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# // Sustainable development in islands and coastal areas : findings from ESPON BRIDGES

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# ESPON BRIDGES

## Rethinking geographic specificities

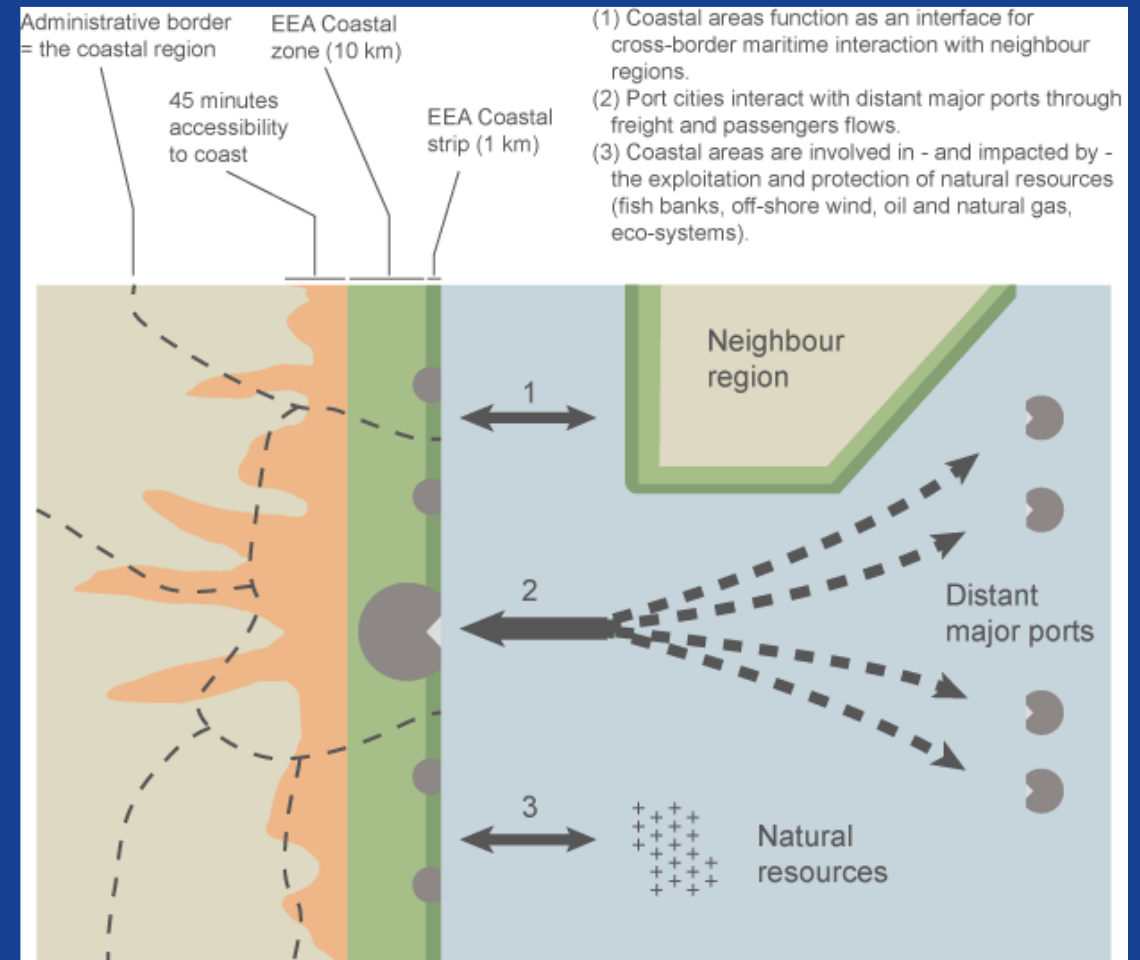
- Geographic specificities ≠ handicaps
- Geographic specificities  
→ opportunities and challenges
- Geographic specificities → Vulnerabilities
- Geographic specificities  
are primarily a governance issue
- Geographically specific areas challenge mainstream  
discourse on how balanced and sustainable  
regional growth is achieved

# Improving soft governance for coastal areas

## Multiple delineations

Combination of landward pressures and seaward pressures

→ Fuzzy soft cooperation area



# Improving soft governance for coastal areas

Multiple cross sectoral interdependencies:  
tourism, biodiversity conservation, transport,  
fisheries, cultural heritage...

Assymmetric relations between cruise operators  
and local and regional authorities

Room for sharing good practices



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