



LEARNING FROM CURRENT PRACTICE IN IRELAND: IS MSP STRATEGIC?

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WHERE ARE WE NOW?

2016

- Transposition of the Maritime Spatial Planning Directive 2014/89/EU via S.I 352/2016

2019

- Marine Planning Policy Statement

2021

- National Marine Planning Framework Approved by the Cabinet
- Maritime Area Planning Act 2021

Now

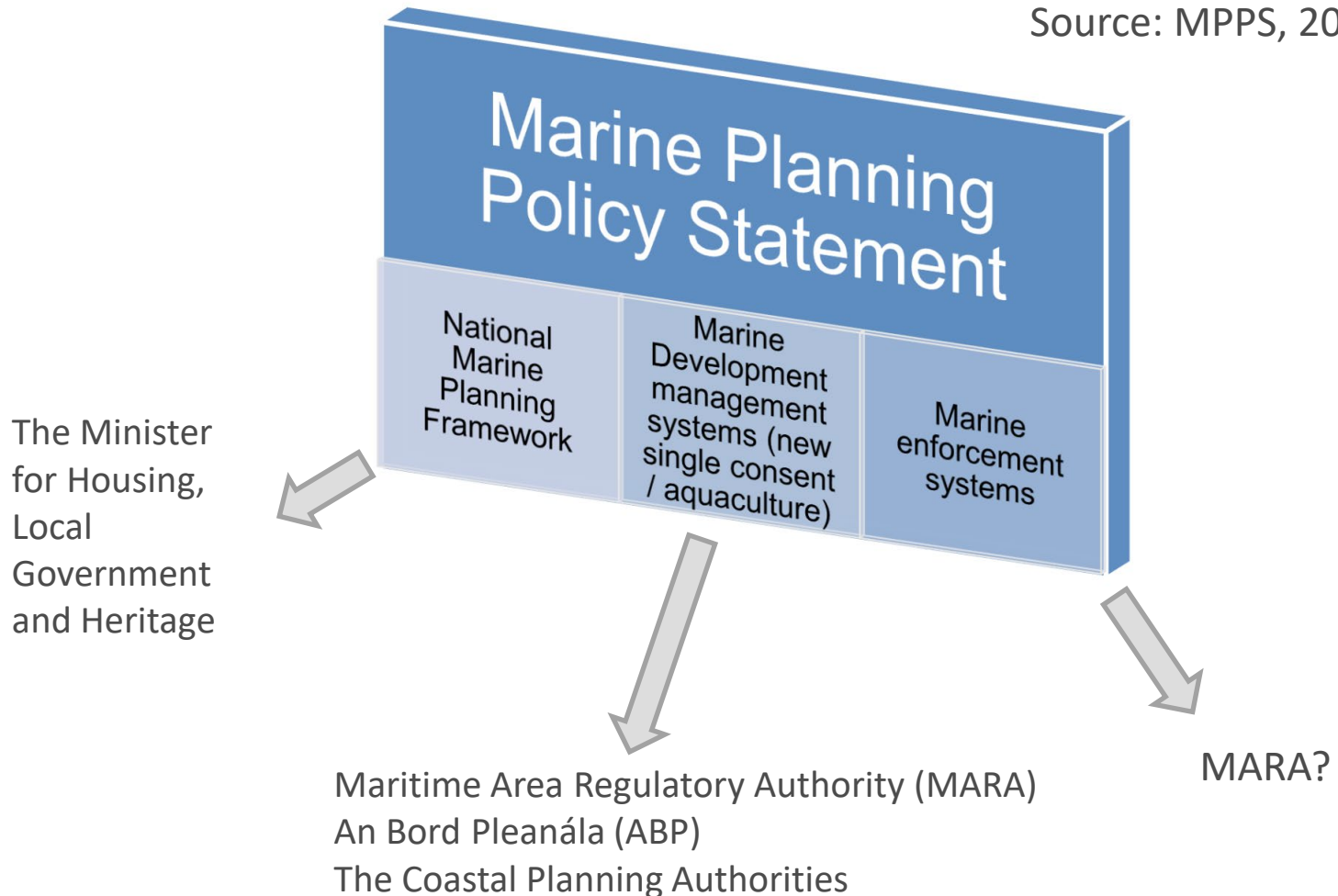
- Marine Management Reform ongoing

By end of
2022

- Maritime Area Regulatory Authority is set up
- An Bord Pleanála becomes the competent authority for offshore renewable energy.

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

Source: MPPS, 2019



WHAT DO WE NEED / HAVE TO DO?

- A. Shift the paradigm from energy consumer to producer.
- B. Decrease reliance on fossil fuels and imports
- C. Decarbonise electricity
 - Focus on harnessing marine renewable energy.



National Energy Security Framework

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Electricity consumed by data centres jumps by 144% in five years

New CSO data reveals surge in energy demand from data centres in Ireland

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HOW WILL WE ACHIEVE THAT?

By using the new marine planning system.

- Preparation of Offshore Renewable Energy Development Plan (OREDPA) 2 = potentially the first Designated Maritime Area Plan (DMAP) or a key input to a DMAP.
- Roll out the new consenting system and centralise offshore renewable energy consent between MARA (occupation of space) and ABP (development)

SO IS MSP STRATEGIC?

- For the foreseeable future, YES.
- It is the **national** marine plan and the **only** marine plan.
- Pressing issues go beyond Irish remit (European challenge).

Is it too strategic?

- Possibly.
- Currently unlikely Coastal Planning Authorities will put forward DMAPs (lack of technical staff, experience, etc.) for a few years.
- It will be challenging to reconcile national interests / goals with lower level (eg local) interests. Currently development plans align with the NMPF which lacks in a spatial dimension.

THANK YOU!

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