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Background

The HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group Work Plan 2017-2019 has been agreed by the 74th VASAB CSPD/BSR and HELCOM 38-2017. As the Work Plan is coming to its end, the HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats compiled the document 3-1 to support the Working Group to define the next Work Plan for the period 2020 – 2021.

This document is an initial proposal for the Work Plan 2020–2021, based on the evaluation of implementation of the Work Plan 2017-2019 (document 3-1) and proposals by HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to discuss the proposal, develop it further taking into consideration outcomes of the other discussions at the meeting and agree on the draft Work Plan 2020-2021.

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Action 1. Monitoring and follow up progress in regional MSP				
1.1	Continuously update of national information on MSP developments including implementation of the joint MSP principles, especially those principles not covered by guidelines development or other targeted activity.	HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats	Continuous	Updated Country Fiches on HELCOM and VASAB webpages.
1.2	Follow up the overall situation in the BSR countries with regard to implementation of the regional target of setting MSP plans applying ecosystem approach.	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	Continuous	Regularly presentation of the recent MSP development at the WG with reflection on the discussion in the WG's outcomes.
1.3	Follow up implementation of the Regional MSP Roadmap and BSAP.	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG Project based (i.e. Capacity4MSP)	Continuous once in a three-year period	
1.4	Compile good practices on the application of the regional MSP related Guidelines and propose revision, if necessary.	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG Project based (i.e. Capacity4MSP)	Continuous once in a three-year period	Reflection on the implementation of the Guidelines in the meeting outcomes. An overview of the good practices to implement the guidelines with conclusions on possible needs to revise.
1.5	Follow the discussion on MSP developments - Multi-uses, socio-economic, cultural	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	Continuous	Regularly update information in the outcomes of the meetings Workshops organized? + outcomes from relevant projects
Action 2. Intergovernmental cooperation on MSP				
2.1	Exchange experiences and good practices in MSP using the WG group as a platform for regional dialog.	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	Continuous	Presentation of the good practices identified in projects (e.g. Seed money, flagship projects) and outcomes of the meetings

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2.2	Exchange experience in linking implementation of MSP and other legal and policy frameworks including e.g. the EU directives.	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG [and European Commission]	Continuous	Regularly update information in the outcomes of the meetings
2.3	Evaluation of MSP coherency including land-sea interaction	Latvia / HELCOM Secretariat / Task Force	2020	Discussion paper on practices in the countries
2.4	Practical exchange on know-how	Sweden, HELCOM and VASAB Secretariat	Continuous	Planning forums (as outcome from Baltic SCOPE, PBS and continued in Capacity4MSP), seminars, workshops
Action 3. Development of the regional MSP framework				
3.1	Contribute to the update of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan reflecting in the document the role of MSP in achieving regional environmental objectives.	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	2020-2021	Input from the WG to the BSAP update process
3.2	Update of the regional MSP Roadmap	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	2020-2021	Regional MSP Roadmap 2021-2027
3.3	Update of the MSP Principles	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	2020-2021	Updated Joint MSP Principles, linked with the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan update
3.4	Develop an indicator-based system to follow up implementation of the goals set in the regional MSP framework.	HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats Capacity4MSP HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	2021	A set of indicators to follow up implementation of the regional MSP related goals. Procedures to follow up the regional MSP development, including compilation of information based on the HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group practices. Decision on organisation of follow up
3.5	Develop a common understanding of the cross-border coherence and subsequently on common criteria for following coherence of the plans	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	2020 Continuous	Report of the task force on cross-border coherence Reports on development of related processes, for instance MSPGlobal initiative. Contributions to related process from the Baltic Sea experiences

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3.6	Establish collaboration with ESPOO conventions.	Sweden??		Discussion with the representative of the ESPOO convention at one of the meetings
3.7	Consider the practical use of socio-economic parameters including ecosystem services in MSP	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG Pan Baltic Scope	Continuous 2020	Regularly update information in the outcomes of the meetings Report from Pan Baltic Scope on Economic and Social Assessment for MSP to be endorsed by the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG
3.8	Development of the practical means to integrate the green infrastructure/blue corridors concept into MSP practices.	Sweden with contribution by Germany and taking note of work being done by HELCOM State and Conservation Working Group, HOLAS II, Baltic Scope and outputs from Pan Baltic Scope projects.	2019-2020	Possible Session during a HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG on Pan Baltic Scope activities and results on EBA and GI? A compilation of the major ecosystem components and the description of their ecological value. A draft of the regional concept of a green infrastructure (blue corridors), based on the output from Pan Baltic Scope should be further developed (if needed) approved by the WG
Action 4. Information and data for MSP				
4.1	Development of requirements for harmonized and regularly updated regional MSP data	BSR MSP Data ESG Capacity4MSP	2021	Support tools and technical requirements to set use BASEMAPS .
4.2	Investigate and develop mechanism for improving quality and availability of data required for coherent development of MSPs	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG and BSR Data ESG as well as other HELCOM groups: FISH, State & Conservation, PRESSURE, MARITIME, SAFE NAVE and regional data holders e.g. ICES	Continuous	Meta data, templates for required data calls, proposals on communication mechanisms to establish regular data flows
4.3	Improve MSP related data sharing through regional distributed information systems utilizing existing platforms	HELCOM-VASAB MSP Data ESG	Continuous	Development of requirements for new data services and improvement existing services e.g. HELCOM Map and Data service and BASEMAPS

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Action 5. Outreach and education				
5.1	Improve visibility and transparency of MSP related data through development publicly available information resources	HELCOM-VASAB MSP Data ESG HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG Capacity4MSP HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats	Continuous	Information and content available on HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats.
5.2	Promote the education and professional development of MSP planners	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG Capacity4MSP project platform	Continuous	Organize back-to-back workshops (with Flagship projects) on MSP to support professional knowledge
5.3	Continuously increase Involvement of the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG in global and EU wide MSP initiatives	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats	Continuous	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG contributes to the elaboration of global MSP guidelines
5.4	Ensure better visibility with sectors involved in MSP	Germany HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	2020-2021	Energy workshops organised back-to-back with Meetings + outcomes from relevant projects (e.g., Capacity4MSP) Good practices published on HELCOM and VASAB websites to promote the WG activities
5.5	Act as Steering Committee and co-coordinators of the EUSBSRS HA Spatial Planning	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG: Steering Committee HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats: co-coordinators	Continuous	Flagship projects. Policy messages based on project's outputs Integration of the project outputs to the regional policy framework