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to the Commission**

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Subject: Management of maritime spatial planning

Directive 2014/89/EU establishes a framework for maritime spatial planning with a view to promoting the sustainable growth of maritime economies, developing marine areas and making use of marine resources.

All the Member States are obliged to develop and implement maritime spatial plans that take account of the idiosyncrasies of marine regions, current and future activities and uses of maritime space and effects on the environment.

Through these plans, the Member States seek to stimulate the sustainable development of marine energy sectors, maritime transport and fisheries and aquaculture, with the aim of conserving, protecting and improving the environment and resilience to climate change.

The Member States have to produce public participation arrangements, informing stakeholders and consulting them and the general public at an early stage in the development of their maritime spatial plans¹.

Italy failed to draw up its plan by 31 March 2021 and, as Technical Committee minutes show, it also failed to involve the public².

Given Italy's failure to involve the public and to draw up its maritime management plan by the deadline set in Directive 2014/89/EU, does the Commission plan to initiate infringement proceedings against it?

¹ Article 9 of Directive 2014/89/EU

² <https://www.mit.gov.it/documentazione/pianificazione-dello-spazio-marittimo>