

GEPETO

What collaboration with the NWWRAC?

- **Reminder of the project**

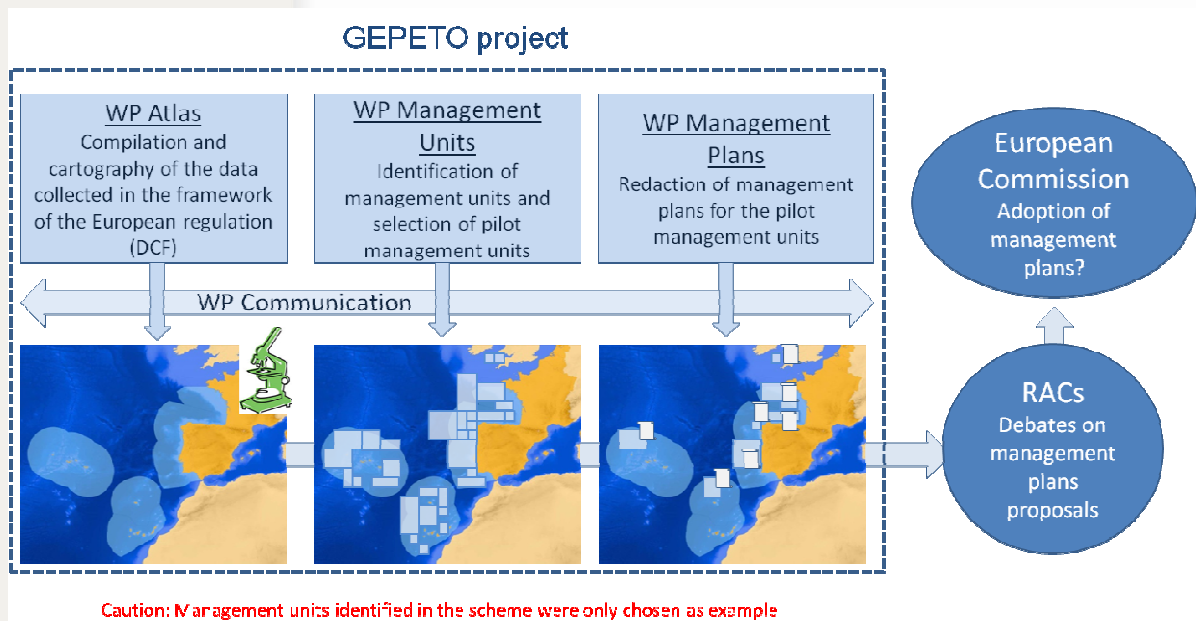
Area of work

The project covers the SW RAC's area of competence, with the addition of the Celtic Sea (ICES area VIIg)

Objectives

1. For various case studies, to draw up **long-term** fisheries management proposals that will be transmitted to the European Commission.
2. Pool the knowledge of scientists and professionals to **achieve a shared understanding of fishery management** (via the realization of an atlas)
3. Allow professionals from fishery sector to **make a range proposal** and to participate in a practical way to the drafting of proposals on the future of their profession. A high level of participation of the sector is a key to the success of the project.
4. Propose a fishery management method at **appropriate geographical scales**, adapted to the special features of each region and to the multispecies characteristic of fisheries.
5. The increasing of the RAC's **expertise capacity**, so that they will be better able to carry out its duties as an advisory body for the European Commission.

Activities



An **atlas** of fisheries for the whole project zone will be drawn up to make data on fisheries available in a spatialised form. The atlas will compile the data collected within the framework of the European regulation CE 199/2008 on data collection). National administrations from France, Spain and Portugal are already committed to share the data. (Work Package « Atlas »)

On the basis of this new set of maps, it will be possible to identify the main **management units** in the area. (Work Package « Management Units »)

We will select pilot management units for which we will develop proposals for **long term management plans** via a governance platform associating professional from the fishery sector, scientists and NGOs. (Work Package « Management Plans »)

These proposals will be transmitted to the RACs. The RACs will debate and transmit it to the European Commission

- **Integrate NWWRAC's action into GEPETO**

The two actions could be combined in a joint project, and thus be eligible for funding from the ERDF fund, within the framework of the next call to tender in the INTERREG IVB "Atlantic Area" programme.

- **Make the Celtic Sea (ICES zone VIIg) a fifth sub regional area of work for GEPETO**

To preserve a geographical balance of the activities implemented in the framework of GEPETO, the project area was divided into 4 sub regional areas of work (Bay of Biscay, Portugal and Bay of Cadiz, Spanish North Coast, Islands).

As part of the collaboration with the NWWRAC, the Celtic Sea could be considered as a fifth area of work. A task comparable to that carried out in the other 4 area (but adapted to the issues specific to the Celtic Sea.

- **Type of partnership**

The **Marine Institute** would fully integrate the partnership of GEPETO. On the same basis as the other scientist partners, it may then be eligible for EDRF funding of 65% of its budget (approximately €150,000).

For administrative reasons and to ensure simplification, the **NWWRAC** would have associate partner status.



- **Organisation of the partnership**

The NWWRAC would keep on working on the Celtic Sea, in the framework of its ad hoc working group. The Marine Institute would have the funding necessary to complete this work.

Members of the NWWRAC would be invited to participate to the steering committees of the project (twice a year).

- **Advantages of the collaboration for the NWWRAC**

→ Through this project, the Marine Institute would obtain the funding necessary to develop the management plan requested by NWWRAC.

→ The extension of the fisheries atlas to the ICES area VIIg (subject to the Irish administration agreeing to provide the data).

→ Greater significance of the results thanks to the inclusion of a transnational project, and greater influence on the European Commission.

- **Agenda and budget**

Opening of the call for proposal: February the 14th. Ending: End of April.
Results of the call for proposal: Fall 2011.

Beginning of the project: January 2012.
Duration: 2 years.

Total budget for the project: €1.6 Million. Including ERDF: €1 Million.