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## Background

The 16th Meeting of the joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 16-2018) will be held in Helsinki, Finland, on 8-9 May 2018, upon invitation by the Ministry of the Environment of Finland and upon the joint invitation by HELCOM and VASAB. It will be held back-to-back with the first international consultation meeting of the Finnish maritime spatial plans (7–8 May), to which the Ministry of Environment of Finland will send a separate invitation.

The HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 16-2018 will be opened on **Tuesday, 8 May 2018 at 14:00** in the Ministry of the Environment, (Aleksanterinkatu 7) and is expected to end on **Wednesday, 9 May at 16:00**.

The major themes for the meeting are strengthening of the ecosystem-based approach in MSP, evaluation of the progress in implementation of the regional MSP roadmap, coordination and follow-up of regional policy including linkages to a broader maritime policy perspective, and other tasks from the work plan of the group. The themes such as Pan Baltic Scope project implementation, work plan on green infrastructure and MSP aspects in maritime policy will be also discussed. HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG acts as the Steering Committee concerning the MSP part of the Horizontal Action Spatial Planning of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region. The Meeting will thus also follow-up on developments under EUSBSR.

The Meeting will be chaired jointly by the Working Group Co-Chairs Mr. Joacim Johannesson, Sweden, and Ms. Katarzyna Krzywda, Poland.

## Annotations to the Provisional Agenda

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

The Provisional Agenda (document 1-1) and Provisional Annotated Agenda (document 1-2) have been prepared on the basis of the Outcome of the Fifteenth Meeting of the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG as well as consultations with the Co-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 work**

The Meeting will be informed on matters within HELCOM and VASAB of relevance to the group, including past and upcoming meetings.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcome of the HELCOM Ministerial Meeting held on 6 March 2018 in Brussels, Belgium, as well as of the planned update of the Baltic Sea Action Plan and consider the information as appropriate.

HELCOM 39-2018 considered a proposal for the revised Recommendation 24/10 'Implementation of integrated Marine and Coastal Management of Human Activities in the Baltic Sea Area', took note that Poland could not agree on the proposal and invited Poland to clarify the reservation at the next meeting of the State & Conservation Working Group. The proposed revised Recommendation is also submitted to this meeting (document X).

HELCOM FISH Group ([FISH 7-2017](#), paragraphs 2.17-2.18 and 3.2) expressed their wish to enhance information exchange between the group and the joint HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG, and tasked the HELCOM Secretariat to inform them on fish and fisheries related outcomes. The Meeting will be invited to discuss the ways of practical cooperation with HELCOM FISH group, particularly, the information from the FISH group which might be of high importance for maritime spatial planning.

The Meeting will also be invited to discuss practical ways of cooperation with HELCOM SAFE NAV group, and particularly, the way to present the work of HELCOM-VASAB MSP group at the Ninth Meeting of the Group of Experts on Safety of Navigation (SAFE NAV 9-2018) tentatively planned in September 2018.

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

The Countries will be invited to update on new national MSP developments.

The Countries are invited to check and update the list of national MSP focal points for transboundary consultation and joint planning in the Baltic Sea Region countries.

Item 1.2 of the Work Plan 2017-2019 of the HELCOM-VASAB MSP working group implies information exchange within MSP WG concerning national MSP developments. Germany is invited to present the second revision of the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern MSP (as mentioned in 15-2017 Outcome, para 3.1).

Finland is invited to present a summary of first international consultation meeting on the Finnish maritime spatial plans, held 7-8 May, to the meeting.

HELCOM VASAB MSP 15-2017 decided that MSP aspects in maritime policy should be one of the themes of the Meeting. The countries and the EU are invited to inform how maritime policies and maritime spatial planning are coupled, at strategic or at practical level in the MSP-processes. Countries may also like to discuss how land-sea interactions, including linking maritime and terrestrial planning are addressed in national planning.

Baltic LINes project organized an international shipping sector stakeholder meeting – "Baltic LINes MSP Challenge Shipping Workshop" including interactive simulation for the Baltic Sea "Shaping the Future of Shipping in the Baltic Sea". The workshop took place on January 24 – 25, 2018 in Riga, Latvia. Germany leading the project is invited to inform the Meeting on the major outcomes of the workshop.

The HELCOM Secretariat will present the new HELCOM report "Maritime Assessment 2018 - Maritime activities in the Baltic Sea".

The countries are invited to share information on spatial plans and projects with transnational impact (as mentioned in 15-2017 Outcome, para 3.12).

### **Agenda Item 4                      Follow-up on implementation and planning for future**

HELCOM report "Implementation of the Baltic Sea Action Plan 2018 – three years left to reach good environmental status" includes, among others, a section on the commitments related to maritime spatial planning (document will be submitted). The report is based on the self-evaluation by the Baltic Sea countries, and serves a) to strengthen the implementation within the current timeframe, b) planning of future work beyond 2021. The process to update the Baltic Sea Action Plan will start in 2018.

According to the Work Plan 2017-2019 of the HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group, evaluation of application of Baltic Sea Broad-scale MSP principles, Guidelines for transboundary consultation, public

participation and cooperation and implementation of the Regional Baltic Sea MSP Roadmap (2013-2020) has to be carried out.

VASAB Secretariat is invited to inform the meeting of activity 1.1.4 Follow-up of Common Regional Framework in the Pan Baltic Scope. As part of the implementation of the Pan Baltic Scope project, the VASAB Secretariat has prepared proposals for three Terms of Reference for the follow-up of the principles, guidelines and road map respectively.

The Meeting is invited to discuss how the execution of these three tasks can be organised and agree on the Terms of Reference.

#### **Agenda Item 5                      Ecosystem-based approach in MSP**

HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 15-2017 discussed the draft work plan on Green infrastructure/blue corridors and agreed that the first event of the work plan might be EBSA workshop in February 2018. MSP WG 15-2017 also suggested that the kick-off meetings of the Pan Baltic Scope and other workshops of the projects, e.g. BASMATI, can be utilized for the implementation of the work plan and that cooperation with S&C will start in autumn 2018. The task force, led by Sweden, was invited to specify the dates for the work plan in the form of the timetable.

Likewise, Latvia is invited to inform on the plans for activity 1.2.4 Green infrastructure in the Pan Baltic Scope project, and the Meeting is invited to discuss how these activities can be utilized to progress on the work plan of the group.

The Meeting will be invited to take note of the results of the CBD Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSA) in the Baltic Sea (document X).

In addition Germany is invited to inform the meeting on the plans for activity 1.2.2 Implementation of EBA in sub-basin SEA in the Pan Baltic Scope project.

The Work Plan 2017-2019 of the HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group includes the activity 3.1 on facilitation and follow-up of the application of the "Guideline for the implementation of ecosystem-based approach in MSP." Sweden is invited to inform the meeting on the Pan Baltic Scope activity 1.2.1 Ecosystem-Based Toolbox aiming at evaluating and developing both the guidelines and the EBA toolbox developed in the Baltic Scope project.

The Work Plan 2017-2019 of the HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group includes the activity on the practical use of socio-economic parameters including ecosystem services in MSP. The Meeting is invited to take note of the plans for Economic and Social Analyses (ESA) and assessment of cumulative impacts in MSP in the Pan Baltic Scope project (activities 1.2.5 and 1.2.3) led by HELCOM and discuss how the activities can support the work of the group.

#### **Agenda Item 6                      Implementation of the other tasks from the group Work Plan**

The Meeting is invited to take note of any updates to the regional calendar of national MSP-related processes and meetings.

8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Baltic Sea Region MSP Data Expert Sub-group Progress took place in 14-15 December 2017 in Tallinn and the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting took place in 17-18 April 2018 in Vilnius. The Meeting will be informed on recent developments towards achieving main tasks of the BSR MSP Data Expert Sub-group.

The HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 15-2017 invited the Contracting Parties to provide information regarding the educational programmes in MSP, including their availability for foreign students, by the next meeting. The Meeting is invited to take note of any presented information, which can be then compiled and published at the HELCOM and VASAB websites.

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

The Meeting is invited to take note of information on activities under the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR) in relation to 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 and act as appropriate.



The Meeting is invited to take note on the workshop “MSP- the end is where it begins: implementing MSP in a Pan-Baltic context” of the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Forum of the EU Baltic Sea Strategy Forum which will be held in Tallinn on 4-5 June 2018. Estonia is invited to present the workshop idea.

The Meeting will be invited to take note of and discuss information on MSP projects, including the plans under the Pan Baltic Scope project (taking into account the discussion under agenda item 3 and 5) and coordination of project activities with the implementation of the group’s working plan; the progress in the implementation of the BalticLINes project and other relevant projects.

The Pan Baltic Scope has applied for the Flagship status within the EU SBSR. The Meeting is invited to decide on the Flagship status of the project.

The BONUS BALTSPEACE project is invited to present the project deliverables for MSP: Policy Briefs, Handbook for planners etc.

The BalticRIM project is invited to present intended activities.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcomes of the MSP round table at the 19<sup>th</sup> Forum “Baltic Sea Days” in St. Petersburg, Russia, and participants of the Meeting are invited to inform the group of other regional MSP events.

## 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](#) web pages. HELCOM and VASAB members are invited to check and update the fiches, if needed, prior to the meeting.

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 will be submitted).

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.