

# MISTIC SEAS III

## MACARONESIA

### Marine Strategy Framework Directive

#### WHAT IS MSFD?

European Union Marine Strategy Framework Directive 2008/56/EC (MSFD) is the environmental pillar for a policy framework for the protection of the marine, under the Integrated Maritime Policy of the European Union.

#### TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVE:

#### Good Environmental Status (GES)

The Directive defines GES, as “the environmental status of marine waters where these provide ecologically diverse and dynamic oceans and seas which are clean, healthy and productive within their intrinsic conditions and the use of the marine environment is at a level that is sustainable, thus safeguarding the potential for uses and activities by current and future generations”.

Assessed by 11 qualitative Descriptors

1. Biodiversity
2. Non-indigenous species
3. Population of commercial fish
4. Elements of food webs
5. Eutrophication
6. Sea floor integrity
7. Alteration of hydrographical conditions
8. Concentrations of contaminants
9. Contaminants in seafood
10. Marine litter
11. Energy, including underwater noise

#### OBJECTIVE:

The MSFD aims to achieve a healthy marine environment in Europe while ensuring sustainable exploitation of the marine resources upon which marine-related economic and social activities depend.

