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Background

The HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG [Work Plan 2014-2016](#) (point 4.5) includes, emerging from the regional Baltic MSP Roadmap 2013-2020, the preparation of a future oriented report on marine and maritime activities and developments of Baltic Sea regional importance.

HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 11-2015 discussed the scope, purpose and content of such a report. In the light of the discussions the content of the report could be a compilation of results and outcomes of past and ongoing MSP projects, covering also future oriented perspectives, such as within Baltic SCOPE, or be a critical view on what the future will bring for MSP.

The Meeting agreed that the report should be concise and utilize the available reports e.g. OECD, HELCOM maritime assessment and possibly also the Swedish and Polish stocktaking reports.

VASAB Secretariat offered kindly to look into possibilities for financing of such a report as part of the EUSBSR Technical Assistance for EUSBSR Priority Area Coordinators and Horizontal Action Coordinators. In turn, HELCOM Secretariat will be able to offer information and data that will be ready by the time of preparing the report, such as the outcome on analysis of ecological coherence on HELCOM MPAs.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to:

- consider the draft terms of reference for the report and amend if seen needed,
- decide on the further steps.

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Objective

The objective of the report is to provide a future oriented overview and analysis of the developments of marine and maritime activities of the Baltic Sea regional importance and with relevance for maritime spatial planning.

The key topic of the report would be the assessment on the growth of human activities and related changes in the use of the Baltic Sea and shores towards 2035 and 2050.

A Two Steps Approach

The task includes two main steps: assessment and the suggestions for future MSP activities

Assessment

- a) Identify and analyse critical factors, trends and drivers that may affect the future use of the sea; (incl. ecosystem services). Climate change, international trade development and political trends are examples of drivers/trends that could be considered.
- b) Assess the development of *future* relevant maritime sectors, established as well as emerging activities. Preferably also in terms of economic development such as employment and growth.
- c) Analyse the development of marine environment management, in particular marine and cultural environment protection.

Provide Suggestions for future MSP activities

Based on the assessment (a-c) the report should provide suggestions on

- d) how the developments are to be taken into account in spatial planning within the timeframe from 2035 to 2050;
- e) how the developments are to be visualised in maritime spatial plans;
- f) how the developments in marine areas correspond with the related changes in terrestrial/ land planning (e.g. development of transport infrastructure, land use, nature conservation).

Format of the report

The report should be concise and include visualisations of the result, e.g. the assessment of the future development could be visualised on a map.

Stocktaking

The analysis should be based on the compilation of outcomes and results of on-going and previous work related to the future development of the Baltic Sea region and MSP such as¹

- Sector related strategic plans with BSR-perspective
- On-going projects, such as the Baltic SCOPE (e.g. (poss.) report on maritime activities)
- Previous projects, such as PartiSEApate (e.g. reports on pan-Baltic stakeholders' dialogue and single sector workshops) and Sub-mariner (on innovative future use of the Baltic Sea)
- HELCOM analysis related to MPA and the HOLAS II project
- HELCOM Maritime Assessment
- EU Work related to the Blue Growth Agenda for the Baltic Sea region
- OECD work for The future of the Ocean Economy

- World Oceans Assessment Report
- MSP stocktaking reports (e.g. Sweden “MSP Current status- 2014” and Poland)
- Maritime spatial plans –existing or under development (elaboration/proposed) by the BSR countries

¹non-exhaustive list

Time frame

- The first draft report should be prepared by xx. Possibly the preliminary results could be presented at the 7th Strategy Forum of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region that will take place on the 8th and 9th of November 2016 in Stockholm, Sweden.
- The final report should be presented by xx 2017.