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## Background

The Twelfth Meeting of the joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 12-2016) will be held at Gdansk City Hall (address: Długi Targ 39/40, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, room 209) in Gdansk, Poland, on 24-25 February 2016 upon invitation by the Ministry of Development. The Meeting will be opened on Wednesday, 24 February, at 14:00 and is expected to terminate no later than by 17:00 the following day. The Meeting will take place back-to-back with a MSP workshop on 24 February 2016 (9:00-13:00).

The Meeting will be chaired jointly by the Working Group Co-Chairs Ms. Anita Mäkinen, Finland, and Mr. Andrzej Cieslak, Poland.

## Annotations to the Provisional Agenda

### **Agenda Item 1                      Adoption of the Agenda**

The Provisional Agenda (document 1-1) and the Annotations to the Provisional Annotated Agenda (document 1-2) have been prepared on the basis of the Outcome of the Eleventh Meeting of the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG as well as consultations among the Chairs of the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG and the HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats.

The Meeting is invited to adopt the Agenda.

### **Agenda Item 2                      Matters arising from other HELCOM and VASAB meetings**

The HELCOM Secretariat and VASAB Secretariat will inform the Meeting of the outcomes of past and upcoming meetings within HELCOM and VASAB of relevance to the group.

### **Agenda Item 3                      Regional coordination and policy follow-up**

The European Commission is invited to provide information on developing processes related to the EU Directive on MSP.

The Russian Federation is invited to update on MSP developments in Russia, including key aspects of currently developing national legal base.

The HELCOM and VASAB members, which are EU Member States, are invited to update on national MSP developments, including of those of regional relevance.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information presented and consider any follow up with a view to facilitating the national work and share regional experiences at the European and global level and ensure synergies of the MSP work at the regional and European level.

The Meeting is invited to take note of information on activities related to the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR) and Horizontal Action (HA) Spatial Planning for which HELCOM and VASAB act as the Horizontal Action Coordinators and the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG acts as the Steering Committee concerning the MSP part.



Sweden is invited to inform on the EUSBSR Strategy Forum to take place in Stockholm on 8-9 November 2016.

#### **Agenda Item 4                      Implementation of the Regional Baltic MSP Roadmap 2013-2020**

According to the [Regional Baltic Maritime Spatial Planning Roadmap 2013-2020](#) a set of guidelines are to be drafted and adopted by 2015 and applied by 2018.

##### Guideline for the implementation of ecosystem-based approach in MSP

HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 11-2016 agreed on the [Guideline for the implementation of ecosystem-based approach in MSP](#). The aim has been that the guidelines will be tested in practice and, subsequently, amended as may be needed according to experiences gathered.

The previous Meeting welcomed the preliminary offer by Germany to look into possibilities for hosting a HELCOM-VASAB workshop on MSP and ecosystem approach as part of a project by the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation.

The findings of the task force on ecosystem approach set up within the Central Baltic case of the Baltic SCOPE project could, if involved partners find it suitable, be discussed more in depth in such a HELCOM-VASAB workshop.

The Meeting is invited to discuss the HELCOM-VASAB workshop on ecosystem approach and MSP and develop an outline for the workshop if deemed appropriate. HELCOM and VASAB members are invited to consider their possibilities to host the workshop.

##### Guidelines on transboundary consultations, public participation and co-operation

The Meeting is invited to consider and agree on the Guidelines on transboundary consultations, public participation and co-operation (document 4-1), which have been prepared under the lead of Poland.

The Meeting is invited to consider the proposal by Denmark and Poland to develop an Annex to the Guidelines outlining the key elements of the consultation process.

The Meeting might wish to consider, once the guidelines are agreed, how to follow up the application of the Guidelines by the countries.

The Meeting is invited to exchange ideas and views on practical ways to engage and cooperate with industrial sectors and other interests' groups on pan-Baltic level on a continuous basis. As background material for this discussion, the HELCOM Secretariat will prepare information on how, and which sectors are involved in the HELCOM cooperation.

Further, the Meeting is invited to note that the Third Meeting of the HELCOM Group on Ecosystem-based Sustainable Fisheries (FISH 3-2015, 26-27 November 2015) suggested that a representative of the SCOPE

project should be invited to the next meeting of the Fish group (tentatively in first week of May 2016) to present interactions between fisheries and MSP.

The HELCOM and VASAB members are invited to check and update the list of national maritime spatial planning focal points for the purpose of transboundary consultation and joint planning in the Baltic Sea Region countries (to be submitted at a later stage).

Sweden is invited to present considerations on a future oriented MSP report (c.f. paragraphs 7.2-7.5 of the Outcome of HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 11-2015). The Secretariats and Co-chairs are ready to assist.

#### **Agenda Item 5                      Assessments and data for MSP**

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcomes of the meetings of the Baltic Sea Region MSP Data Expert Sub-Group, including considering the Work Plan of the Group, to be submitted by the VASAB Secretariat at a later stage. In particular, the meeting is invited to discuss the initial steps in preparation of the basic minimum datasets for transboundary consultations and development of data infrastructure.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcome of the stocktaking of the regional list of human activities and related environmental pressures in the Baltic Sea region to be presented by the HELCOM Secretariat based on the HELCOM Workshop on the HOLAS II Pressure and Impact Index (13 November 2015 in Helsinki, Finland) (document to be submitted at the later stage).

The HELCOM Secretariat will present the newly modernized and updated database of Marine Protected Areas and inform on the ongoing update of the regional analysis of ecological coherence of MPS.

The HELCOM Secretariat will inform of the release of data products on fisheries effort and intensity fishing activity based on VMS data. The data products was made available by ICES advice to HELCOM on the spatial distribution and impact of fisheries 2009 to 2013.

#### **Agenda Item 6                      Planning future work and a new Work Plan**

Poland has offered to host a MSP workshop on 24 February 2016 back-to-back with HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 12-2016. The workshop could provide some thoughts on future development on MSP in the region for possible consideration by the meeting.

The three year Mandate for HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG, starting from 2014, was approved by HELCOM HOD 41-2013 and the 62<sup>nd</sup> VASAB CSPD/BSR Meeting. The Meeting is invited to evaluate the progress in fulfilling the Mandate, the Work Plan 2014-2016 and the working methods of the Working Group. Further the Meeting is invited to identify working items for future work.

The Meeting is invited to consider a proposal for future action on “How to consider MPAs in Maritime Spatial Planning and vice versa” (to be submitted at a later stage). The action was proposed by the HELCOM State and Conservation Working Group and considered within the HELCOM coordination process of national Programmes of Measures to reach Good Environment Status of the Baltic Sea. HELCOM HOD 49-2015 agreed on the proposed action taking into account that the next meeting of HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG can consider the action and awaiting clarification of the formal study reservation by Germany.

The Meeting is invited to decide on the date for and focus of the next meeting of the Group. The HELCOM and VASAB members are invited to consider hosting the meeting. Information on upcoming meetings within HELCOM and VASAB to facilitate scheduling the meeting will be submitted at a later stage.

#### **Agenda Item 7                      MSP related projects and events**

The Meeting is invited to take note of the EU Conference on maritime spatial planning and the environment, which was held on 7 December 2015 in Brussels, Belgium. Presentations and webstreaming

of the conference is available on the event page, including the presentations on operationalizing the ecosystem approach by Mr. Jan Schmidtbauer Crona, Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management, and on the role of Regional Seas Conventions in MSP by Ms. Monika Stankiewicz, HELCOM Executive Secretary.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the joint UNEP/EC expert workshop on Regional Ocean Governance, organized on 9-10 November 2015 in Brussels, Belgium (document to be submitted at a later stage).

The EU might wish to inform on a planned follow-up to the [Consultation on International Ocean Governance](#) initiated within EU by the Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries.

The Meeting is invited to take note the information on the International Environmental Forum "Baltic Sea Day", which will be held in St. Petersburg, Russia, on 22-23 March 2016 (document to be submitted at a later stage). The draft programme of the Forum includes thematic round tables, one of which is to be dedicated to implementation of the Regional Baltic MSP Roadmap 2013-2020. The Meeting is invited to contribute to the agenda of the round table.

The Meeting might wish to consider any input from the group to the European Maritime Day to be held in Turku, Finland, on 18-19 May 2016.

The Meeting may wish to follow up on the previously presented MSP related projects. The leaders or initiators of the projects are invited to inform the Working Group of their activities/plans within the projects, including within:

- Baltic SCOPE project – Towards coherence and cross-border solutions in Baltic Maritime Spatial Plans;
- Baltic LINes project – (Coherent Linear Infrastructures in Baltic Maritime Spatial Plans)
- Plan4Blue project proposal;
- MSP & BSR Integrated Maritime Heritage Management project proposal.

The Meeting is invited to note that the upcoming BONUS call for projects will focus on MSP.

#### **Agenda Item 8                      Any other business**

The Meeting is invited to take note of the country fiches on MSP status published on the [HELCOM](#) and [VASAB](#) pages. HELCOM and VASAB members are invited to check, and update the fiches, if needed, prior to the meeting and Lithuania is invited to fill in their country fiches as soon as possible.

The Meeting might wish to discuss establishment of links with the MSP related work of the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA).

The HELCOM and VASAB members and Observers are invited to check and update the List of Nominated Experts for the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG (document to be submitted at a later stage).

The Meeting might wish to consider any other matters raised by the HELCOM and VASAB members and Observers at the Meeting.

#### **Agenda Item 9                      Outcome of the Meeting**

A draft Outcome of the Meeting will be prepared at the end of the Meeting and presented for consideration and adoption.