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Waarom een Blauwe Cluster?

- Oceanen kunnen antwoord bieden op **belangrijke uitdagingen**
- **Economisch potentieel** op lange termijn
- Nodig om **bruggen** tussen bedrijven/researchinstellingen/sectoren te leggen
- Bijdrage aan sustainable economy : clean oceans, clean power, sustainable fishing...





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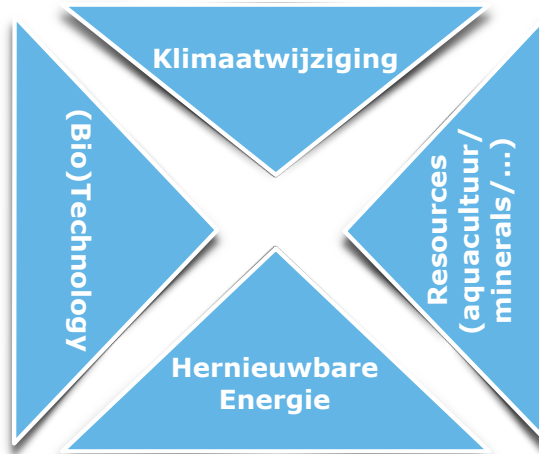
**Blue Growth is the
long term strategy
to support
sustainable growth
in the marine and
maritime sectors ...**

For many, the ocean is the new economic frontier. It holds the promise of immense resource wealth and great potential for boosting economic growth, employment and innovation. And it is increasingly recognised as indispensable for addressing many of the global challenges facing the planet in the decades to come, from world food security and climate change to the provision of energy, natural resources and improved medical care. While the potential of the ocean to help meet these challenges is huge, it is already under stress from over-exploitation, pollution, declining biodiversity and climate change. Realising the full potential of the ocean will therefore demand responsible, sustainable approaches to its economic development.

The projections suggest that between 2010 and 2030 on a “business-as-usual” scenario basis, the ocean economy could more than double its contribution to global value added, reaching over USD 3 trillion. Particularly strong growth is expected in marine aquaculture,



Belangrijke uitdagingen



- ▶ **De blauwe economie bouwt op bestaande kennis en ondernemingen...**
- ▶ **...maar de oceanen zijn een nieuwe en grotendeels ongebruikte dimensie**
- ▶ **Energie, voeding en kustverdediging zijn bekende domeinen...**
- ▶ **...nieuwe materialen, biotech, desalinatie of plastic soup grote opportuniteiten**
- ▶ **Vlaanderen positioneert zich voor een nieuwe groeipool!**