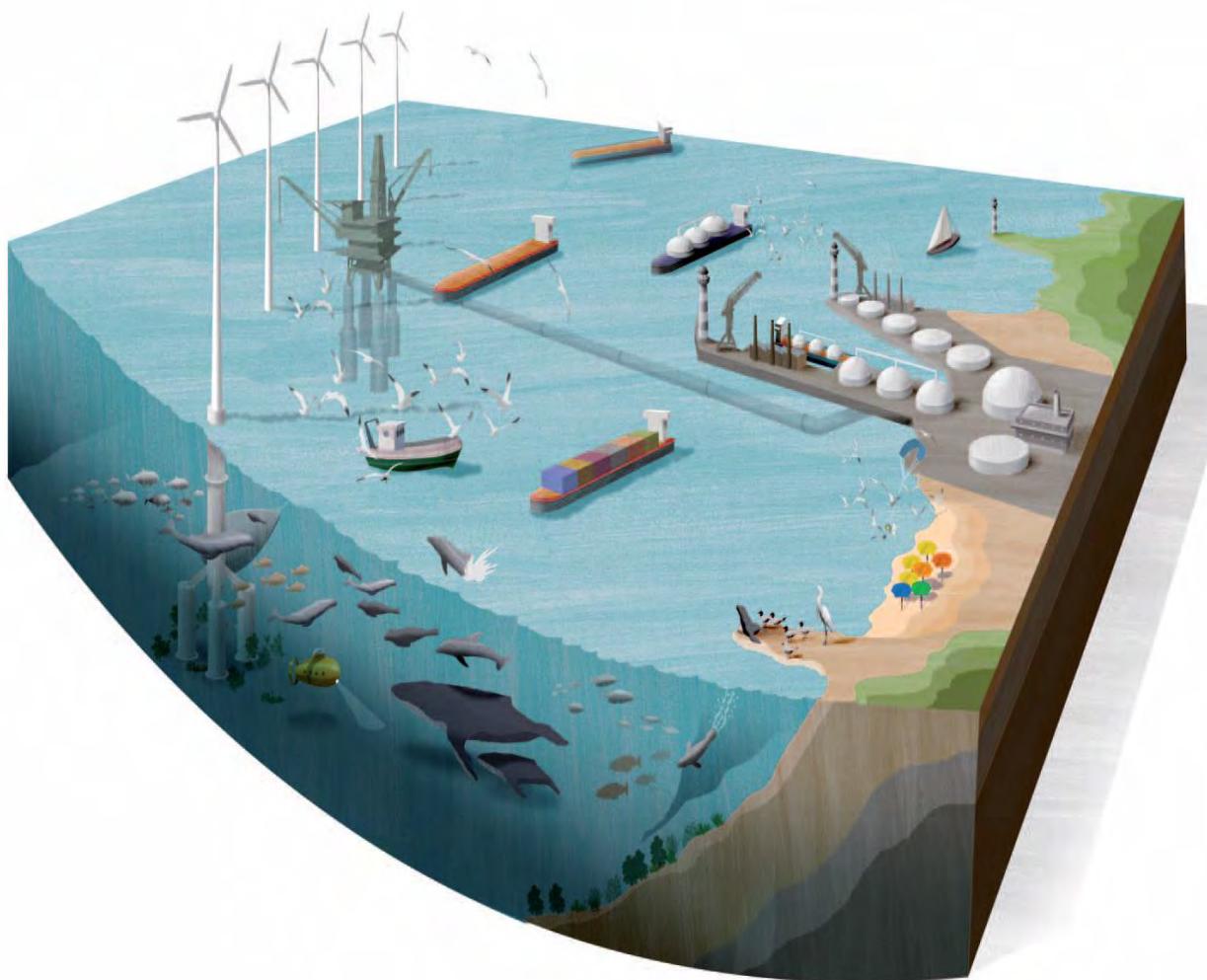
- Good resources: for floating wind and wave, a localised for tidal energy
- Strong industrial assets: maritime industry and growing interest from energy utilities in Med countries
- Good case for islands
- Increased support from member states and call for cooperation
- Offshore renewable energy strategy: European Green Deal and Blue economy in action



Spatial and environmental issues

- Never too early to start engaging and cooperating on maritime spatial planning
- Need to increase knowledge, data and cooperation on interaction with the marine eco-system and with other sea-users (specificity in the Mediterranean sea, transport, tourism, fisheries aquaculture, underwater cultural heritage...)

Why Maritime Spatial Planning?



- ✓ Reduce conflicts on access to maritime space
- ✓ Preserve and protect the marine ecosystem
- ✓ Reduce cumulative impact of maritime activities on the environment
- ✓ Reduce co-ordination costs for public authorities
- ✓ Improve certainty and predictability for private investments

Maritime spatial planning in the EU

- MSP Directive: all EU coastal EU Member States must set national plans by 31 March 2021
- Member States experts group on MSP
- Cross-borders projects
- International MSP
- European MSP Platform: www.msp-platform.eu/

Thank you

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