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Background

The Pan Baltic Scope project has applied for the Flagship status within the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR). Flagships are projects or processes, through which the actions of the EUSBSR can be implemented. This document contains the EUSBSR Flagship template for the project.

Action requested

The meeting is invited to decide on Flagship status of the project.

Flagship recommendation for the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR)

Actions of the EUSBSR can be implemented by means of flagships – projects and processes. In addition, they can serve as examples for desired action. This template is meant to help assess projects/process applying for flagship status. It is to be completed by the responsible policy area or horizontal action coordinator when submitting of a proposal for flagship status. The template is based on the provisions (criteria/procedure) to become a flagship as outlined in the EUSBSR Action Plan. The template is to be completed in a short and concise manner.

<p>Flagship title:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“Pan Baltic Scope”</p>
<p>EUSBSR policy area/horizontal action (contributing to which EUSBSR objective(s)/sub-objective(s)):</p> <p>Horizontal Action “Spatial Planning” - Encouraging the use of maritime and land-based spatial planning in all Member States around the Baltic Sea and develop a common approach for cross-border cooperation.</p>
<p>I. Short description of the project (to be published in the annex of the Action Plan)</p> <p>The Pan Baltic Scope project aims to achieve coherent national maritime spatial planning in the Baltic Sea region and to build lasting macro-region mechanisms for cross-border MSP cooperation. To achieve these aims, the project will use the experiences and results from earlier projects in the BSR, and in particular the Baltic Scope (2015-2017) project, along with the national MSP processes. The project will establish a planning forum to facilitate cross-border cooperation. There are a number of cross border activities planned within the frames of the project at varying geographical levels, to help the national planning authorities to comply with the goals set in the MSP directive. To reach these goals, the project consists of the following parts:</p> <p>Cross-border collaboration and consultation to support national maritime spatial planning processes</p> <p>Planning forum, Finland-Åland-Sweden case, monitoring and evaluation for selected national processes, follow up of common regional framework, lessons learned</p> <p>Advancing the implementation of the ecosystem-based approach and data sharing</p> <p>Ecosystem-based toolbox, implementation of ecosystem-based approach in sub-basin environmental assessment, cumulative impacts of human activities, green infrastructure and marine protected areas network and essential fish habitats, economic and social analyses and future scenarios and data sharing</p> <p>Integrating land-sea interactions into maritime spatial planning</p> <p>Scoping, case studies and synthesis and conclusions</p> <p>Pan Baltic Scope will develop tools with the goals to contribute to coherency in the pan-Baltic MSP. Since the member states in the project are at different stages in the implementation of MSP, and have different needs, this coherence will be achieved gradually.</p> <p><u>Lead partner:</u> Swedish Agency of Marine and Water Management (SwAM)</p> <p><u>Participating countries/organisations:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency (BSH), Germany; 2. Maritime office of Szczecin (UMS), Poland; 3. Danish Maritime Authority (DMA), Denmark; 4. Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development (MoERPD), Latvia; 5. Ministry of Finance (EE), Estonia;

6. VASAB Secretariat (VRAA), BSR;
7. HELCOM, BSR;
8. Nordregio, BSR/Nordic Countries;
9. SYKE, Finland;
10. Satakunta Regional Council, Finland;
11. Government of Åland (GoA), Finland

Estimated duration and deadline: January 2018 – December 2019

Amount of funding: Total budget = 3,315,113.00 (ERDF = 2,652,086.00)

Link to website:

II. Short assessment by the policy area coordinator/horizontal action coordinator

Key criteria (please briefly explain how the following criteria are met):

- *Macro-regional impact of the flagship*
- *How does it contribute towards the objectives/indicators/targets of the EUSBSR*
- *How does it help implement one or more actions of the policy area/horizontal action concerned*

The projects approach to cross-border MSP will involve 7 BSR countries at different stages in their MSP process. This cooperation will be able to identify and solve potential spatial planning problems in the BSR, while taking into account the different needs for the national planning authorities.

The goal of the project is to achieve coherent national MSP in the BSR and to build lasting macro-regional mechanisms for cross-border MSP cooperation. Through the project partners and associated partners, the project covers the entirety of the EUSBSR, strengthening the cooperation and cohesion in the national MSP work.

Pan Baltic Scope will contribute to the objective Connect the region, Save the Sea and Increasing prosperity, via the following activities.

“Good transport conditions” – through the cross-border cooperative planning of the BSR, good transport conditions can be secured while at the same time taking the ecosystem approach into account. MSP will contribute to keeping the waterways secure for future shipping needs.

“Clean and safe shipping” Through the use of ecosystem-based approach in sub-basin strategic environmental assessment, together with cumulative impact assessments.

“Increasing prosperity” through the economic and social analyses including ecosystem services and the concept of the territorial monitoring.

The project contributes to the HA “Spatial Planning” by creating a cross-border work environment where MSP professionals can learn from each other, jointly describe best practices, and work with a trans-boundary ecosystem approach.

General criteria (please briefly explain to what extent the following criteria are met):

- *Transnational dimension (at least three Baltic Sea region states including at least two EU member states):* The project involves 12 partners from 7 different EU countries and 3 associated partners from 3 BSR countries; the partnership composition ensures that the project will be implemented in a good and professional way.
- *Realistic timeframe for implementation:* The project’s timeframe is sufficient - the duration of the project is 24 months.
- *Financial and activity plan:* The project has clear financial and activity plan – each activity has relevant budget.

- *Established partnership and flagship leader identified:* The project has established extensive partnership with clear divide of responsibilities and tasks among the partners. The project lead-partner is the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management
- *Specific criteria's for policy area/horizontal actions (if applicable):* The project has a clear transnational dimension, it contributes to the implementation of VASAB Long-Term Perspective for the Territorial Development of the Baltic Sea Region, Regional Baltic MSP Roadmap 2013-2020 and to the strategic target of the Horizontal Action “Spatial Planning” to draw up and apply trans-boundary, ecosystem-based maritime spatial plans throughout the BSR by 2020/2021.