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Background

Following an EU Commission call for a new round of MSP projects, the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management (SwaM) submitted a project proposal for a new MSP-project in the Baltic Sea Region, PanBaltic SCOPE on 28 April 2017.

Action required

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information.

A project proposal for a new MSP-project in the Baltic Sea Region, PanBaltic SCOPE.

Partners

The joint project proposal bringing together eight maritime spatial planning (MSP) authorities in seven Member States and three regional organisations in the Baltic Sea Region:

- Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management
- Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency (BSH)
- Maritime Office in Szczecin (UMS)
- Danish Maritime Authority (DMA)
- Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development (MoEPRD)
- Ministry of finance (EE)
- Satakunta Regional Council (RCS)
- Government of Åland (GoA)
- SYKE, Finnish Environment Institute
- VASAB
- Helcom
- Nordregio

The consortium is led by the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management (SwaM).

The Ministry of the Environment in Finland and Lithuania, and the Ministry for Energy, Infrastructure and Regional Development of Mecklenburg and Vorpommern have agreed to participate as associated partners,

Objective

The objective of PanBaltic SCOPE is to achieve coherent national maritime spatial planning in the Baltic Sea region and to build lasting macro-region mechanisms for cross-border MSP cooperation.

The project is designed to support the implementation of the EU MSP directive and the objectives defined in the EU Baltic Sea Region Strategy, Blue economy and EU2020 Strategy.

It will also support the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan and VASAB Long Term Perspective for the Territorial Development of the Baltic Sea Region (LTP).

Project focus

The project will focus on

- Cross-border Collaboration and Consultation to Support National MSP-processes.
- Advancing the Implementation of the Ecosystem-Based Approach and Data Sharing
- Integrating Land-Sea Interactions into MSP

A Planning Forum will be established having a central role in the implementation of the project. The Forum will function as a regular platform for the collaboration on specific planning issues identified by the planning authorities and regional organisations. The Planning Forum will also guide and inform the work on predefined themes of the project.

The project will build on the results and experiences from a series of MSP-related projects in the Baltic Sea Region as well as on the national MSP processes. Particularly the experiences from real-life planning and recommendations on further work from Baltic SCOPE project (2015-17) will be utilized.

The project will provide essential added value to the national MSP-processes in the Baltic Sea region and to the pan-Baltic cooperation.

It will support MS in implementing the MSP-directive by providing a platform for hands-on, cross-border collaboration. The project will develop and test tools and methods for the practical implementation of an Ecosystem-based approach in MSP relating to:

- Cumulative impacts linking to HELCOM HOLAS and SYMPHONY
- Implementation of EBA in sub-basin SEA
- Green Infrastructure
- Economic and Social Analyses

Also the project will complement the data sharing work by the HELCOM-VASAB Data Expert Group and the Baltic LINES project.

In addition the project will build experience on how to integrate land-sea interactions in MSP and deliver new and developed planning evidence for the direct practical use in the national planning processes. At pan-Baltic level the project will contribute to further advancement of the transboundary cooperation on MSP in the Baltic Sea Region.

The project intends to follow-up the MSP Road map, MSP Principles and Guidelines provide a common regional framework supporting cross-border cooperation and coherent national MSP-implementation in the BSR.

The partners, having formal roles and mandates at national or at sea basin level in MSP, will secure the long term sustainability of the project and its expected results.

Budget and time frame

Planned project period: 2018-01-01 – 2019-12-31

Total estimated budget: € 3 315 113

(of which € 2 652 086 is requested funding from the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF))