



## OUTCOME OF THE 19<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE HELCOM-VASAB MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING WORKING GROUP (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 19-2019)

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### Introduction

0.1 The 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 19-2019) was held on 28-29 October in St. Petersburg, Russia, upon invitation by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russia Federation, SC Mineral.

0.2 The Meeting was attended by representatives of all HELCOM and VASAB members except the European Union, Denmark and Lithuania. No HELCOM observers were represented. The Meeting was also attended by a representative from the Baltic Environmental Forum. The List of Participants is contained in **Annex 1**.

0.3 The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Joacim Johannesson, Sweden, and Vice-Chair Kai Trümpler, Germany, on behalf of co-chair, Ms. Katarzyna Krzywda who did not attend the meeting.

0.4 The Co-Chair opened the Meeting and welcomed the participants.

0.5 Mr. Dmitry Frank-Kamenetsky, Professional Secretary of HELCOM, assisted by Mr. Florent Nicolas and Mr. Riku Varjopuro, HELCOM Secretariat, acted as Secretaries of the Meeting.

0.6 The meeting was welcomed to St. Petersburg by Mr. Nikolai Philippov from the St. Petersburg Government.

### Agenda Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda

Documents: 1-1, 1-2

1.1 The Meeting adopted the Agenda elaborated by the HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats in consultation with the Co-Chairs.

1.2 The Meeting agreed to consider information on the Progress of the Baltic Sea Region Data Expert Sub-Group (BSR Data ESG) on the first day together with the Baltic LINes project recommendations to the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG.

### Agenda Item 2 Matters arising from other HELCOM and VASAB work

Documents: 2-1

2.1 The Meeting took note of the information on the recent HELCOM and VASAB meetings as presented by HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats.

2.2 The Meeting took note that the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the HELCOM State & Conservation Working Group took place recently and the outcome was still not available.

### Agenda Item 3 Building up future common regional MSP framework

Document: 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4, 3-4-Rev.1, 3-5, 3-5-Att.1, 3-6, 3-7, 3-8, 4-1

3.1 The Meeting took note of the information on the findings of the assessment of the application of the Baltic Sea Common Regional Maritime Spatial Planning Framework preceding (Presentation 1) with general conclusion of the assessment that six out of ten of the MSP principles may need revision.

3.2 The Meeting took note that Åland has to be specifically reflected in the assessment as the Åland's MSP differs from other MSPs being developed in Finland.

- 3.3 The Meeting took note of the position of Sweden that the MSP principles are to remain almost unchanged but just some minor adjustment would be foreseen. Sweden also raise an issue of Espoo consultations and how it is practiced in relation to MSP.
- 3.4 The Meeting took note of the recommendations of the Baltic LINES project to the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG presented by Germany (Presentation 2). The Meeting also took note that the presented recommendations were derived from the project and do not reflect official position of Germany.
- 3.5 The Meeting took note of the clarification that annual meetings related to energy sectors in MSP would be mainly dedicated to discussion on general aspects of how to reflect the related issues in MSP. Also, projects might be considered if they referred to transboundary issues. The Meeting took note of the clarification by Germany that projects above a certain level are to be reflected in national MSPs.
- 3.6 The Meeting also pointed out that cooperation between HELCOM Working Groups and HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group is to be improved as well as general involvement of various stakeholders into MSP work.
- 3.7 The Meeting took note of the proposal by the Chair of BSR Data ESG to update the ToR for the expert group. The Meeting discussed the proposal of updated ToR of BSR Data ESG and endorsed it (Presentation 3).
- 3.8 The Meeting took note of the clarification that BASEMAPS is a service, routing users to the information resources of input data holders. The service is not completed as not all information is available and some datasets have restricted access which makes the process even more complicated.
- 3.9 The Meeting considered the draft evaluation of the Work Plan for the period 2017-2019 (document 3-1) and the proposal for HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG Work Plan for 2020-2021 (document 3-6) in 3 drafting groups organized in the frame of the meeting. A revised version of the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG Work Plan for 2020-2021 was compiled as a result of the drafting.
- 3.10 The Meeting agreed on the draft HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG Work Plan for 2020-2021 added as annex of this Outcome (**Annex 2**).
- 3.11 The Meeting took note of the information of the progress of the task forces on coherence of planning based on the presentation from Riku Varjopuro, HELCOM Secretariat (Presentation 4).
- 3.12 The Meeting welcome the initiative noting progress achieved by the Task Force.
- 3.13 The Meeting took note of the concern from some countries that border to border approach requires availability of sufficient data from all bordering countries which might be unavailable for all cases depending on the level of advancement of the MSP in the countries. Such data incoherence might hamper the development of common criteria. A set of more general regional criteria could be developed and used as alternative.
- 3.14 The Meeting took note that Sweden and Germany in general support the border to border approach and that sectoral incoherence of MSPs should be included in the evaluation criteria.
- 3.15 The Meeting noted that coherency of MSP between Finland and Åland is to be also considered as the mandates are rather different.
- 3.16 Germany supports consistent use of the term Maritime Spatial Planning applying an Ecosystem-Based approach.
- 3.17 The Meeting also proposed that more general criteria could be applied at initial stage of evaluation and then specified since more detailed information is available. The Meeting invited the task force to illustrate the border by border approach by exact case studies.
- 3.18 The Meeting took note of the ongoing work to update the Baltic Sea Action Plan and ongoing activities to support the analysis of sufficiency of measures (SOM) (document 3-3, Presentation 5).
- 3.19 The Meeting noted that existing spatial plans are considered in the SOM analysis when they refer to e.g. restrictions of activities in certain areas and that the effect of all measures with spatial

implications are evaluated by various HELCOM expert groups and intended to be validated by the corresponding working group. The Meeting invited the secretariat to share examples of when MSP is considered in the SOM analysis by correspondence and to clarify how validation of the input to the SOM analysis will take place for spatial measures by 4 November 2019.

3.20 The Meeting took note of the proposed dates for thematic BSAP UP project workshops in spring 2020, and that a cross-cutting workshop on biodiversity, loss and disturbance to the seabed, extraction of species (including by-catch, hunting) and spatial measures (MPA, MSP) is to take place 3 days during 25-29 May 2020 (dates to be defined). The Meeting noted that the thematic workshops will not only address the outcome of the analysis sufficiency but will discuss new HELCOM actions for the updated BSAP broadly, including for MSP.

3.21 The Meeting took note that countries are encouraged to prepare proposals on new actions for the updated BSAP by use of the predefined format for synopses as agreed by [HELCOM 40-2019](#). The Meeting noted that if it is not feasible or relevant to provide quantitative information on effect of measures a qualitative description can be provided instead. The Meeting further noted that Working Groups will be requested to review proposals new HELCOM actions received in the format of synopses at spring meetings in 2020.

3.22 The Meeting took note of the provisional agreement to adjust the BSAP structure by [HOD 56-2019](#) and the proposal that MSP will be primarily linked to the segment on sea-based activities (Presentation 6). The Meeting considered the proposals on HELCOM objectives with spatial implication and agreed to propose a revision of the objective 'Ecosystem-based planning through-out the Baltic Sea' to 'Maritime Spatial Planning applying an ecosystem-based approach throughout the Baltic Sea'. The Meeting noted that the objective will be linked to the segment on sea-based activities.

3.23 The Meeting took note of document 3-8 that provides initial ideas on how to reflect MSP in the updated BSAP. The Meeting recalled that MSP is only briefly reflected in the current BSAP, but that MSP is proposed to be a feature of the updated BSAP.

3.24 The Meeting took note of the proposed aspects and principles of MSP to be considered in the preamble of the BSAP. The Meeting furthermore noted the suggestion on how MSP can contribute to reducing pressures from sea-based activities (Table 1, document 3-8) and the initial proposals on actions for the updated BSAP.

3.25 The Meeting welcomed the document as a good background for further work on MSP in the updated BSAP.

3.26 The Meeting concluded that due to the fact that MSP differently regulates human activities and, in many cases, has limited influence, a more general approach to formulation of actions and measures would be suitable. The Meeting also indicated that the majority of the activities fall under the BSAP segment on sea-based activities.

3.27 The Meeting noted that [HOD 56-2019](#) proposed to consider aquaculture under sea-based activities and invited HELCOM Secretariat to update table 1 in document 3-8 as proposed by HOD 56-2019.

3.28 The Meeting agreed to provide written comments on the preamble and general approach proposed in the document 3-6 to the Secretariat (Riku.Varjopuro@helcom.fi) by 26 November. The Meeting requested HELCOM Secretariat to prepare an updated proposal on how to consider MSP in the updated BSAP based on the guidance given by the Meeting, results of the written commenting procedure and guidance on the updated BSAP structure which will be given by HELCOM HOD 57-2019. The Meeting took note of the comments by VASAB on the text proposed for preamble as it's reflected in the **Annex 3**.

3.29 The Meeting took note of the development of a HELCOM science agenda as agreed by HELCOM 40 and that all subsidiary bodies have been invited to contribute with proposals, with a focus on knowledge and science needs to implement HELCOM objectives and agreements (Presentation 7).

3.30 The Meeting made the following initial reflections on topics to address or check with regard to the science agenda:

- proposal from Pan Baltic Scope to consider maritime spatial planning in relation to socio-ecological systems
- lack of proposals related to impacts of climate changes e.g. on sea level changes and impacts on activities
- proposal to focus on big blocks of information needs for MSP i.e. spatial dimension of activities, pressures, species, habitats etc
- check tentative overlap between the proposals on “Identification of spawning habitats of fish species considered as noise sensitive and modelling of noise impact on these.” with ongoing activities the in Pan Baltic Scope project.
- identify priority research areas that could be highlighted for UN Decade of science

3.31 The Meeting encouraged countries to provide further input in writing by 15 November to the Secretariat ([ullali.zweifel@helcom.fi](mailto:ullali.zweifel@helcom.fi)) by use of the template that has been distribute for input to the science agenda.

#### **Agenda Item 4 Regional coordination and policy follow-up**

Documents: 4-2, 4-2-Rev.1

4.1 The Meeting took note of the information by VASAB Secretariat that country fiches and the regional calendar of national MSP-related processes and activities have been updated and are available on the VASAB website and added as an annex to this Outcome (**Annex 4**). The updated country fiches will also be published on the HELCOM website.

4.2 The Meeting noted that Russia invited Estonia to provide information related to MSP transboundary consultations also to the Russian contacts in HELCOM-VASAB MSP group.

4.3 The Meeting took note of the national update on new MSP developments:

**Estonia:** The drafting phase has ended in July 2019. Comments and replies to them can be seen in stage 3. Estonia is currently working with the main solution and separate impact assessment report (including SEA report). The third and final of the transboundary consultations will take place in 2020, approximately in February-March. Documents will be translated into English and countries are invited to look into the material. Commenting phase will be 9 weeks.

**Finland:** Finland is in an active planning phase and currently finalizing future maritime scenarios. The future scenarios will be made available in English soon from the MSP webpage. The Finnish MSP group is also working on a collaborative process where MSP's will be drafted during the regional stakeholder workshops. During February-March 2020, when the drafting phase will finish, draft plans will be made available for consultation. The draft plans will be revised based on the consultation material, and the plans will be finalised during fall 2020. Finalised plans will then be accepted by the regional councils in late 2020.

Åland has a different time-table. Draft plans available for consultation in late 2019. Work with consultation material during the spring of 2020. The second consultation process will take place during mid-2020, early fall. The consultation material from the second round will finalize the MSP for Åland which is to be acceptance by the Government of Åland early 2021.

**Germany:** In June 2019 the Ministry of Interior as the competent authority for maritime spatial planning, has send information to relevant authorities and stakeholders to inform them on the start of the plan revision and to ask for relevant information for the MSP preparation. Germany has finalized the preparation of a status report on the 2009 maritime spatial plans. The report assessed the process and content of the 2009 MSP and serves as a baseline for the preparation of the next plans with regard to the planning process and content. Workshops to gather further information on main topics (shipping, energy, environment, fisheries, defense, marine aggregates/hydrocarbons, underwater heritage) for the plan preparation and to discuss with relevant stakeholder possible are currently under way. The preparation of pre-drafts of plan alternatives has

started. It is planned to finalize the pre-drafts for presentation and discussion at the scoping meeting in February/March in 2020. The alternatives will focus on shipping, energy and the environment.

**Latvia:** Latvia has adopted MSP – the Government agreed on the final draft on 15th May 2019. Now the work is mainly focused on how to scale down these national decisions to the local level, as local municipalities have a planning mandate on 2 km wide coastal water zone. This would also include extensive work on legislation to ensure that local municipalities can also manage and benefit from these waters, not only plan.

**Poland:** On 4-5 June 2019 in Warsaw the third and the last international consultations meeting on the draft of Polish MSP was held. During this meeting the third draft of the plan was presented. After the Meeting countries could send comments and remarks in writing. Received comments were taken into consideration in the final version of the draft plan. The final version of the draft plan was provided by the contractor to the director of the maritime office in August 2019. The SEA procedure for the draft plan is planned to be started by the end of 2019.

**Russia:** There is no relevant development. The project platform Capacity4MSP will support the development of MSP Roadmap for the Baltic Sea.

**Sweden:** The Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management is currently in the process of finalizing Swedish marine spatial plan proposals, including impact assessments, to be delivered to Government by mid December 2019. An information meeting on the final marine spatial plan proposals will be held in Gothenburg on 10th of December (back to back with Pan Baltic Scope Handover meeting). The purpose of the meeting is to communicate about the final plan proposals including the strategic environmental assessment and the sustainability appraisal. Significant remaining comments made during the meeting will be noted and included in the statement accompanying the plan proposals.

4.4 The Countries were invited to check changes in the list of national MSP focal points for transboundary consultation and joint planning in the Baltic Sea Region countries<sup>1</sup> and to inform the HELCOM ([florent.nicolas@helcom.fi](mailto:florent.nicolas@helcom.fi)) and VASAB ([elina.veidemane@vasab.org](mailto:elina.veidemane@vasab.org)) Secretariats in case of any changes.

## Agenda Item 5 Ecosystem-based approach in MSP

Documents: 5-1, 5-2, 5-3, 5-4

5.1 The Meeting took note of the information on Green Infrastructures from the Pan Baltic Scope, presented by Kristine Kedo (Latvia) (Presentation 8).

5.2 The Meeting welcomed the information pointing out that the main value of the green infrastructure concept is to make compiled information on distribution of habitats and biotopes available for and used by planners. The concept of marine Green Infrastructure reflects needs for planning purposes being an attempt to link planning and biodiversity.

5.3 The Meeting took note of the information on the work on coherence and connectivity of MPAs currently being carried out by HELCOM State & Conservation and that the work of HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG should not overlap. There is a concept developed by Pan Baltic Scope project, it will be further improved in the future.

5.4 The Meeting noted that Finland applies the same concept as EBSA to take into account ecologically important sea areas in national MSP process, utilizing various data sources and modelling that identified 150 of such areas. The Meeting welcomed willingness of Finland to share the experience at the next HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 20-2020.

5.5 The Meeting also took note of the HELCOM Workshop on benthic mapping (Benthic Mapping WS 1-2019) will be held in Helsinki on 12-13 November and another meeting will be held next spring in Sweden on how to use the information on habitats.

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<sup>1</sup> Due to the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the list of national MSP focal points is not annexed to this Outcome.

- 5.6 The Meeting proposed to consider the future use of the report on marine Green Infrastructure by the Pan Baltic Scope project next year when the working group starts EBA Guideline revision.
- 5.7 The Meeting took note that all Pan Baltic Scope outcomes will be available on the webpage [panbalticscope.eu](http://panbalticscope.eu) by the end of the project.
- 5.8 The Meeting did not consider the outcomes of the BSR MSP Data ESG work regarding information on fisheries for MSP and took note that the comprehensive proposal on the overall approach on input data will be presented to the next HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG Meeting.
- 5.9 The Meeting took note of the information on the Synthesis Report on Ecosystem Approach to MSP.
- 5.10 The Meeting took note of the information related to the HELCOM work on climate change.
- 5.11 The Meeting took note of the invitation to the group member to participate in the Expert Network CLIME (EN CLIME) and contribute on the work on climate change impacts. The contact information is to be provided to HELCOM Secretariat ([jannica.haldin@helcom.fi](mailto:jannica.haldin@helcom.fi)).

### **Agenda Item 6 MSP-related projects and events**

Documents: 6-1, 6-2, 6-3

- 6.1 The Meeting took note of the information of the last developments and activities related to the European Union Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR) and Horizontal Action Spatial Planning.
- 6.2 The Meeting agreed that as soon as the proposal on revised EUSBSR Action Plan is received by the Secretariats, it will be circulated to the Working Group for commenting for preparation of a consolidated reply to the European Commission.
- 6.3 The Meeting took note of the presentation by Inga Jekabsone (VASAB Secretariat) about Capacity4MSP Project Platform (Presentation 9).
- 6.4 The Meeting took note that project will investigate an opportunity to cover travel costs of planners to ensure participation of planners in the project meetings.
- 6.5 The Meeting took note of the information on the upcoming MSPforum that will be held in Riga on 19-21 November 2019.
- 6.6 The Meeting took note that cross-borders experience of HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG will be presented at the workshop on cross-borders collaboration mechanisms and used as an input to international guidelines on MSP prepared by MSPglobal initiative.
- 6.7 The Meeting took note of the information on the HELCOM Letter of support for MSP2life.
- 6.8 The Meeting took note of the information on the implementation progress of the MSPglobal Initiative.

### **Agenda Item 7 Any other business**

- 7.1 The Meeting welcomed the proposal by Poland to host the next HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG meeting on 1-2 of April 2020. The Meeting also took note that Sweden could host HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 21-2020 in Gothenburg at the beginning of October 2020.
- 7.2 The Meeting proposed to consider following questions at the next MSP meeting: proposal on the update of the Road Map; MSP in the BSAP update; Pan Baltic Scope recommendations; Planning Forum as a long-term mechanism for planners' cooperation; results of the task force on coherence.

### **Agenda Item 8 Outcome of the Meeting**

- 8.1 The Meeting adopted the Outcome.



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## Annex 2 Draft Work Plan for the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 2020 - 2021

Nr	Task description	Lead country/support	Timeframe	Deliverable/ concrete output
<b>Action 1. Follow up progress in regional MSP</b>				
1.1.	Continuously update of national information on MSP developments including implementation of the joint MSP principles	HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	Continuous	Updated Country Fiches on HELCOM and VASAB webpages.  Presentation by relevant authority of the recent MSP development at the WG with reflection on the discussion in the WG's outcomes.
1.2	Compile good practices on the application of the regional MSP related Guidelines (including relationship to practical implementation of the ESPOO Convention) and propose revision of the guidelines, if necessary.	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG Projects (i.e. Capacity4MSP) Sweden	Continuous According to a workplan of projects	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.
<b>Action 2. Intergovernmental cooperation on MSP</b>				
2.1	Exchange experiences, know-how and good practices (e.g. on multi-uses, socio-economic, cultural aspects), using the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG as a platform for regional dialog.	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG Planning Forum Capacity4MSP and other projects	Continuous	Presentation of the good practices identified in projects (e.g. Seed money, flagship projects) and outcomes of the meetings. Planning forums, seminars, workshops, organized preferably back to back with HELCOM -VASAB MSP WG meetings.
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 approach on coherence of terrestrial and marine planning in MSP	Latvia / HELCOM Secretariat	2020	Discussion paper on practices in the countries (Land-Sea-Act project). Practical examples and workshop.

Nr	Task description	Lead country/support	Timeframe	Deliverable/ concrete output
2.4	Exploring a possibility for long lasting mechanism for cooperation of MSP practitioners (e.g. planning forum)	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG Capacity4MSP Pan Baltic Scope	2021	A concept of a long-lasting mechanism for cooperation with planning forum function and terms of reference for cooperation mechanism.
<b>Action 3. Development of the regional MSP framework</b>				
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 2021-20XX.
3.3	Update of the MSP Principles	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	2020-2021	Updated Joint MSP Principles, linked with the update of HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan and MSP Roadmap.
3.4	Update of Regional MSP guidelines based on outputs of the task 1.2	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG Projects (i.e. Capacity4MSP) Sweden	2020-2021	Updated MSP guidelines on EBA considering Pan Baltic Scope outcomes and other projects.
3.5	Develop a system to follow up implementation of the relevant goals set in the regional MSP framework.	HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG other relevant HELCOM workgroup Capacity4MSP, other projects (DG MARE contract on follow up and indicators of MSP) Pan Baltic Scope	2021	A concept of the system to follow up implementation of the relevant goals set in the regional MSP framework (e.g. workshop on implementation/follow up).
3.6	Develop a common understanding of the cross-border coherence	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG Task Force	2020	Report of the task force on cross-border coherence
3.7	Consider the practical use of socio-economic parameters including ecosystem services in MSP	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	Continuous  2020	Regularly update information in the outcomes of the meetings and exchange information between countries.  Report from Pan Baltic Scope on Economic and Social Assessment for MSP.

Nr	Task description	Lead country/support	Timeframe	Deliverable/ concrete output
3.8	Development of the practical means to integrate the marine green infrastructure concept into MSP practices. Including data development, e.g. HOLAS III.	Sweden with contribution by Germany, Latvia and HELCOM and taking note of work being done by HELCOM State & Conservation Working Group, HOLAS II, Baltic Scope and outputs from Pan Baltic Scope projects.	2021	Session during a HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG on Pan Baltic Scope activities and results on EBA and GI. Invite feedback from State & Conservation.  A draft of the regional concept of marine green infrastructure, based on the output from Pan Baltic Scope should be further developed (if needed).
<b>Action 4. Information and data for MSP</b>				
4.1	Development of guide for accessible and regularly updated regional MSP data	HELCOM via Capacity4MSP BSR MSP Data ESG	2021	Support tools and technical requirements to set use <a href="#">BASEMAPS</a> .  BSR data ESG would promote the use of BASEMAPS at national level.
4.2	Investigate and develop mechanisms for improving quality and availability of data required for development of coherent 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	Proposals on communication and collaboration mechanisms between HELCOM Working Groups.
4.3	Ensure MSP output data sharing through regional distributed information systems utilizing existing information platforms	HELCOM-VASAB MSP Data ESG	Continuous	Adopted MSPs are available in BASEMAPS in accordance with the Guideline on transboundary MSP output data structure.

**Annex 3****Comments from VASAB on the BSAP Preamble on the document 3-8****MSP in BSAP preamble**

Pre-amble to the BSAP identifies policy relevance of the document and establish basic principles relevant for all segments of the BSAP. As long as MSP as management tool contributes to achieving ecological objectives of different BSAP segments, in general, the role of MSP in the BSAP could be identified in the preamble together with the basic principles of its applications. The details of the use of MSP to achieve specific BSAP would be further specified in the BSAP segments. In the preamble we propose to reflect the following:

-that maritime spatial planning is a management tool utilized for integrated management of sea based human activities and thus reduce their impacts on various components of the marine environment safeguarding biodiversity, promoting the sustainable growth of maritime economies and the sustainable use of marine resources;

-that maritime spatial planning is based on a comprehensive, forward looking analysis of large sea areas with a purpose of identifying preferred and optimal locations for the sea-based activities and, thus, contributes to ecological objectives of different BSAP segments;

-that maritime spatial planning contributes to achieving good environmental status of the Baltic Sea ~~being~~, based on ecosystem-based approach, coherent across borders and considering social, economic and cultural aspects ~~of the inhabitants~~.

Annex 4  
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## Updated regional calendar for national MSP-related processes and activities (October

2019		
Month	MSP related meetings	MSP related processes
October	<p>LT - <b>Transboundary consultation</b> event on the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and primary results for a new Comprehensive Plan of the Territory of the Republic of Lithuania, on 3rd October, Vilnius</p> <p>RU-SE - 14th <b>Meeting of the Russian-Swedish Coordination Committee</b> within the Environment, Working Group for Water Resources, 10-11th of October 2019 in Stockholm</p> <p>RU - XVIII Annual <b>Strategic Planning Leaders Forum</b> of the regions and cities of Russia will be held on 28-29th of October 2019 in St. Petersburg (RU). Sessions on Blue Economy and BSR Regional Cooperation.</p> <p>19th Meeting of the joint <b>HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group</b> on 28-29th of October 2019 in St. Petersburg (RU)</p>	<p>LT - Transboundary consultation on the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and primary results for a new Comprehensive Plan of the Territory of the Republic of Lithuania</p>
November	<p>17th <b>EU MS MSP Expert Group</b> meeting on 18-19 November, Riga (LV).</p> <p>Maritime Spatial Planning Forum <b>"Global meets regional"</b> on 19-21 November 2019 in Riga (LV), organised together by VASAB, IOC UNESCO, EC DG-MARE and Pan Baltic Scope collaboration, will serve as a joint event of the 4th International MSP Forum, 3rd Baltic MSP Forum as well as the closing conference of Pan Baltic Scope collaboration.</p> <p><b>AX</b> – Will present the <b>first draft of the MSP</b> at a "Åland" scale meeting, as well as electronically available material (in Swedish)</p> <p><b>The Gulf of Finland Science Days 2019</b> on 13th-14th of November 2019, Helsinki (FI)</p> <p>FI – Interactive regional workshops for drafting maritime spatial plans with stakeholders</p>	<p><b>AX</b> – Preliminary timetable: the first MSP draft will be presented and the first public consultation (also international) will be started</p>

<b>December</b>	<b>SE</b> – Swedish information meeting on the final marine spatial plan proposals for Swedish sea areas on 10th of December 9.00-12.00 in Gothenburg, Sweden. The purpose of the meeting is to communicate about the final plan proposals including the strategic environmental assessment and the sustainability appraisal.	<b>AX</b> – 1 <sup>st</sup> consultation ongoing
<b>2020</b>		
<b>Month</b>	<b>MSP related meetings</b>	<b>MSP related processes</b>
<b>January</b>		<b>AX</b> – 1 <sup>st</sup> consultation ongoing
<b>February</b>		<b>AX</b> – 1 <sup>st</sup> consultation ongoing and work with consultation material and MSP revisions will start  <b>EE</b> : Second publishing of the draft reports of the main planning solution and impact assessment, including the SEA draft report (second commenting phase)
<b>March</b>	<b>DE</b> – Transboundary consultation meeting on the pre-drafts and alternative solution for the revision of the maritime spatial plan for the German EEZ in the Baltic Sea and the status report (back-to-back meeting with HELCOM/VASAB MSP WG tbd)  <b>RU</b> - XX Anniversary International Environmental Forum <b>Baltic Sea Day</b> , 19-20th of March 2020, St. Petersburg	<b>AX</b> – MSP revision work  <b>DE</b> – Transboundary consultation on pre-drafts and alternative solutions for the revision of the maritime spatial plan for the German EEZ in the Baltic Sea, along with publication of a status or baseline report for the revision process.  <b>EE</b> : Second publishing of the draft reports of the main planning solution and impact assessment, including the SEA draft report (second commenting phase)
<b>April</b>		<b>AX</b> – MSP revision work
<b>May</b>		<b>AX</b> – MSP revision work  <b>FI</b> – 2nd unofficial national and international consultation on first drafts
<b>June</b>		<b>AX</b> – MSP revision work  <b>DK</b> – The first MSP draft is expected to be ready by the middle of 2020.  <b>FI</b> – 2nd unofficial national and international consultation on first drafts
<b>July</b>		<b>AX</b> – MSP 2 <sup>nd</sup> draft will be presented and second public consultation launched

		<p><b>EE:</b> Notifying neighbours about disclosure of the report of the planning solution and impact assessment, including the SEA report</p> <p><b>FI</b> – 2nd unofficial national and international consultation on first drafts</p>
August		<p><b>AX</b> – 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing ongoing</p> <p><b>FI</b> – finalizing planning proposal</p>
September		<p><b>AX</b> – 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing ongoing</p> <p><b>FI</b> – finalizing planning proposal</p>
October		<p><b>AX</b> - Work with 2<sup>nd</sup> consultation material and MSP revisions</p> <p><b>FI</b> – asking for opinions on planning proposals</p>
November		<p><b>AX</b> - Work with 2<sup>nd</sup> consultation material and MSP revisions</p> <p><b>FI</b> – approval of MSP's by Regional Councils</p>
December		<p><b>AX</b> - Work with 2<sup>nd</sup> consultation material and MSP revisions</p> <p><b>FI</b> – approval of MSP's by Regional Councils</p>
<b>2021</b>		
January	<b>AX</b> - Meetings with stakeholders and partners	<b>AX</b> - Work with 2 <sup>nd</sup> consultation material and MSP revisions
February	<b>AX</b> - Meetings with stakeholders and partners	<b>AX</b> - Work with 2 <sup>nd</sup> consultation material and MSP revisions
March		<b>AX</b> - MSP to be adopted by the Government of Åland