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# Baltic Sea Sensitivity Map – Pre-study

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## Background I

- Helsinki Convention – recognised need for a holistic picture of prioritised and worthy to preserve areas
- National preparedness systems have geographical information on environmentally sensitive BS areas, but systems do vary
- Several initiatives like EnSaCo and BRISK have inquired into possibility of a common map, but concluded that more work has to be done



## Background II

- The usage of existing national sensitivity maps has been considered to not be an alternative in its current form
- MSB has been assigned by HELCOM to prepare a project plan and application, including defining the organisation and partnership, for a project that will develop a map of prioritised and worth to preserve Baltic Sea areas in case of an oil spill accident



## Relevance to EWG Shore

- The sensitivity map will provide for the implementation of the task 5 of EWG SHORE “Considering the adequacy of existing resources to respond to pollution on the shore and to give recommendations how these capabilities could be improved”. The prioritised areas as indicators will contribute to the process of defining the regional capability.



## Objectives of the pre-study

- A roadmap for the ”common environmental atlas”
- Proposed way to build a BSR-wide consortium
- Steering group: HELCOM Secretariat and MSB



## Baseline points

- Baltic Sea Region – HELCOM? Norway?
- Needs based approach
- Integrated/able within existing platforms
  - Ex Seatrack Web, HELCOM map & data
- Building up on previous projects, such as EnSaCo, BRISK

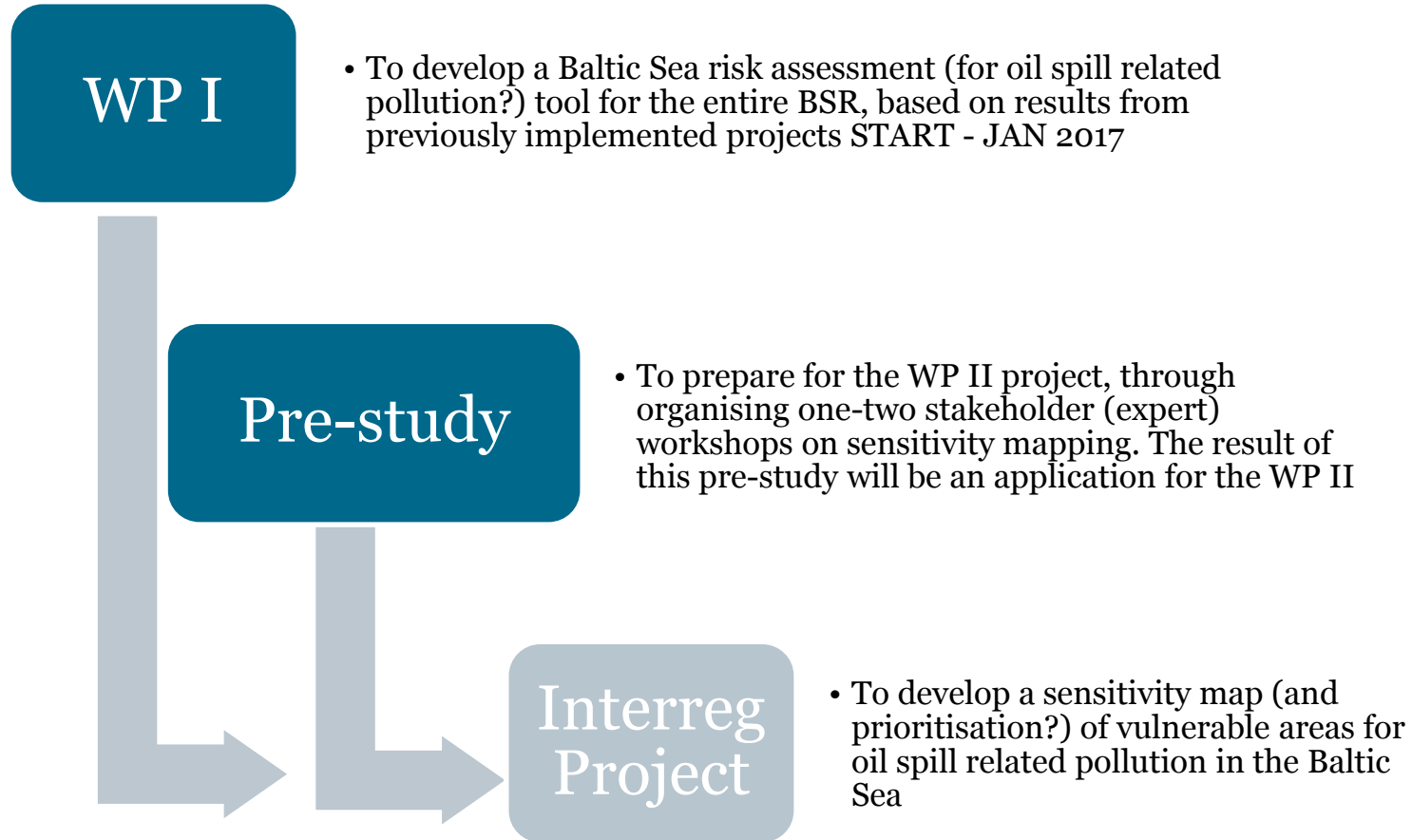


## State of the art – *How?*

- Proposed: 3 steps approach (DRAFT):
  - WP 1 - To develop a Baltic Sea risk assessment (for oil spill related pollution?) tool for the entire BSR, based on results from previously implemented projects START - JAN 2017
  - Pre-Study - To prepare for the WP II project, through organising one-two stakeholder (expert) workshops on sensitivity mapping. The result of this pre-study will be an application for the WP II
  - Interreg Project: To develop a sensitivity map (and prioritisation?) of vulnerable areas for oil spill related pollution in the Baltic Sea



# Proposed Structure







## WP 1

- Technical project - include development and integration with the existing pan-Baltic systems (HELCOM GIS, Seatrack Web), and it will incorporate the results of previous related project, such as BRISK, ENSACO, Baltic Master
- Respond to by various regional organisations/fora articulated need for a BSR-wide risk assessment tool. The technical platform would thus be developed based on existing national priorities.
- Financing – DG ECHO **14 March 2016**



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**Thank you!**