

# JPI OCEANS

## The Joint Programming Initiative Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans

The Joint Programming Initiative Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans (JPI Oceans) is a **coordinating and integrating long-term platform**, open to all EU Member States and Associated Countries who invest in marine and maritime research.

While bringing together the interested Member States and Associated Countries JPI Oceans aims to add value by:

- avoiding fragmentation and unnecessary duplication
- planning common and flexible initiatives
- facilitating cooperation and foresighting
- establishing efficient mechanisms for interaction and knowledge transfer between the scientific community, industry & services, and policy makers at high level to more effectively solve the grand challenges.
- cooperating on initiatives which go beyond the capacity of a single member country

Intergovernmental and European Commission  
15%

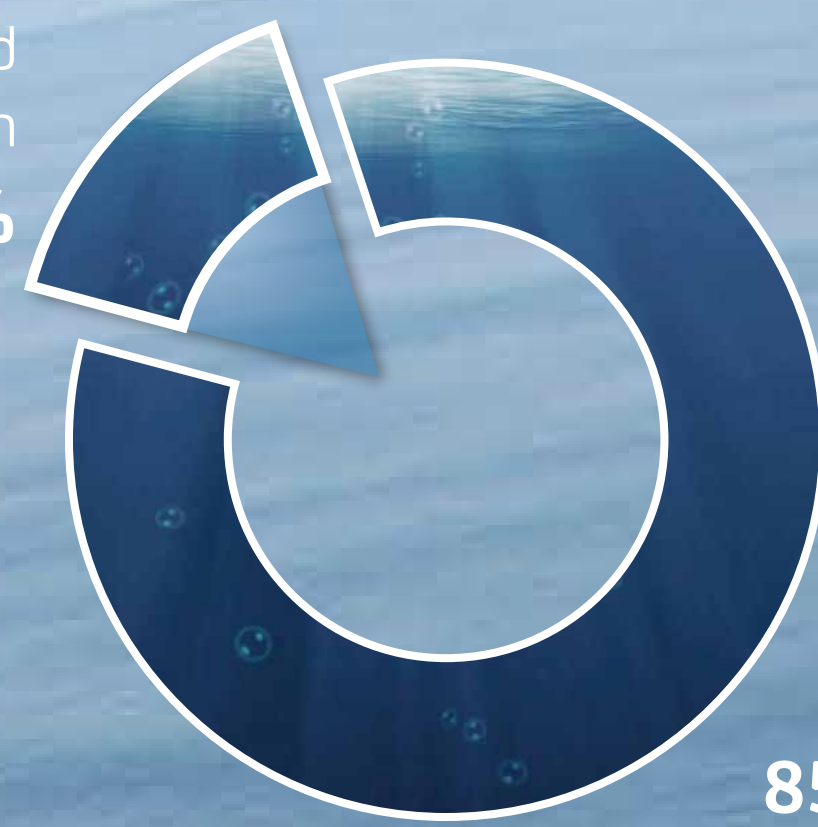


Fig. 1 – Diagram illustrating that 85% of European public research funding is invested in programmes conceived, developed and implemented at a national level without any transnational coordination. Only 15% is invested through intergovernmental organisations (such as CERN) or programmes (such as EUREKA), or through the European Commission's Framework Programme

In its role as a coordination platform, JPI Oceans will focus on making better and more efficient use of national research budgets, which represent 85% of the marine-maritime research funding within Europe. One of the JPI's goals is to develop joint research programs in which countries can be involved on a voluntarily basis (variable geometry). Participating countries will also decide what contribution to make: this may include institutional, project-related or new funds.

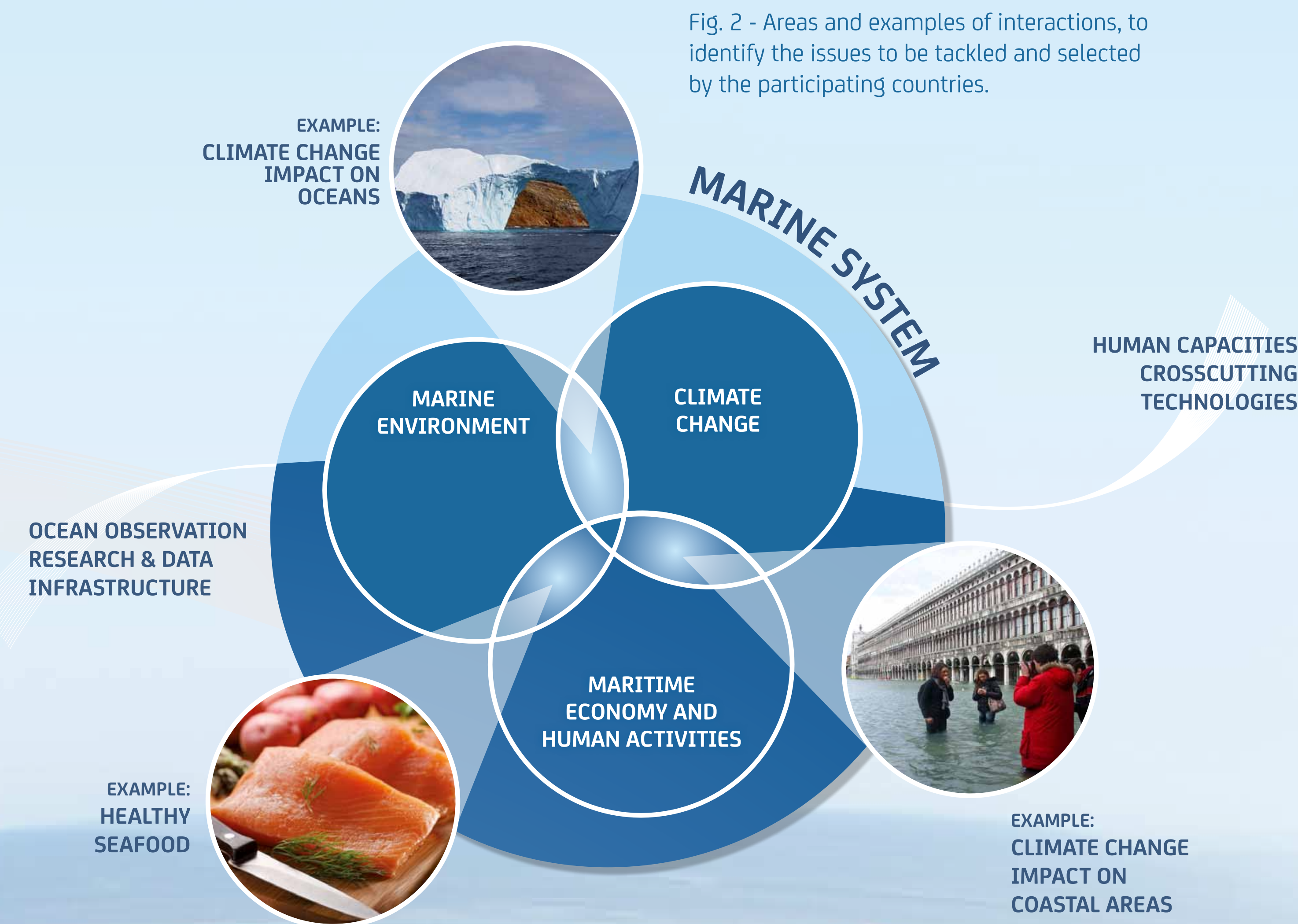


Fig. 2 - Areas and examples of interactions, to identify the issues to be tackled and selected by the participating countries.

## Implementation

JPI Oceans is governed by a **Management Board** with representatives from each country with sufficient authority to agree on joint action plans and potential funding initiatives across all sea basins in Europe.

The Management Board has put in place a **Strategic Advisory Board** of leading representatives from science, industry, public authorities and civil society to advise on future actions.

JPI Oceans is supported by a Brussels based secretariat.

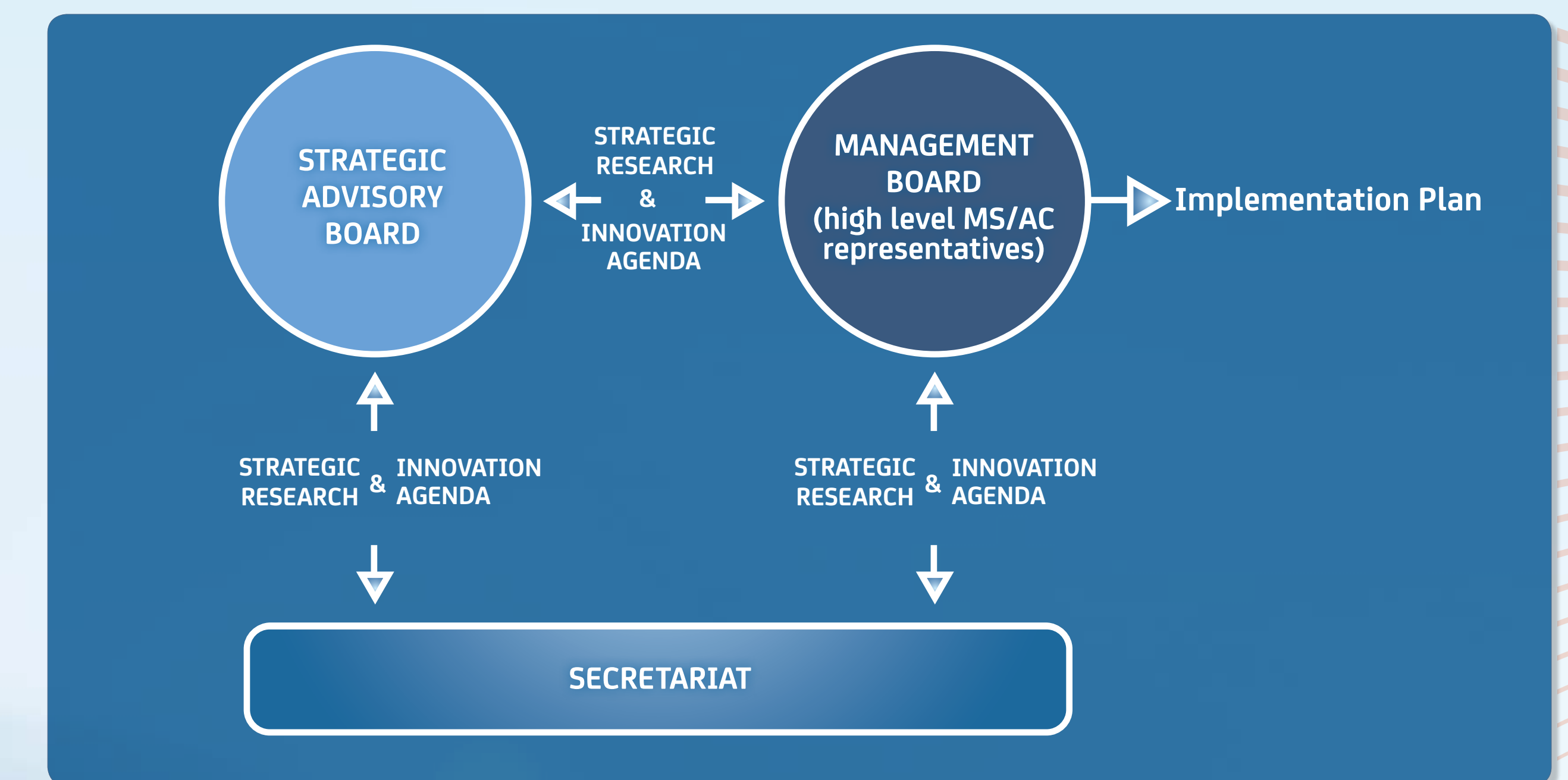


Fig. 3 - JPI Oceans governance structure: The governance bodies work in close cooperation to develop a common Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda and an Implementation Plan which will provide the basis for trans-national actions.

### What is Joint Programming?

Joint Programming is a concept introduced by the European Commission in 2008. The concept intends to tackle the challenges that cannot be solved solely at the national level and allows Member States and Associated Countries to participate in joint initiatives on a voluntary basis.

**Objective:** To increase the value of relevant national and EU R&D and infrastructure investments by concerted and joint planning, implementation and evaluation of national research programmes.

**How:** Member States and Associated Countries are expected to coordinate national research activities in the broadest sense, group resources, benefit from complementarities and develop common research and innovation agendas, as a basis for long-term cooperation in order to face grand societal challenges.

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