

## JEAN-YVES LE DRIAN calls for an integrated maritime policy

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“Europe has forgotten the sea for a very long time, forgotten all that the sea could contribute to its development and just how essential the sea was to its environment.

We have performed well in the field of maritime transport, and we have had results in the area of fisheries, but that was yesterday rather than today and the seas were unexploited fields.

The initiatives which have been taken over the last three or four years by the Commission and in particular Commissioner Borg, have led to the maritime future of Europe being established as a driving force for growth. But in order for this to happen, an integrated maritime policy is needed. This is what is currently occurring. There is still a long way to go, but these are promising early days. ”