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# **CATALONIA'S STRATEGY ON MARITIME AFFAIRS**

## **AN INTEGRATED MARITIME POLICY TO DEVELOP THE BLUE ECONOMY IN CATALONIA**

EA Group Seminar – Delivering Regional Maritime Growth  
Klaipedia, September 2024

## Let's meet Catalonia

- ❑ 580 km of coastline
- ❑ 8 million inhabitants
- ❑ Almost 75% of them live near the coast

The **sea** is fundamental for **Catalonia** influencing its

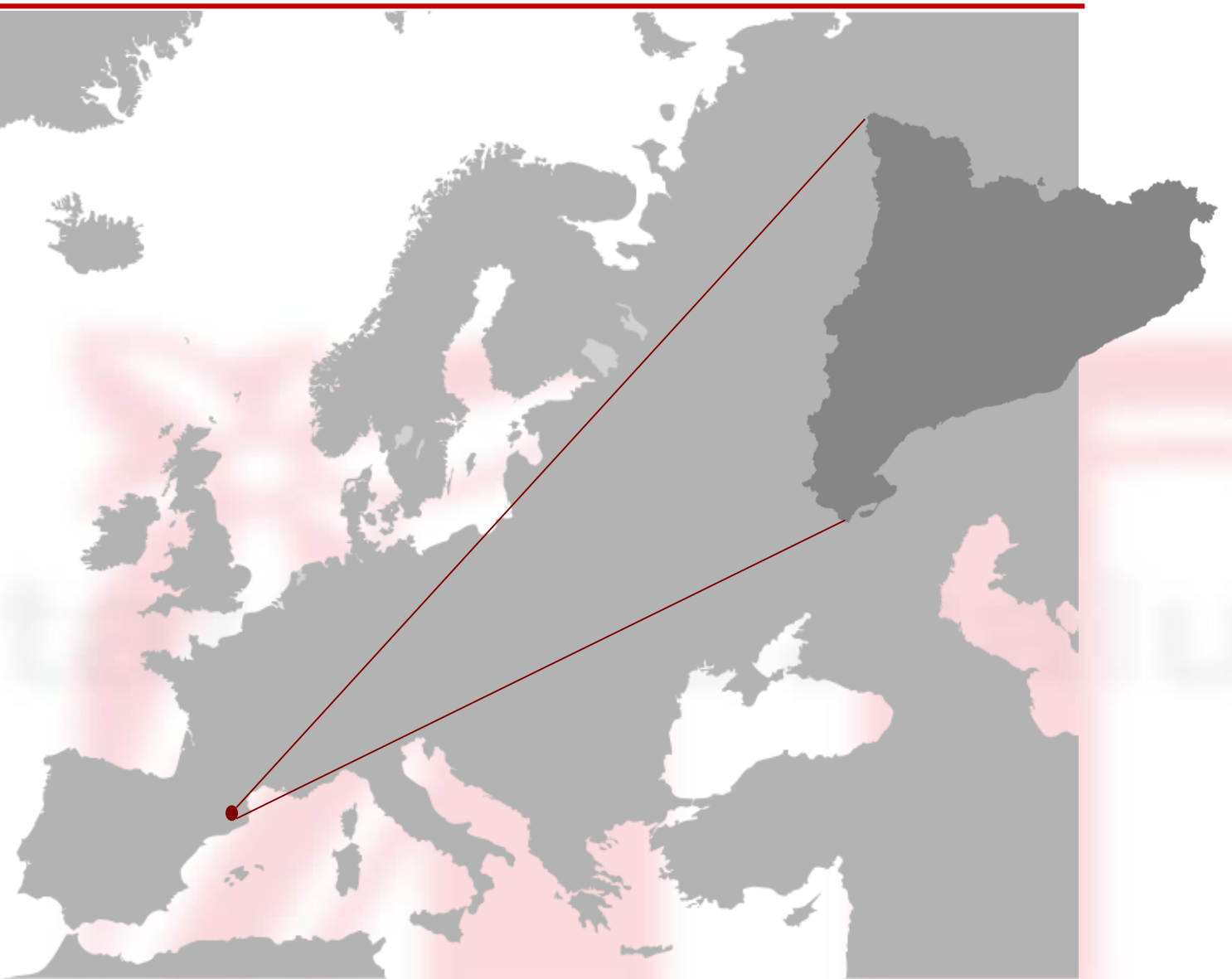
**economy** (tourism, fisheries, transport)

**culture** (gastronomy, history, heritage)

**environment** (biodiversity, climate),

**lifestyle** (sport, leisure) and

provides its **Mediterranean identity**



# MARITIME STRATEGY OF CATALONIA 2030



Approved Government Strategy 2018 together with its first Plan 2018-2021



VISION  
2030

Catalonia fully develops the blue economy potential of its maritime space, thus guaranteeing social and territorial balance, based on resilient, biodiverse and fully functional ecosystems that generate top-quality services for society.



## BLUE ECONOMY IN CATALONIA MAIN ECONOMIC SECTORS

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Maritime tourism

Living marine resources

Fishing

Aquaculture

Renewable energies

Marine Biotechnology

Maritime transport

Port activities

Shipbuilding

CAM (Maritime Activity Centers)

Recreational sea fishing

Desalination



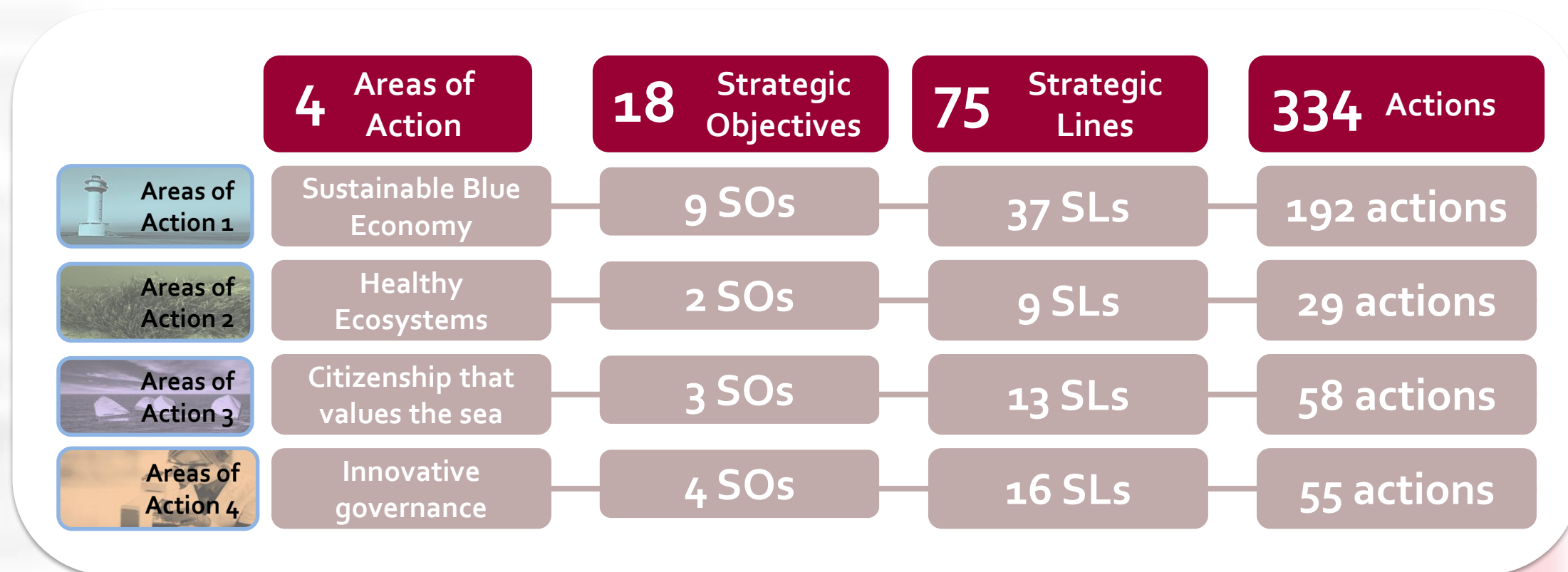
## BLUE ECONOMY IN CATALONIA (DATA FROM NOVEMBER 2022)



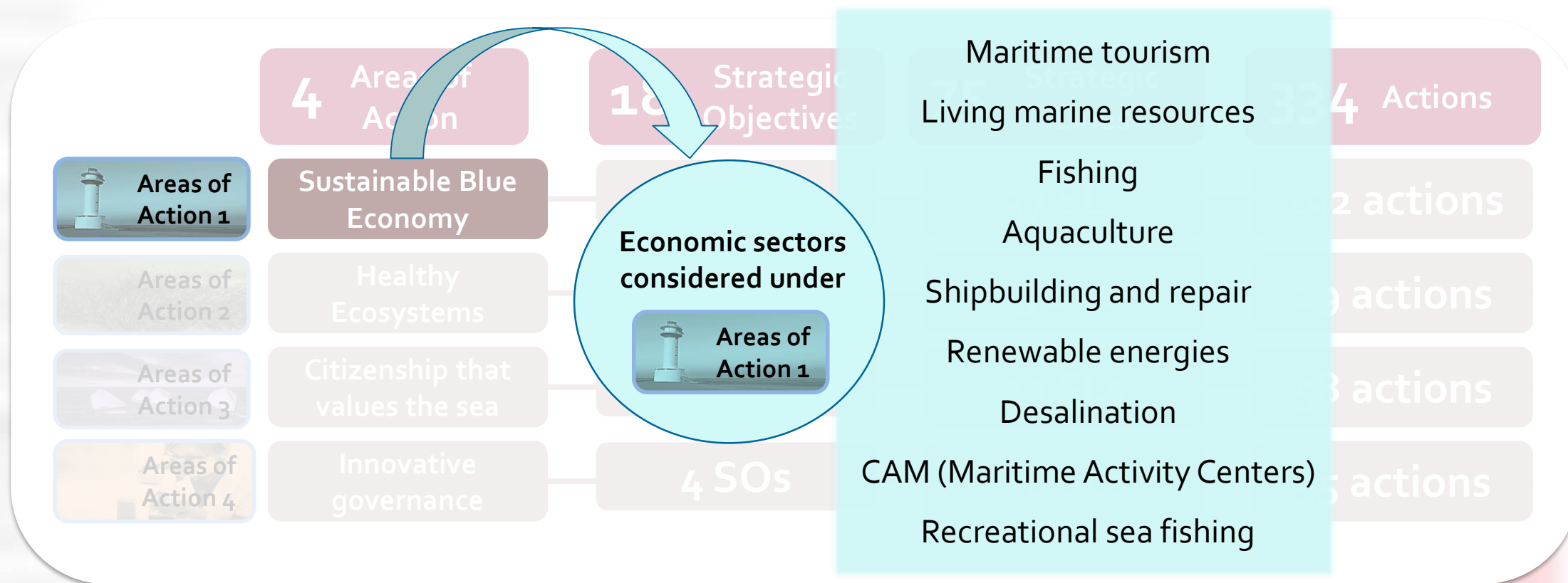
- ✓ The EU Blue Economy Report 2020 showcased Catalonia as a selected case study.
- ✓ Again, the Blue Economy Report 2023 included a case study based on the Recreational Maritime Fishing in Catalonia.
- ✓ BE in Catalonia has
  - A **turnover** of 25,170.7 million euros (7.6% higher than the previous year). This represents 5.4% of the production value in Catalonia for 2019.
  - A **gross value added** (GVA) of 7,304.9 million euros (2.6% higher than the previous year). This represents 3.2% of the GVA in Catalonia for 2019.
  - **Direct employment** of 209,278 workers (2.4% higher than the previous year). Represents 5.5% of the total number of people employed in Catalonia in 2019.



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## ICATMAR – CATALAN RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR OCEAN GOVERNANCE

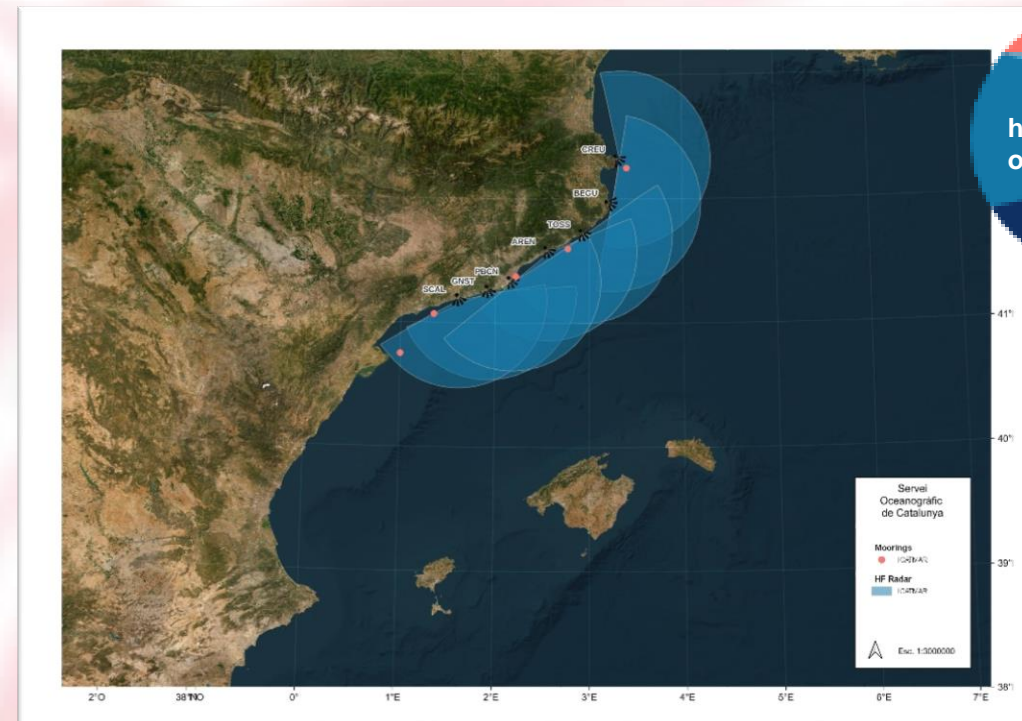


**Integrated assessment for the sustainable management of the Blue Economy** (data collection, scientific projects, monitoring studies)

Fishery Advisory Service (SAP)



Operational Oceanography Service (SOCAT)



<https://icatmar.cat/observacions/>



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## BlueNetCat – CATALONIA'S MARITIME R+D+I NETWORK



An interdisciplinary ecosystem of researchers working in knowledge and tech transfer and innovation in Blue Economy

A bridge with the quadruple helix, to improve the competitiveness of the sector in Catalonia

**+700**

Researchers and  
research technical  
support

**71**

Research groups

**7**

Institutions



## And a governance, based on co-management, leaving no one behind

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### The co-management as the basis for governance

Starting with the co-management plans for fisheries in sub-regions or species

Looking for the balance between the sustainable exploitation of the resource while improving the socio-economic conditions

9 Plans or Committees are active today with participation of fishermen, scientists, NGOs, and administration:

- Sonsera (*Gymnammodytes cicereus*) Modality
- Octopus (*Octopus vulgaris*) in Central Catalonia
- Octopus (*Octopus vulgaris*) in Terres de l'Ebre
- Cuttlefish (*Sepia officinalis*) in the bays of Pals and Roses
- Small pelagics of the Northern Empordà
- Blue Crab the Terres de l'Ebre
- Fishing at Cap de Creus
- Fishing in the Ebro delta
- Palamós Shrimp



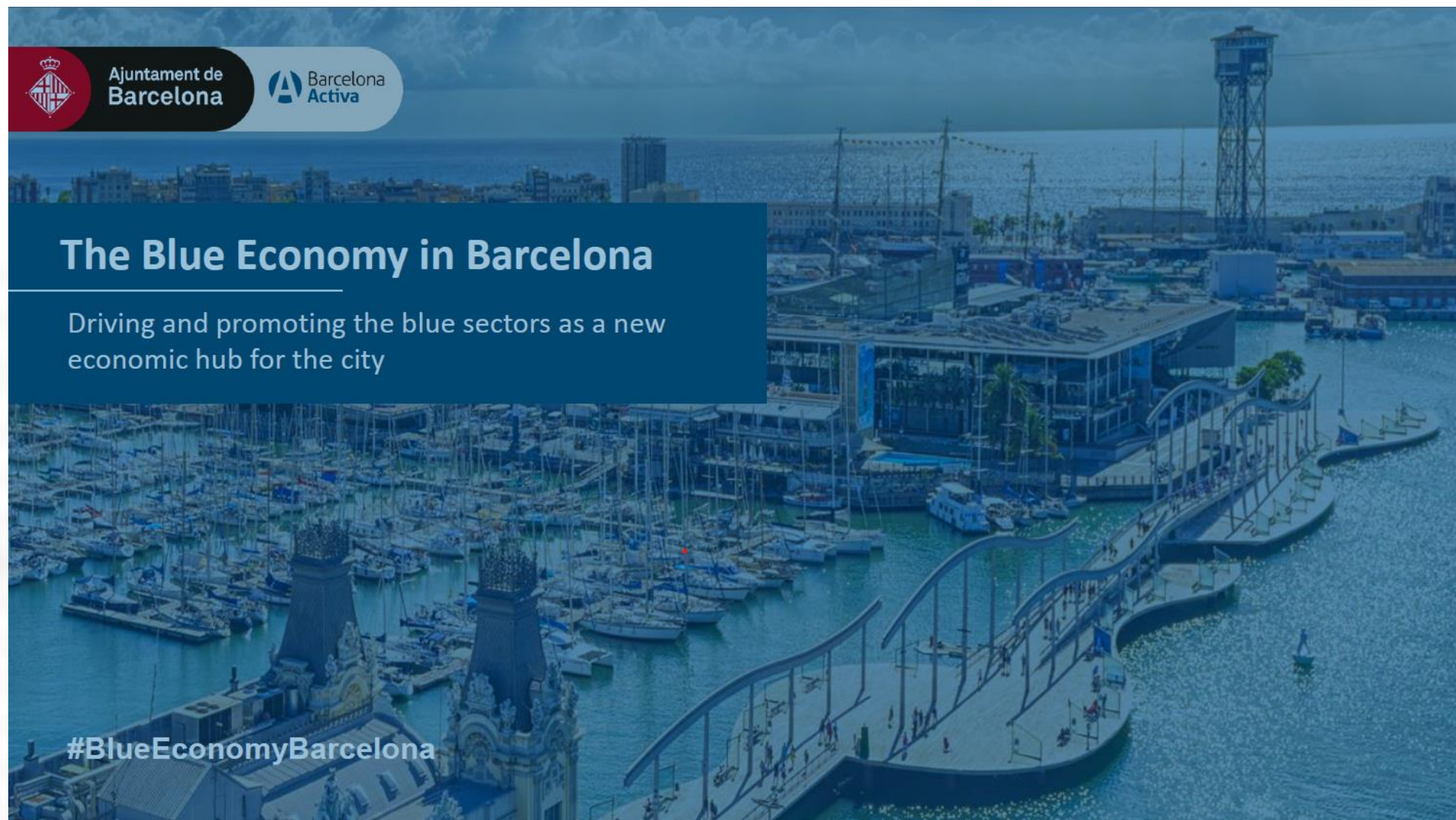
## And a governance based on dialogue with all stakeholders on equal terms

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From here to the  
**CATALAN MARITIME  
CO-MANAGEMENT  
COUNCIL (CCCM)**



# A vibrant local ecosystem strengthens and fills with meaning the Catalan Maritime Strategy



Ajuntament de  
Barcelona



## The Blue Economy in Barcelona

Driving and promoting the blue sectors as a new economic hub for the city

#BlueEconomyBarcelona



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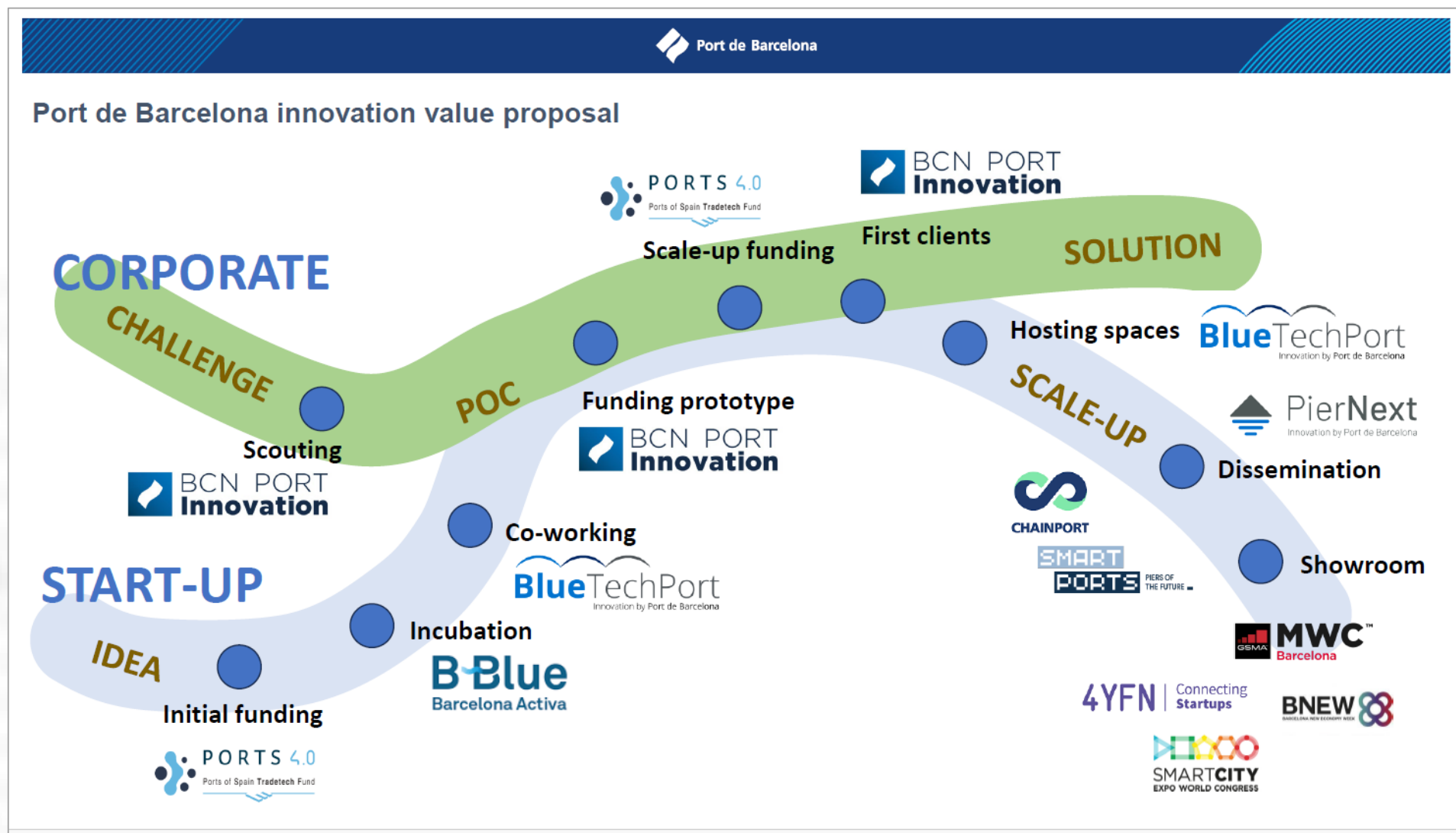
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In the term 2020-23  
95% of the projects were  
implemented and are  
under implementation



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Port of Barcelona (4<sup>th</sup> Strategic Plan 2021-25) based on **sustainability** and **innovation**





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## THE PORT AS A SANDBOX

Testing areas in the port

## Blue Sandbox

Innovation by Port de Barcelona





## Major events that make the region and the city visible







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