



## Recommendations on future actions by the Baltic LINES project

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# Action to be taken by WG

- To take note of information and provide feedback to the recommendations
- To decide which recommendations to be further developed
- To consider the implementation of recommendations by HELCOM-VASB MSP WG

# Baltic LINES

- Promote pan-Baltic connectivity in maritime space
- Enhance transnational coherence of shipping lanes and linear energy infrastructure



# Recommendations

- Offshore energy
- Shipping
- MSP Data
- Planning process

# Offshore Energy Recommendations

Context	BSR has set a focus on offshore energy. Currently no energy working group.
Suggestion	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG should increase work on energy and invite and involve the energy sector.
Implementation	At least once a year, a joint energy session between energy stakeholders and MSP WG.
Topics	Review and update national and pan-Baltic energy scenarios. Coordination for linear infrastructure in MSP. The interplay between terrestrial and offshore grids. Results and recommendations of other dedicated energy projects.

# MSP Data Recommendations

- Context** Access to data is crucial for transnationally coherent MSP. Currently, lack of availability of up-to-date and relevant data from neighbouring countries.
- Suggestion** Updating ToR of the BSR MSP Data ESG to support implementation.
- Implementation** ESG supports and follows-up on data availability in BASEMAPS. BASEMAPS as basis for MSP decision support tools. Extension of topics in BASEMAPS (e.g. aquaculture, underwater heritage etc.).  
MSP data providers should include English as an additional language for MSP data.  
Work towards a common symbology and terminology for MSP data.

# Shipping Recommendations

Context	No BSR wide MSP platform to discuss shipping routes with other HELCOM shipping working groups and IMO.
Suggestion	To expand cooperation between HELCOM groups for shipping (Safe Nav, Maritime) and MSP WG
Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Joint position on relocation of shipping routes.</li><li>Centre-line approach for coherent shipping lines.</li><li>Practical solution to shipping lane 'mismatches'.</li><li>Integration of IMO terminology within national MSPs.</li><li>Taking development within the shipping sector into account.</li><li>Tools wrt to land-sea interactions (application, further development).</li></ul>

# Planning Process Recommendations

Context	With different planning processes in the countries, aligned methods will facilitate the coherence of maritime spatial plans.
Suggestion	To develop a guideline on transboundary planning of linear infrastructure.
Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Update and expand planning criteria table for energy and shipping.</li><li>Make use of step-by-step planning guidelines for energy and shipping.</li><li>Display of designations of neighbouring countries in MSP.</li><li>Involve wide range of stakeholders.</li><li>Taking land-sea-interactions into account.</li><li>Making use of MSP Challenge Baltic Sea simulation.</li><li>Cooperation during MSP implementation to support plan coherence.</li></ul>



Thank you for your attention!