Interactive comment on “TESSA: design and implementation of a platform for Situational Sea Awareness” by M. Scalas et al.

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The manuscript is a report from a funded project with a broad spectrum of activities. It includes issues ranging from safe navigation to environment protection, tied by the sea element. I would appreciate to find a clear statement of the research goal or research questions. Above all I miss a related work section. How can I know whether the contribution is novel without a comparison with related work, providing evidence that the project is beyond the state of the art? Another important drawback is the lack of feedback from real users. Is there anyone who has used the platform? As a suggestion, manuscript might focus on the actual innovation aspects. A paper written as a full technical description tends to be boring. Another suggestion is to go through a careful proofreading, possibly by an English native speaker. Minor comments: DSS should be expanded the first time it is used as an acronym not later. Figure 1 should be explicitly mentioned in the text.