

VASAB Workshop on Assessment of Regional Baltic Maritime Spatial Planning Roadmap 2013-2020

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The Workshop

Place: Gdańsk

Time: 24 February 2016

Aim: Assessment of introducing maritime spatial planning to the Baltic Sea Region and identification of the interests and needs beyond the current Roadmap

Participants: CSPD members, representatives of HELCOM, members of the HELCOM-VASAB WG on MSP, flagship projects of HASP (altogether 50 persons)



The Roadmap



The Regional Baltic Maritime Spatial Planning Roadmap (2013-2020)

- prepared by HELCOM-VASAB WG on MSP
- drawing up and applying maritime spatial plans throughout the Baltic Sea region by 2020 which are coherent across borders and apply the ecosystem approach
- adopted at the HELCOM Ministerial Meeting in Copenhagen in 2013
- also VASAB Ministerial Conference in 2014 committed to its implementation
- **Key issues:** guidelines, exchange of data and information, education, institutional set-up,

E.g.: Guidelines on transboundary consultations, public participation and co-operation

The Workshop Agenda



9:05 – 9:20	Policy perspective: where we are now and where we are heading Anita Wernberg, Co-chair of the joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group
9:20 – 9:40	Inspirational panel: Projects.....
10:30 – 11:30	Group discussions <i>Discussions in 2-5 groups with 7-10 persons per group:</i> What is our interest for future beyond the Baltic MSP Roadmap 2014-2020? Future activities? What are achieved results already?
11:30 – 12:15	Conclusions from the group discussions, moderated by HELCOM

Chair and Moderator conclusions from the workshop

Highlights

Building joint understanding how to pursue planning stages after plan elaboration [PLANNING CYCLE]

Sorting out issues matured enough for political support [POLICY SUPPORT]

Monitoring and evaluation what works and what not and what should be improved [MONITORING/EVALUATION]

Deepening understanding what transboundary coherence of plans mean in practice [COHERENCE]

Building broader support and understanding for MSP (engaging sector, educating people, decision makes etc. [CAPACITY])

Further work

Decisions of HELCOM and VASAB:

Should we continue joint HELCOM-VASAB WG on MSP

If yes, what should be its mandate and key tasks

If not, how we want to ensure coherence of the maritime spatial plans and their ecosystem approach

The workshop should be only treated as a first contribution in answering those questions.





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