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EXTENSION OF THE EEZ: Some joint efforts between European Countries

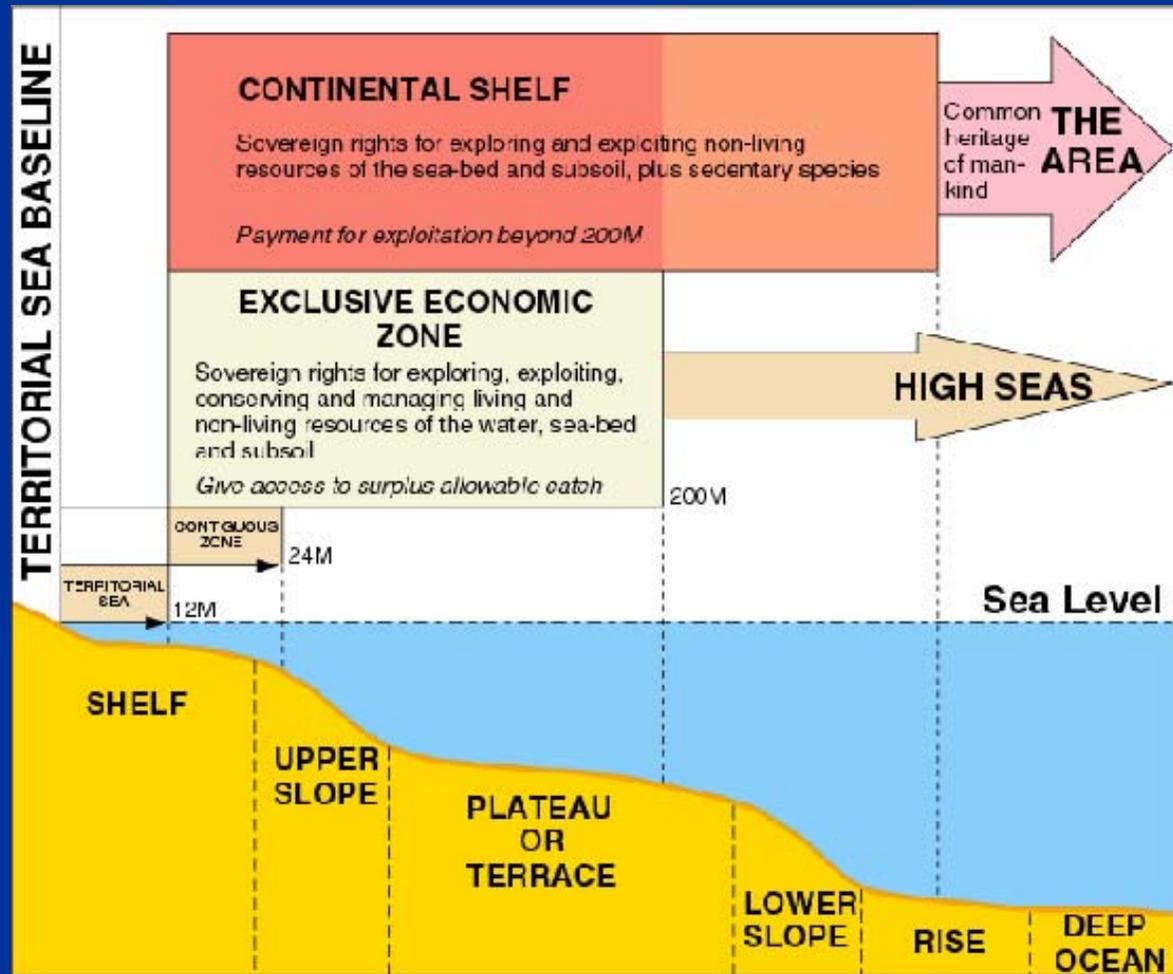


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United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

The international agreement for States division of the ocean environment was a conference that convened in New York in 1973. It ended nine years later with the adoption in 1982 of a constitution for the seas - the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

- Territorial waters: 12nm
(UNCLOS, art . 5)
- Contiguous Zone: 24 nm
(UNCLOS, art . 13)
- EEZ: up to 200 nm
(UNCLOS, art . 56)
- Continental Shelf: up to 350 nm
(UNCLOS, art. 76)



Criteria for limits extension

Gardier line

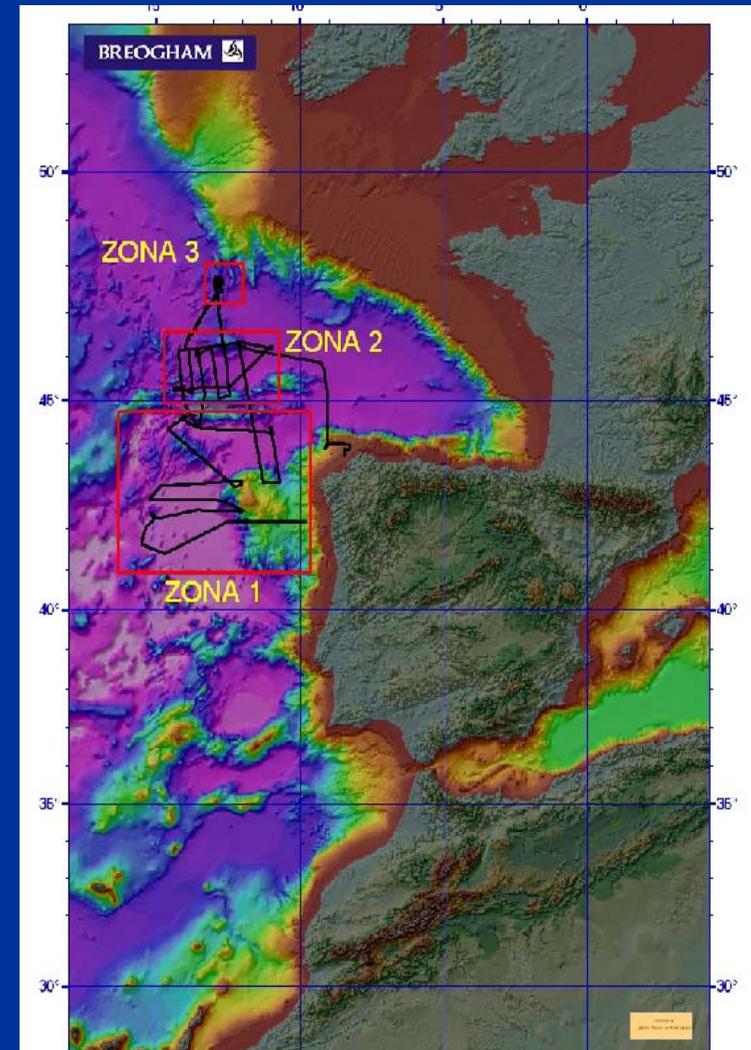
A line delineated to the outermost fixed points at each of which the thickness of sedimentary rocks is at least 1% of the shortest distance from such point to the foot of the continental slope (FOS).

Hedberg Formula

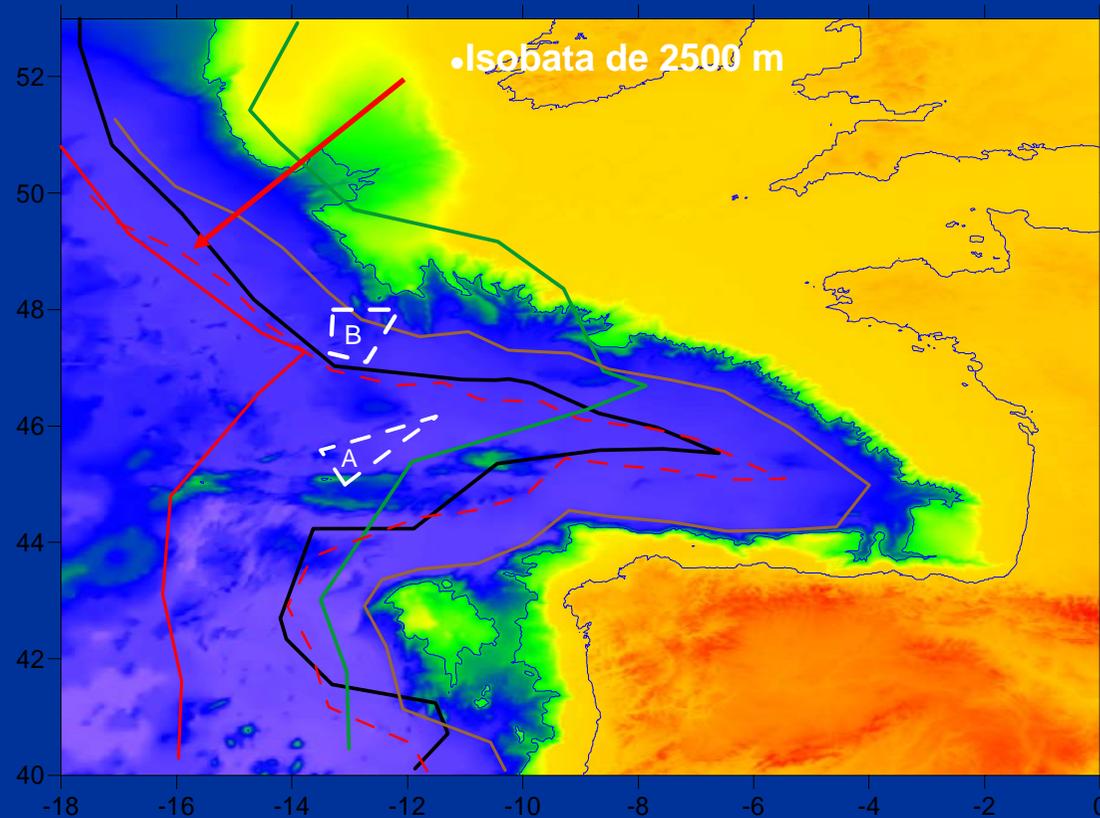
Straight lines not exceeding 60 nm length, from the foot of the continental slope, connecting fixed points, defined by coordinates of latitude and longitude”.

Based on these criteria, Spain together with some European countries have proposed the extension of the CS in two specific areas.

- **The Celtic Sea and Bay of Biscay Area**
(France, Ireland, UK, Spain)
- **The Galicia Bank and Portuguese Margin**
(Portugal and Spain)



Different boundaries to be considered



200 millas

350 millas = limite max

bat 2500 + 100 millas = limite max

FOS

FOS + 60 millas



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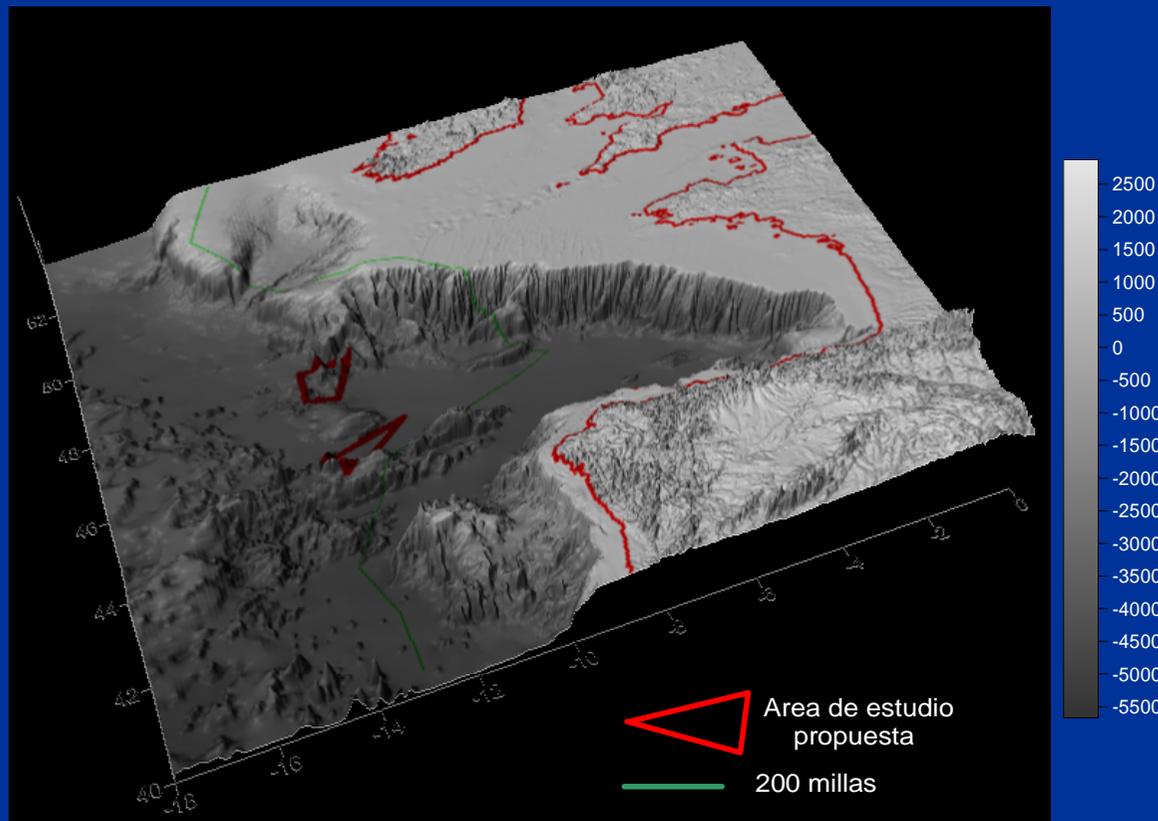
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3D Bathymetric , including the 200 miles and the area to study the extension of limits (BREOGHAM)



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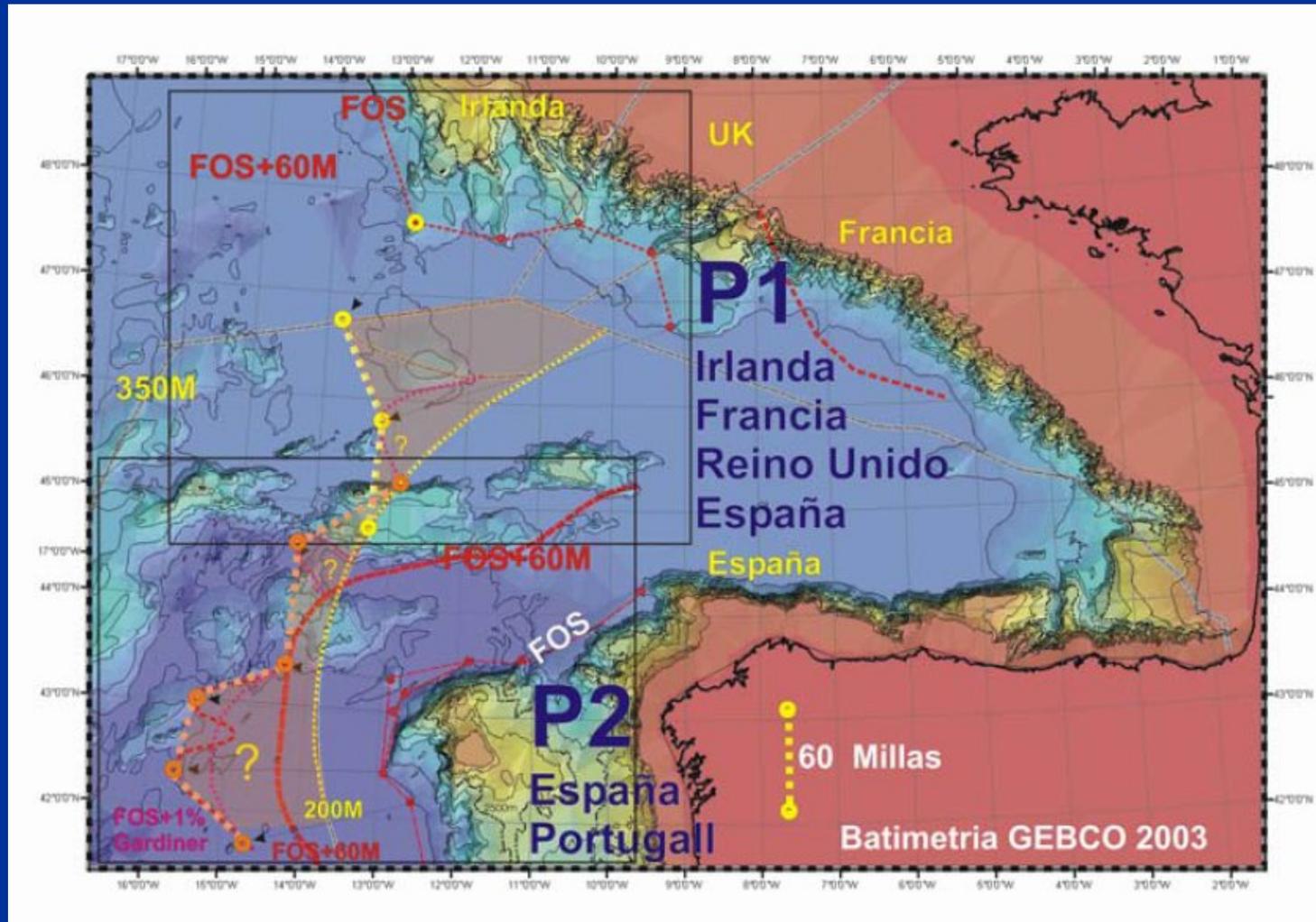
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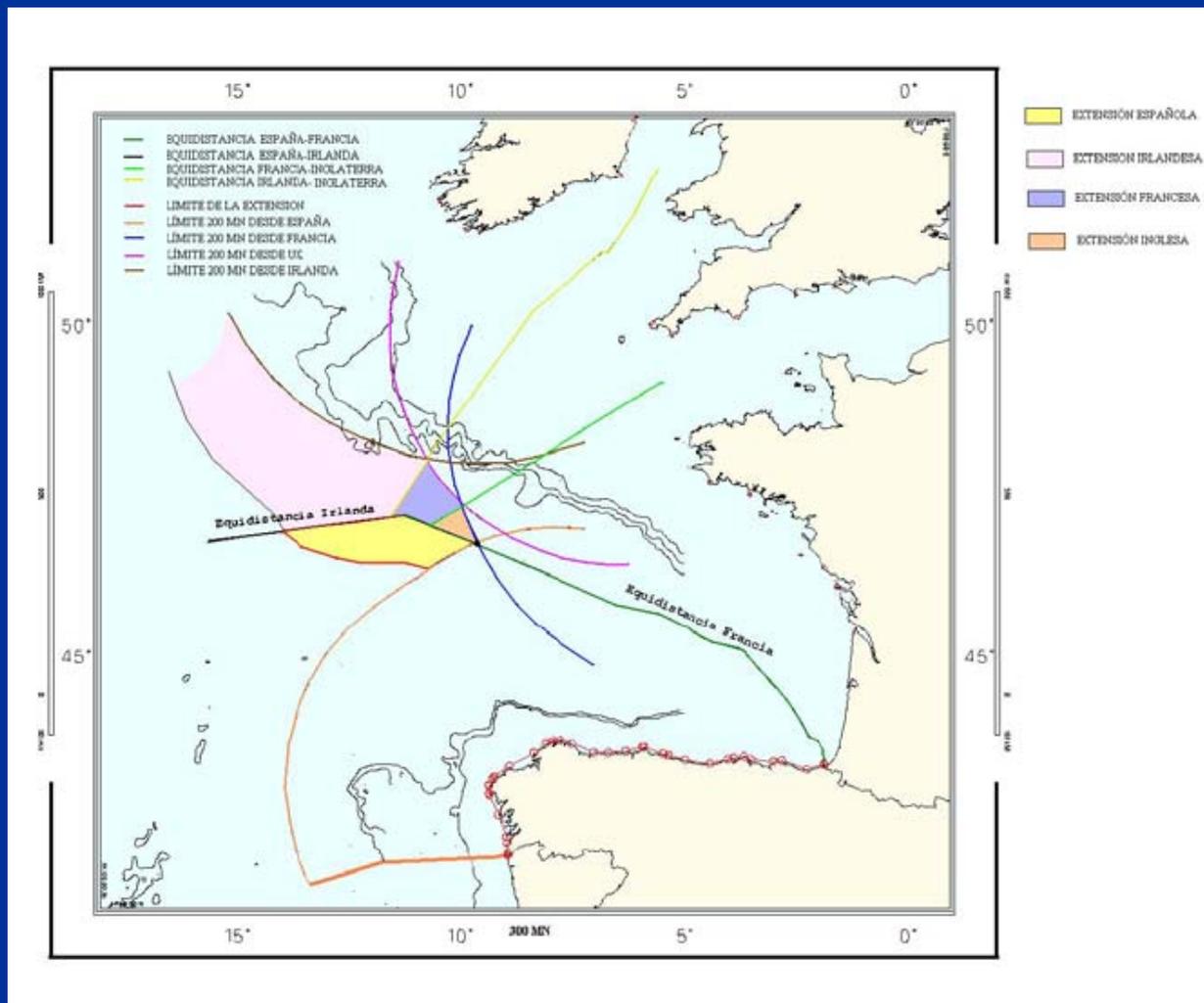
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Joint Submission to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf pursuant to Article 76, paragraph 8 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea 1982 in respect of the area of the Celtic Sea and the Bay of Biscay



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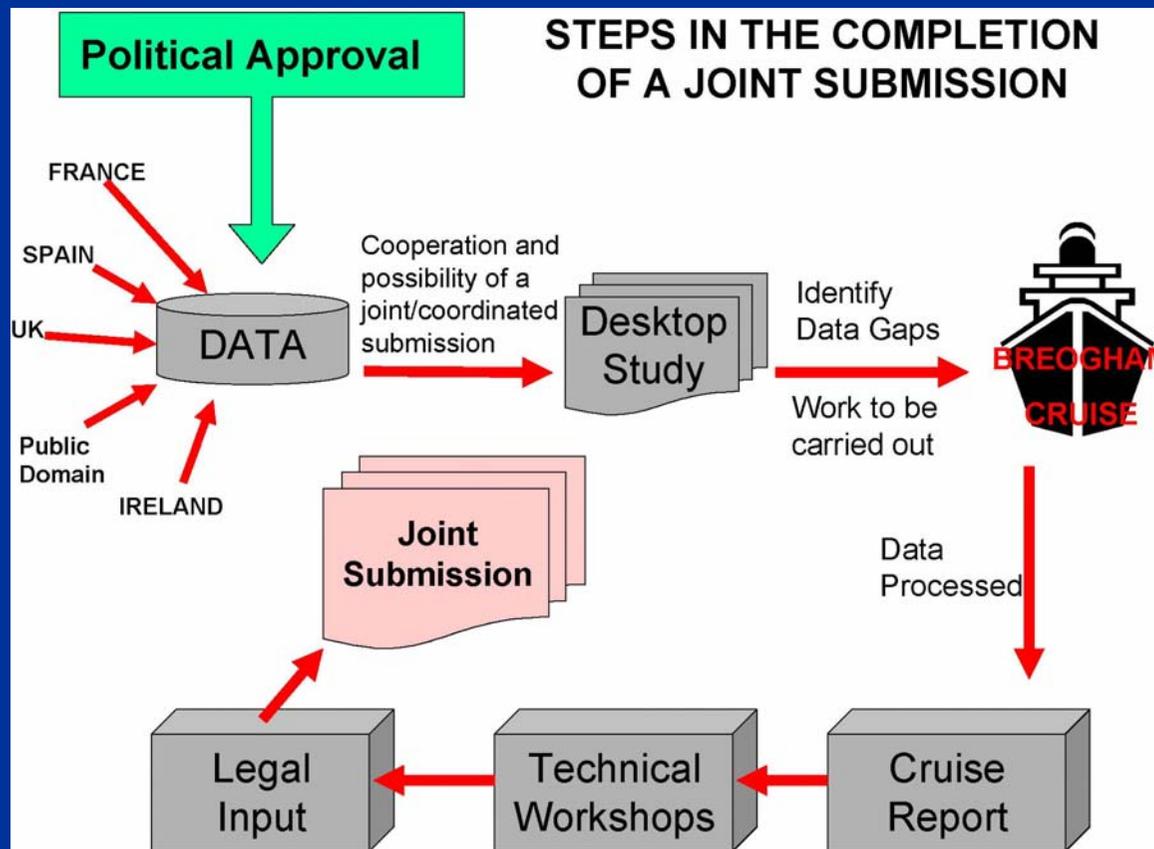
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