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Background

The 19th Meeting of the joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 18-2019) will be held in St Petersburg, Russia, on 28-29 October 2019, upon the invitation by SC “Mineral”, national coordinator of HELCOM activities in the NW region of Russian, acting on behalf the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation and upon the joint invitation by HELCOM and VASAB.

The HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 19-2019 will be opened on **Monday, 28 October 2019 at 12:00** in hotel “Park Inn by Radisson Pribaltiyskaya Hotel and Congress Centre” (14 Korablestroiteley str., St. Petersburg) and is expected to end on **Tuesday, 29 October 2019 at 16:00**.

The Meeting will be focussed on the discussion on proposals to advance regional MSP framework based on the outcomes of the recent assessment, requirements to ensure coherence of MSP in the region, reflection of MSP in the updated BSAP as well as the update of the group’s working plan expiring this year.

The meeting will be held in the frame of **the XVIII Annual Strategic Planning Leaders Forum of the regions and cities of Russia** and participants are invited to attend the Forum events.

Documents for the Meeting will be made available on the [HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 19-2019 Meeting Site](#) in the HELCOM Meeting Portal. Please note that you need to be a registered user with relevant rights to access the *restricted* meeting documents. Instructions for the use of the Meeting Portal are available on the [HELCOM website](#). Participants of the Meeting are kindly requested to register to the Meeting by answering the [Participation Survey](#) not later than **by 21 October 2019**.

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 Annotations to the Provisional Agenda (document 1-2) have been prepared on the basis of the Outcome of the Eighteenth 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, especially, the outcome of the 56th Meeting of the HELCOM Heads of Delegation (HOD 56-2019).

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information and take it into account in the group's work.

Agenda item 3 Building up future common regional MSP framework

The Meeting will be invited to discuss future challenges and tasks of the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG. Beforehand the Meeting will be introduced to the challenges and tasks that have been identified in the findings of the Pan Baltic Scope project (Follow-up of common regional framework (MSP Principles, Guidelines for Transboundary consultations and special attention to evaluation of MSP Roadmap 2013-2020), Implementation of ecosystem-based approach, as well as the results of Task Force on MSP Coherence.

The Meeting will be invited to consider a draft analysis of the current HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG workplan submitted jointly submitted by HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats and discuss long-term tasks (Roadmap/Action plan 2020+) and immediate tasks (Workplan 2020-2021).

The Meeting is invited to consider a conceptual proposal on the way how MSP could be reflected in the updated BSAP prepared by HELCOM Secretariat. The Meeting will be further invited to reflect on the concept and comment on the mapping of the environmental pressures which could be mitigated using MSP. Further the Meeting is invited to agree on organization of the work to advance further the proposal elaborating on the formulation of commitments to be proposed for inclusion to the updated BSAP.

The HELCOM Secretariat will present the progress of the Task Force on coherence of planning. The Meeting is invited to take note and to discuss the current and planned work for the Task Force. The Meeting will further be invited to agree on a timetable to finalize the proposal on criteria for MSP coherency.

Agenda item 4 Regional coordination and policy follow-up

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

The Secretariat and all Contracting Parties are invited to share information on recent development of the regional MSP framework, meetings, workshops and other events.

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

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

HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 18-2019 took note that Germany will develop the Baltic LINes recommendations into formal proposals. Germany will present these proposals and the meeting is invited to take note of the proposal and discuss regional actions which can be actions to be furtherly taken.

The Meeting will be invited to discuss the results of the 6th Planning Forum of the Pan Baltic Scope project that was held in Tallinn on the 28-29 May as well as the 7th Planning Forum 26-27 September 2019 in Helsinki

(information provided by lead partner) and consider whether the “Planning Forum” would be a long-lasting mechanism for the regional MSP dialog (outcome of H-V MSP 18-2019, item 4.14).

HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 18-2019 requested Baltic Sea Region MSP Data Expert Sub-Group to initiate discussion on which fisheries data is needed in national MSP with the goal to identify common requirements for aggregated fisheries data. The Meeting will be informed of the progress of the BSR MSP Data Expert Sub-Group on this matter.

The Meeting will be invited to consider a proposal to update of the ToR of the Baltic Sea Region MSP Data Expert Sub-Group and will be invited to endorse the ToR.

Agenda item 5 Ecosystem-based approach in MSP

The Meeting is invited to discuss the status and the implementation of the timetable for future cooperation on Green Infrastructure / Blue corridors in MSP and marine environmental management. The Meeting will be invited to discuss “green maps” and discuss ideas for a regional tool to promote using of the “green” maps in MSP (an initial document might be submitted by PanBalticScope).

The HELCOM Secretariat will present an update on the current work related to climate change. The Countries will be invited to share an update on national experience on accounting climate change issues in MSP.

Agenda item 6 MSP-related projects and events

The EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR) Action Plan is currently being reviewed. The Meeting is invited to take note of information on activities under the 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.



The VASAB Secretariat will present the status of the Capacity4MSP project platform as well as the upcoming MSP Forum that will be held in Riga on the 19-21 November 2019. The Meeting will also be informed on the last development of MSPglobal, an initiative co-financed by the European Commission’s European Maritime and fisheries Fund.

The SUBMARINER Network will present the MUSES project on multi-use in European sea-basins.

Agenda item 7 Any other business

The Meeting might wish to consider any other matters raised by the HELCOM and VASAB members and Observers at the Meeting.

Agenda item 8 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.