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Background

The HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 20-2020 will be opened on **Wednesday, 1 April 2020 at 9:00** in the premises of the Ministry of Maritime Economy and Inland Navigation of Poland (Nowy Świat 6/12 Street, Warsaw) and is expected to end on **Thursday, 2 April 2020 at 16:00**. The Meeting will be jointly chaired by the Working Group Co-Chairs Mr. Joacim Johannesson, Sweden, and Ms. Katarzyna Krzywda, Poland. More information regarding the meeting room will be communicated to the meeting participants at a later stage.

The Meeting will be focussed on discussing the update the Regional MSP Roadmap; the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan update as well as regular updates about intergovernmental cooperation and follow up progress in the regional MSP framework. Specifically, the Meeting will be informed of the progress of the Task Force on criteria for MSP coherence, the identification of important sea areas in the MSP process of Finland and initial proposals for the scope of the Ecosystem-based approach Guideline with input from the Pan Baltic Scope Project. Information on data for MSP will also be part of the agenda. Documents for the Meeting will be made available on the [HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 20-2020 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 23 March 2020**.

In accordance with the agreement by HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 6-2013 (Outcome, paragraph 1.2), the Contracting Parties/Member Countries as well as Observers are requested to submit substantial documents requiring a decision or action to the Secretariats (dmitry.frank-kamenetsky@helcom.fi, florent.nicolas@helcom.fi and info@vasab.org) **by 28 February 2020** and information documents **by 16 March 2020**. Practical information, including document template are available on the [HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 20-2020 Meeting Site](#).

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 based on the Outcome of the Nineteenth 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 57th Meeting of the HELCOM Heads of Delegation (HOD 57-2019) as well as meetings of HELCOM High-level Segment and 41st Meeting of the Helsinki Commission (HELCOM 41-2020).

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

Agenda item 3 Development of the regional MSP framework

The Meeting will be invited to take note of the brief summary of the key recommendations from Pan Baltic Scope project (Sweden will submit document) and the evaluation of implementation of the regional MSP roadmap (document to be submitted by HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats). An input regarding key elements of the regional MSP framework will be given by Capacity4MSP project (presentations by Ms. Schultz-Zehden and Mr. Jacek Zaucha).

The meeting is invited to discuss implementation of the current Regional MSP roadmap and agree on the goal, scope and timespan of the next regional MSP roadmap.

The meeting is invited to take note the state of the update of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan, the ongoing analysis of sufficiency of measures (SOM) analysis as well as the HELCOM science agenda (document submitted by the HELCOM Secretariat). HOD 57-2019 discussed how maritime spatial planning should be addressed in the updated BSAP and mandated the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG to elaborate a proposal regarding integration of the MSP into the updated BSAP. The Meeting is invited to consider and agree on a conceptual proposal on the way how MSP could be reflected in the updated BSAP and the link between the updated BSAP and regional MSP roadmap (document submitted by HELCOM Secretariat).

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 is invited to comment on the suggestion for a common definition and criteria for coherent MSP plans as prepared by the Task Force on MSP Coherence.

The meeting is invited to take note of the analysis and presentation of ecologically important areas in Finland's marine areas and how this analysis is utilized in the MSP process.

An initial proposals for the scope of the EBA Guideline update with focus on integration of the concept of Green Infrastructures/Blue Corridors in MSP and marine environmental management, including input from the results of the Pan Baltic Scope project will be presented by Latvia and Sweden, based on the content from the project's "Green Infrastructure activity". The meeting is invited to discuss the initial proposals by Sweden for the scope of the EBA Guideline update. The Meeting is invited to agree on the scope and on the timeframe of the updating process in line with the Group's work plan.

Agenda item 4 Information and data for MSP

HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 18-2019 requested Baltic Sea Region MSP Data Expert Sub-Group to initiate discussion on fisheries data that are needed for national MSP with the goal to identify common requirements for aggregated fisheries data. The Meeting is invited to consider the recommendation from the BSR MSP Data ESG and propose further steps to elaborate common requirements for aggregated fisheries data (document and presentation will be submitted by the Chair of BSR MSP Data ESG).

BSR MSP Data ESG was tasked to make initial proposals on the development of a guide for accessible and regularly updated regional MSP input data - support tools and technical requirements to use [BASEMAPS](#).

The meeting is invited to take note and discuss the initial proposal on the overall approach on MSP input data for BASEMAPS (the document submitted by the Chair of BSR MSP Data ESG).

Agenda item 5 Intergovernmental cooperation and follow up progress in regional MSP.

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

A first draft of MSP will be presented to the Meeting by Finland. The meeting is invited discuss the draft and provide feedback on the draft maritime spatial plan developed by Finland. The Meeting will also be invited to take note of how the participatory analysis of future maritime scenarios 2050 are utilized in the MSP process.

The Secretariats and all Contracting Parties are invited to share information on recent development of the regional MSP framework, meetings, workshops and other events to update the regional calendar of MSP-related processes and meetings, as well as update of MSP country fiches.

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 Meeting will be invited to discuss the outcome and format of the 1st Capacity4MSP Planners Forum that was held in the previous day March 31st.

The Meeting is invited to take note on information on HELCOM Workshop on benthic mapping (Benthic Mapping WS 1-2019), held on 12-13 November 2019 in Helsinki and on the progress of the HELCOM work on climate change (document will be submitted by the HELCOM Secretariat). The Contracting Parties are also invited to share national experience on the accounting of climate change impacts in MSP and discuss information needs in relation to the impact of changing climate parameters.

Agenda item 6 Coordination of Horizontal Action Spatial Planning and 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 and its contribution to the Group's work. The meeting will be invited to propose Capacity4MSP project platform for flagship status.

The meeting will be informed about the possible forthcoming DG MARE call for MSP project.

The Meeting will also be informed on the last developments of MSPglobal, an initiative co-financed by the European Commission's European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (information presented by the HELCOM Secretariat).

The SUBMARINER Network will present the finalised MUSES project and new Horizon 2020 project UNITED on multi-use in European sea-basins.

The meeting will be informed about new international project on MSP called OCEANS PACT (information document by the HELCOM Secretariat).

Baltic RIM project is the project aimed to integrate management of the cultural heritage in and at the Baltic Sea into maritime spatial planning. The Meeting will be invited to take note of the presentation by Poland (Magdalena Matczak) on the major finding of the project (Poland is invited to submit a brief information document).

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.