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Starting point for discussion on
guidelines

Basic features

- **Cross-border consultation: official process** between two or three neighbouring countries
- **Cross border consultation should take place early in the MSP process.** This applies to consultation between the responsible authorities as well as consultation with stakeholders. Early consultation has the advantage of being able to take into account additional information, and makes for better stakeholder engagement than mere information once the plan is finished.
- **Consultation: more than just ESPOO / SEA,** i.e. do not focus only on environmental stuff - as also different authorities involved

Baltic dimension

- **Cooperation: here often transboundary“ (i.e. Baltic Sea wide) - and this more on framework“ conditions, not the plans as such (even though Baltic Lines will make a difference if one really comes to an agreement here on how routes are to be accounted for within the MSPs)**
- **Important role of the Helcom VASAB WG on MSP and HELCOM-VASAB MSP sub-expert groups“, where we wanted to aim for longer term cooperation formats also in terms of sectors (here again Baltic Lines may make a difference at least for shipping / energy or Baltic Blue Growth on mussels can provide a necessary frame to achieve better pan-Baltic sector involvement within MSP).**

Stakeholders

- **Stakeholder involvement** in consultation“: not cup of tea“ of the country which asks for consultation, but the country (MSP authority) in charge - other country should help“, but MSP authority consulted is in charge of WHO / HOW to organize stakeholder process in their own“ country (Baltic Scope)
- **Stronger sectoral pan Baltic dialogue as a key to effective cross border consultation.** Few sectors are organised transnationally in such a way that would enable them to respond to cross border MSP consultation in a concerted manner. In order to speak with “one voice, sectors should first talk amongst themselves at the pan Baltic level.

Technicalities

- **Assign clear roles and responsibilities.** Those involved in cross border consultation should have a clear idea of what is expected of them and when they are required to give input. This means a clearly structured process of consultation and transparency in communication at all stages, including what will be done with the input received.
- **Synergies and not only conflicts**

Thank you for your attention

Questions? Remarks?