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CALAMAR

Cooperation Across the Atlantic for Marine Governance Integration

A US-EU Stakeholder Dialogue

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Presentation Outline

- Ecologic Institute - an environmental policy think tank
- CALAMAR - a transatlantic dialogue on marine governance



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Ecologic Institute

- ▶ **Founded in:** 1995
- ▶ **Type of institute:** independent, non-partisan body, not-for-profit think tank for applied environmental research, policy analysis and consultancy
- ▶ **Locations:** Headquarters Berlin, offices in Vienna, Brussels & Washington D.C.
- ▶ **Team:** about 90 staff members, interdisciplinary, wide range of issues focusing on environmental and sustainability policy
- ▶ Among Top 10 Environmental Think Tanks in 2010 Global Ranking (Go-To Think Tank Index" of the University of Pennsylvania)





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Ecologic Institute's Mission

- Influencing policies in the interest of environmental protection, nature and wildlife conservation and responsible resource management
- Bringing fresh ideas to environmental policies and sustainable development
- Advancing co-operation between nations



Ecologic Institute's Work and Funders

▶ Type of Work:

- ▶ **Scientific research** (e.g. reports, comparative studies, policy evaluations, meta-studies or discussion papers)
- ▶ **Events** (e.g. conferences, workshops, dialogues, study tours, summer schools)

▶ Funders:

- ▶ **Regional** (Environmental ministries of federal states etc.)
- ▶ **National** (BMU, BMBF, German Federal Environmental Agency, German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, NGOs: WWF, Greenpeace, NABU, US Foundations etc.)
- ▶ **EU** (DG Research, DG Env, DG Agri, DG Trade, EP, EEA, Eurostat etc.)
- ▶ **International** (Global Environment Facility, OECD, Worldbank, UNEP, Marshall Fund etc.)



Ecologic's Fields of Work

Ecologic's work covers the entire spectrum of environmental issues, including the integration of environmental concerns into other policy fields



Areas of expertise:

- ▶ Agriculture
- ▶ Biodiversity
- ▶ Climate and Energy
- ▶ Soil protection and land use
- ▶ Nature Conservation

- ▶ Development
- ▶ Foreign Policy



- ▶ Economics
- ▶ Waste
- ▶ Transport
- ▶ Water
- ▶ Marine Policy
- ▶ Transatlantic Cooperation



Selected Projects

- ▶ **CALAMAR**: Cooperation Across the Atlantic for Marine Governance Integration (European Commission, DG Relex)
- ▶ **Integrated Marine Ecosystem Assessments**, Best Practices Worldwide (German Federal Environment Agency)
- ▶ **Metastudy on Individual Tourism in Antarctica** (German Federal Environment Agency)
- ▶ **Transatlantic Media Dialogue** - Economic Transformation in Aging Industrial Regions (German Foreign Office)
- ▶ **Summer Schools on Emissions Trading** for Decision Makers in Emerging Economies (ICAP, Carbon Action Partnership)



The CALAMAR Dialogue

When?

- January 2010 until June 2011

What?

- Stimulate a transatlantic dialogue on ocean issues and strengthen networks among key stakeholders
- Identify policy recommendations on maritime governance and more effective transatlantic cooperation that incorporate stakeholder perspectives

How?

- 4 working groups comprised of experts from the EU and US, representing industry, government, academia and non-governmental organizations



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The CALAMAR Dialogue

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Policy context

- EU Integrated Maritime Policy (IMP)
- US National Ocean Policy
- EU/US cooperation



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CALAMAR project overview

Working Groups

Oceans and
climate change

High seas

Integrated marine
policies and tools

Transatlantic
cooperation



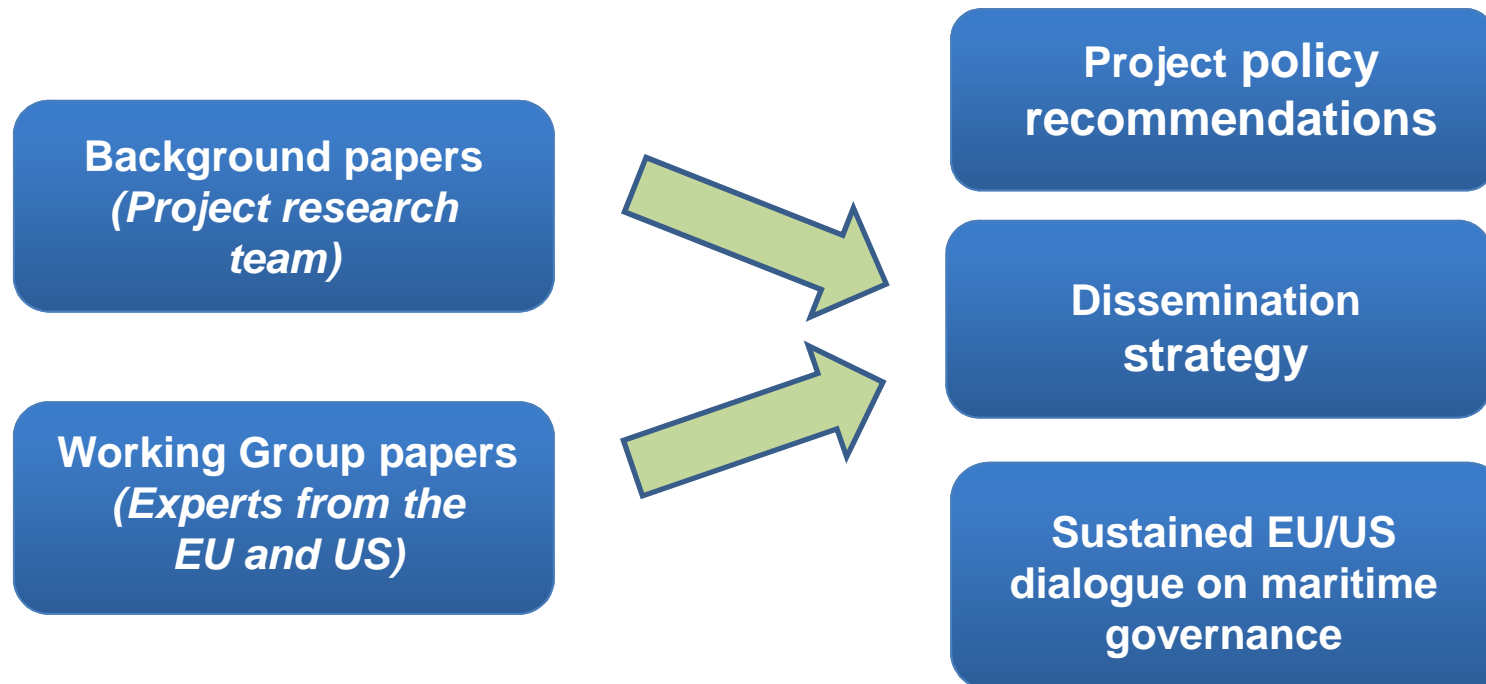
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The High Seas Working Group

- **Focus:** Identification of opportunities for common EU and US approaches and possible collaborative efforts related to conservation and sustainable use of resources in the high seas.
- **Co-chairs and working group members**
(e.g. NRDC, IUCN, Greenpeace, Deep Sea Conservation Coalition, UNESCO, International Seabed Authority, OSPAR, various universities, NOAA)
- **Working group meetings**



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Results

Opportunities and recommendations in four main areas:

- Prior Impact Assessment
- Identifying Ecologically and Biologically Significant Areas (EBSAs) and Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems (VMEs)
- Managing and protecting EBSAs and VMEs, including through the establishment of high seas marine protected areas (MPAs)
- High Seas Governance



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Cross-cutting recommendations:

- ✓ Advancing and exchanging ocean science information
- ✓ Encouraging dialogues and exchange best practices
- ✓ Protecting critical ecosystems
- ✓ Strengthening EU/US cooperation and coordination within existing international fora



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Opportunities to further the dialogue

- Expert networks
- National Ocean Council
- US Joint Ocean Commission Initiative
- EU Venice Platform



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