European Union and the Sea
The European Integrated Maritime Policy

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The European Maritime Framework

EU = 28 countries, 500 million people

2 oceans, 4 seas

European coastline= more than 70 000 kms

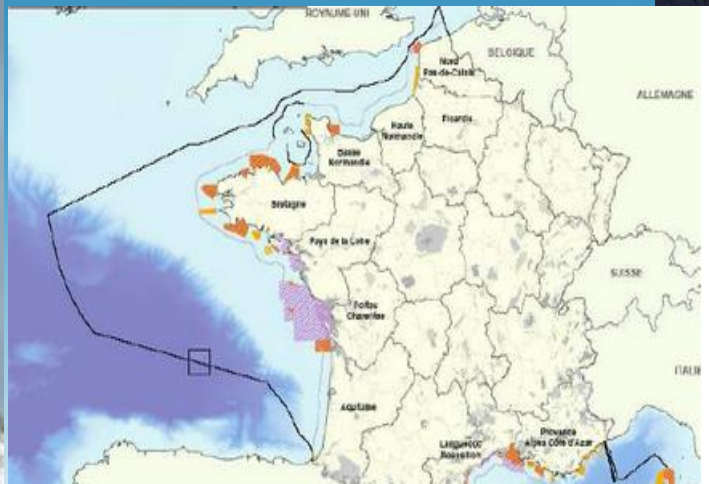
European maritime regions

= 50 % of EU population

European maritime Economy (blue growth)

= 40 % EU GDP, 5 millions jobs

Main European policies



Réseau Natura 2000 en mer

Zones de protection spéciale
(Directive Oiseaux)

- nouveaux sites ou extensions
- sites existants

Sites d'intérêt communautaire
(Directive Habitats-Faune-Flore)

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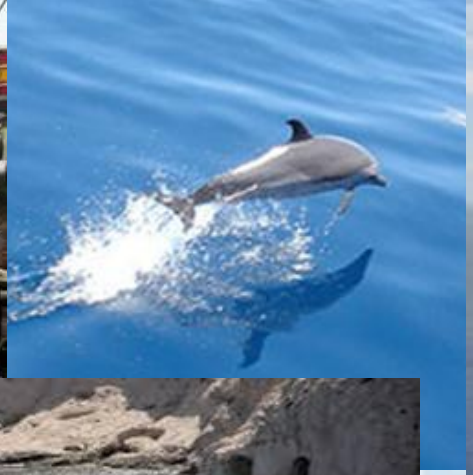

2007 → The European Integrated Maritime Policy (IMP)

IMP = Union policy whose aim is to foster coordinated and ***coherent decision making*** *to maximise the sustainable development… through* ***coherent maritime-related policies***

The European Integrated Maritime Policy

I – The IMP: to give consistency to European public policies

II – The international challenges of IMP

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The Environmental consistency

The key-instrument of environmental consistency : the **Marine Strategy Framework Directive(MSFD)**: Directive 2008/56/EC

Objective: to achieve or maintain **good environmental status** in the marine environment by the year 2020 at the latest

- Définition:

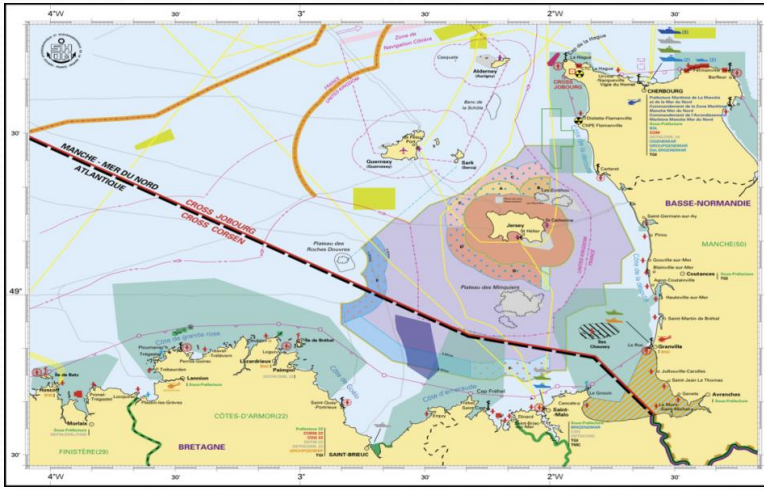
“good environmental status”

→ *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 of use and activities by current and future generations*

The spatial consistency: directive 2014/89/EU → a framework for maritime spatial planning

From conflict

… to spatial planning



- Definition of MSP: *a process by which Member State's authorities analyse and organise human activities in marine areas to achieve ecological, economic and social objectives*
- Ambitious objective: *to contribute to the sustainable development of energy sectors at sea, of maritime transport, and of the fisheries and aquaculture sectors, and to the preservation, protection and improvement of the environment, …*

Maritime spatial plans shall be established at the latest by **31 March 2021**

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II – The international challenges of IMP

- The contribution to sustainable use of marine living resources

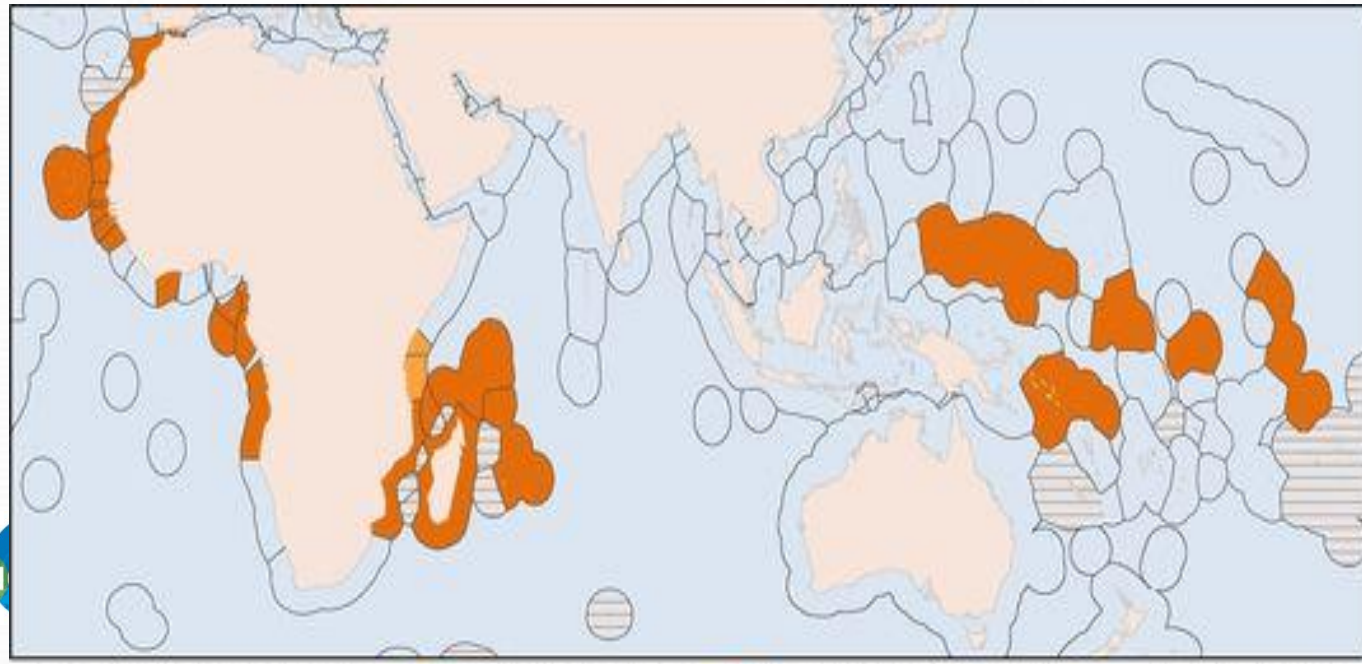
- The contribution to Maritime Security

Contribution to sustainable use of marine living resources
Fisheries agreements

→ **Bilateral agreements with Southern countries**
→ **Sustainable fisheries partnership agreements**

- 16 agreements: Comoros, Gabon, Guinea-Bissau, Ivory Coast, Madagascar, Mauricius, Mauritania, Morocco, Senegal, Seychelles…

- Mixed agreements
- Tuna agreements
- 180 M Euros /year



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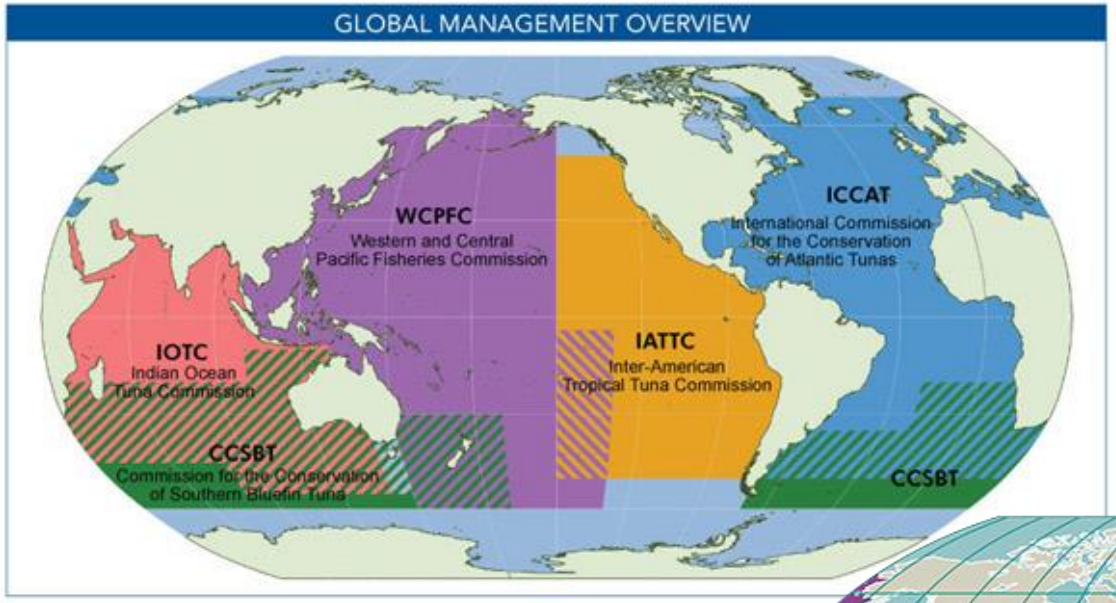
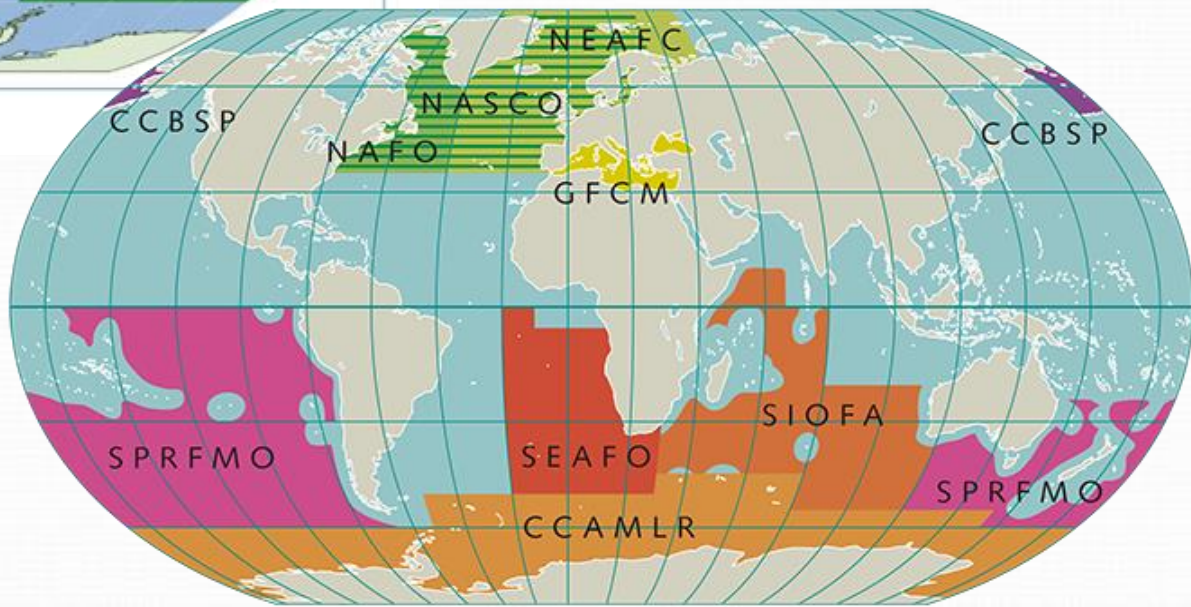
Multilateral agreements : EU is party to Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs)



6 Tuna RFMOs

11 geographic RFMOs



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Regional environmental agreements

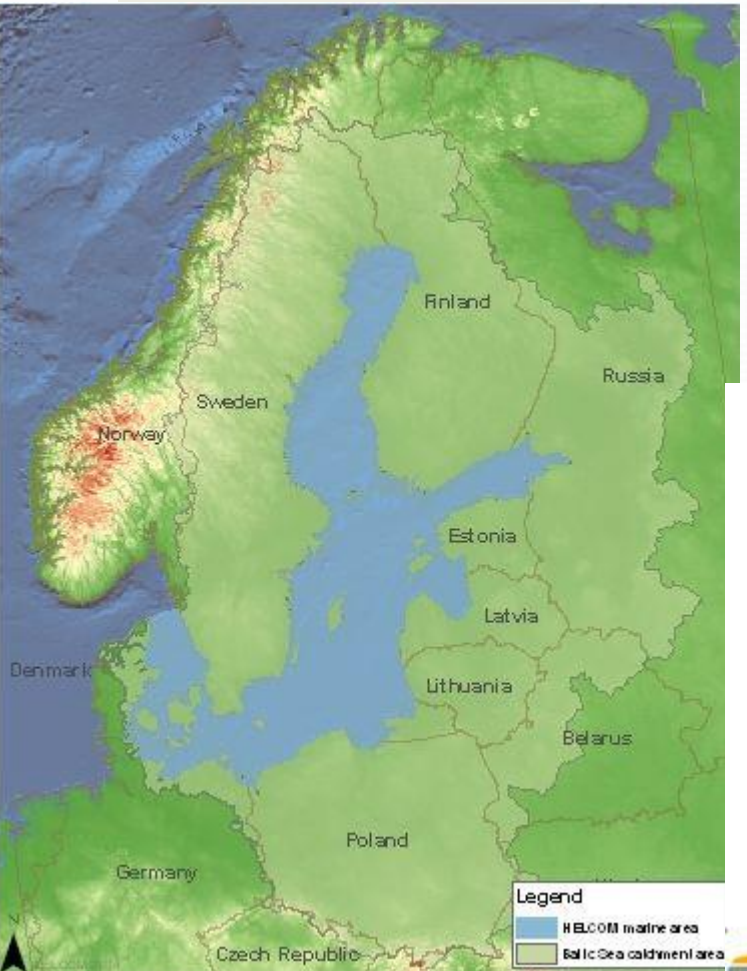
OSPAR Convention

The North East Atlantic

Region I	Eaux Arctiques
Region II	Mer du Nord au sens large
Region III	Mers celtiques
Region IV	Golfe de Gascogne et côtes ibériques

***Region 2: The Greater North Sea is one of the busiest maritime areas. Offshore activities related to the exploitation of oil and gas reserves, and maritime traffic are very important. Two of the world's largest ports are situated on

Helsinki Convention



Barcelona Convention

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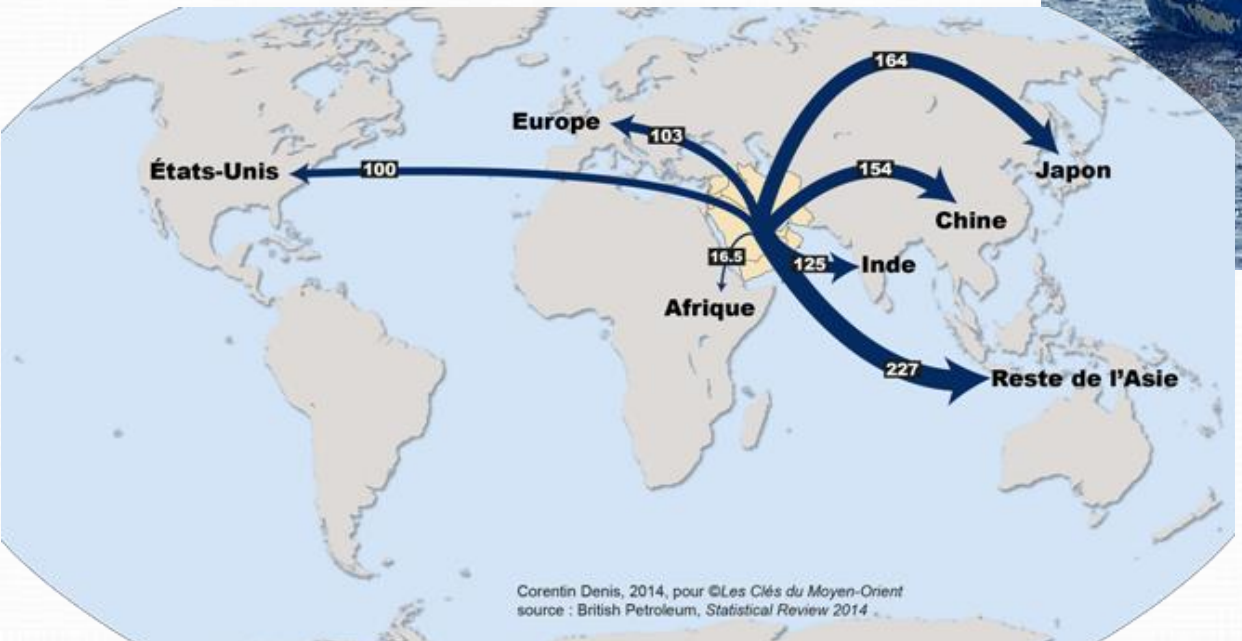
The contribution to Maritime Security

The fight against piracy

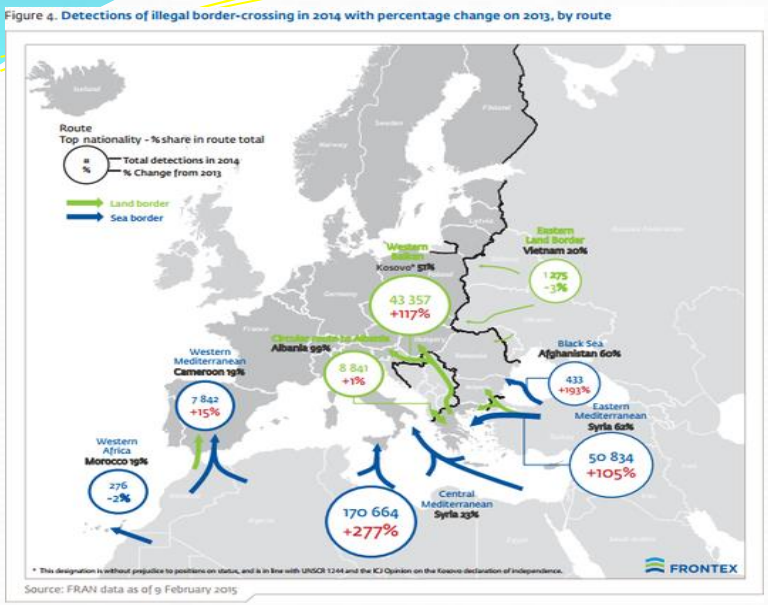


Fight against piracy
EU military operation “Atalanta”
Objective

To contribute to the deterrence, prevention and repression of acts of piracy and armed robbery off the Somali coast

(Council Joint Action 2008/851/CFSP
of 10 November 2008)

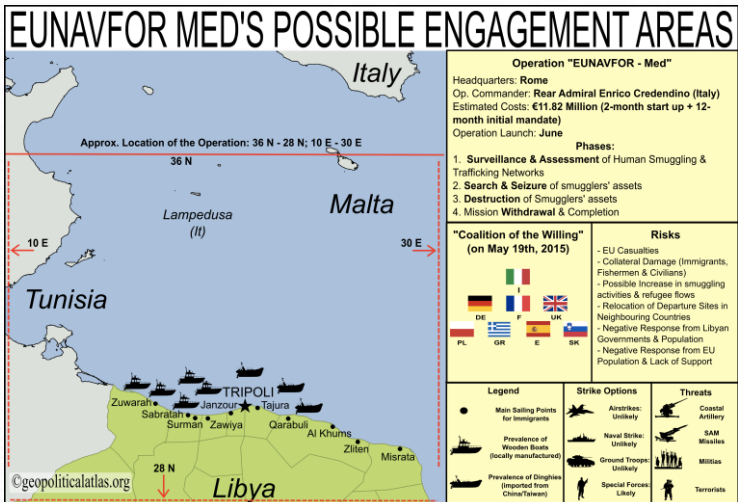
The migratory challenge



…The European Border and Coast Guard Agency
(Reg (EU) 2016/1624)

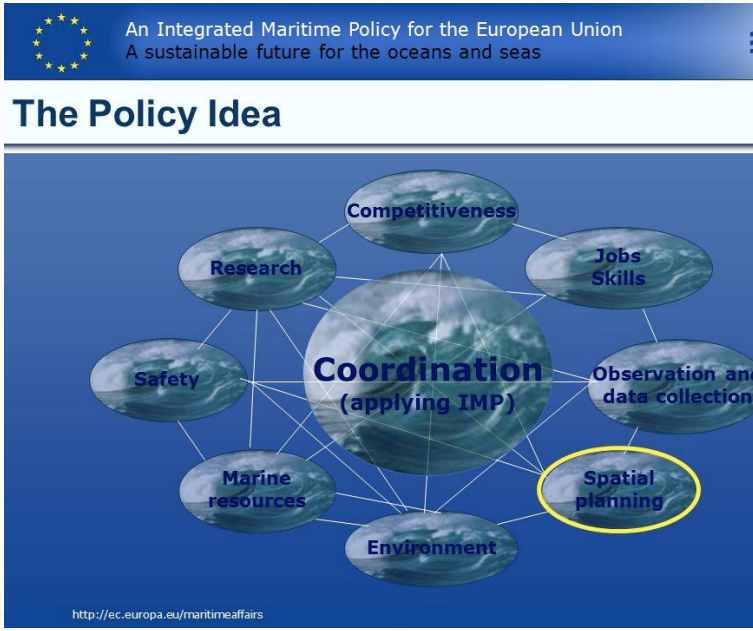
… The fight against the smugglers and traffickers of human beings
(Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/778 of 18 May 2015)

An organisation based on three steps:
- Detection
- Boarding
- Taking measures…



Conclusion

Cohérence
→ IMP
→ EU =Key maritime Actor



In cohérence → Brexit ?

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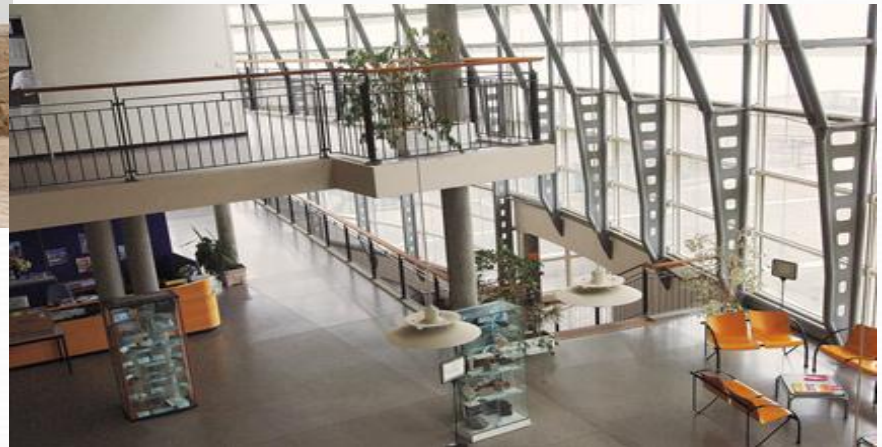

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