# CITIES & REGIONS FOR A RISC-PROOF BLUE ECONOMY

Preliminary findings from the OECD Global Survey on Localising the Blue Economy

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## **OECD Cities and Regions for a Blue Economy**



- **56** cities, regions and basins
- **30** countries
  - 15 OECD
  - 15 non-OECD
- All global regions covered

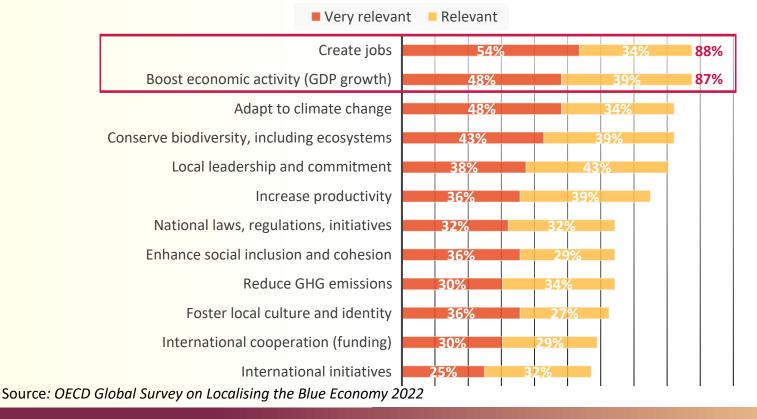


# #1 THE BLUE ECONOMY IS A DRIVER OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

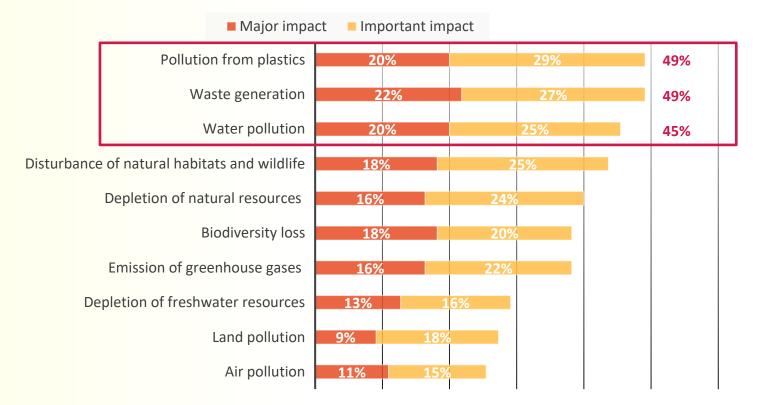


### The blue economy can boost local GDP and jobs

#### Drivers for the blue economy at local level

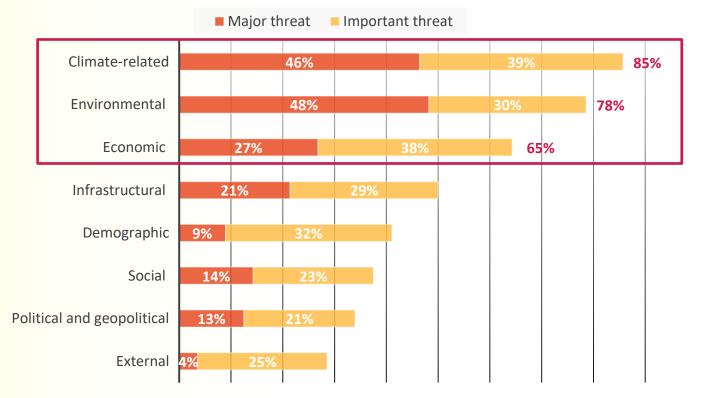


#### ... but the blue economy is not always green



Source: OECD Global Survey on Localising the Blue Economy 2022

### Climate change is the #1 threat to the blue economy



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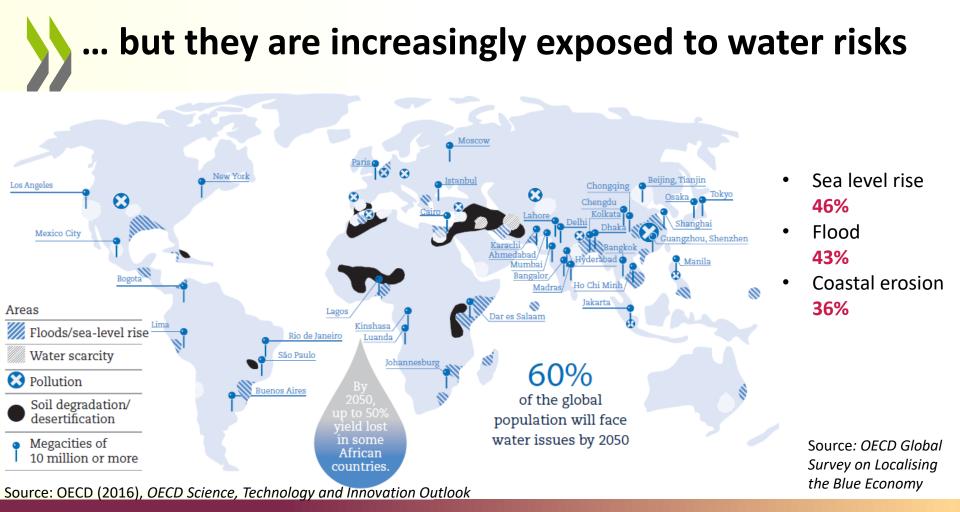
# **#2 CITIES AND REGIONS PLAY A KEY ROLE IN THE BLUE ECONOMY**



# Cities & regions are responsible for 64% of investments related to climate and environment

Japan	98	2
France	90	
Australia	<u> </u>	11
Netherlands	<u> </u>	<u>14</u>   18
Czech Republic	<u> </u>	<u>19</u> 26
Spain	<u> </u>	<u>28</u> 30
Lithuania	<u> </u>	32
Portugal	66	34
	65	25
Average	<u> </u>	40
Italy	<u> </u>	<u>40</u> 48
Slovak Republic	48	52
United Kingdom	34	66
Denmark	31 31	69 69
Sweden	<u>29</u> 29	71 71
	18	82
Subnational government (%) Central Government (%)		

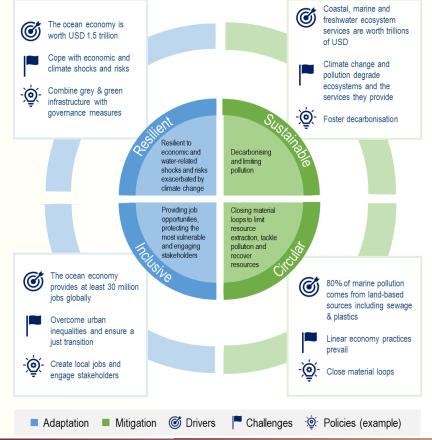
Source: OECD (2018), Financing climate objectives in cities and regions to deliver sustainable and inclusive growth



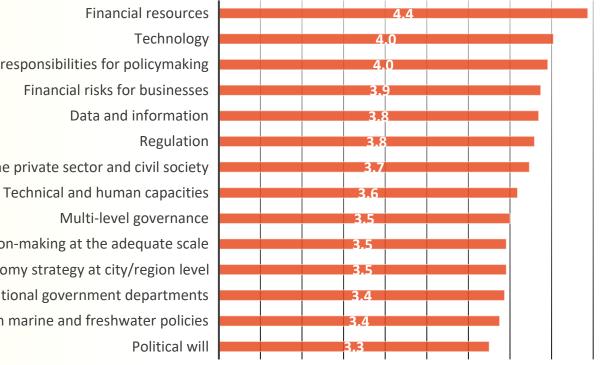




#### A climate-proof blue economy should be RISC-proof



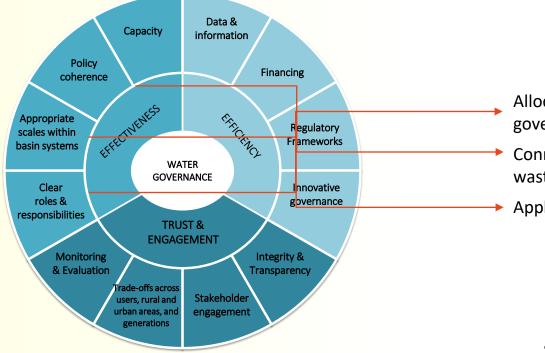
#### ... But there are governance gaps



Unclear allocation of roles and responsibilities for policymaking Engagement with the private sector and civil society Planning and decision-making at the adequate scale No blue economy strategy at city/region level Co-ordination between subnational government departments Link between marine and freshwater policies

Source: OECD Global Survey on Localising the Blue Economy

# Good water governance can unlock the RISC-proof blue economy



Allocate **roles and responsibilities** across levels of government

Connect **ocean and freshwater policies**, as well as waste, spatial planning, land use and energy

Apply a city-basin lens to the blue economy

Source: OECD (2015), OECD Principles on Water Governance

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