



The memorandum on cooperation with MSP processes

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The BalticRIM Project Partners suggest that the MEMORANDUM on Cooperation on MCH is adopted by VASAB-HELCOM WG on MSP in consideration of the benefit of the common good – the MARITIME CULTURAL HERITAGE of the Region.



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MCH is a cultural heritage that is formed by material and immaterial remains of seafaring and the use(s) of sea located on dry land and under water therefore the underwater heritage should be seen as a part of a larger maritime cultural heritage

The MSP approach to MCH varies among the BSR countries. Some MCH sites are marked as points and other as areas, depending on different legal protection status and reliable data accessibility

MCH should be considered as very relevant sector to promote the multi-use concept at sea

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Narrowed concept of MCH still dominates among MSP planners and sectoral officers: underwater cultural heritage is limited mainly to wrecks, many other cultural heritage assets are neglected

MSP planners should be aware of the diversity and versatility of MCH. MSP should take into considerations not only wrecks but also key seascapes and historic sites such as large sea battlefields, ship cemeteries, natural harbors, maritime recycling areas, wreck parks, historic sea routes, prehistoric underwater settlement areas and ensure /provide site-specific conditions for safeguarding them

General MCH knowledge among MSP planners and other sectors needs strengthening in order to include MCH into MSP processes in a decent way, otherwise the planning solutions might be insufficient in order to strengthen preservation and sustainable use of the MCH in the BSR

Considering land sea interactions is vital for proper inclusion of MCH under MSP. In particular the influence of MSP plans on the MCH terrestrial objects should become a MSP planning routine

MSP should help to detect areas with high probability of areal MCH appearance cross border, and to exchange good practices

MCH is constituted by both tangible and intangible elements i.e. visible elements located at sea or land (e.g. maritime cultural landscapes, single architectural monuments etc.) and emotions and values raised by them;

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Case Studies: DANISH CASE, DANISH-GERMAN CASE, FLENSBURG FJORD, ESTONIAN-FINNISH CASE, GULF OF FINLAND, FINNISH CASE, GERMAN CASE, LITHUANIAN CASE, POLISH CASE, RUSSIAN CASE, RUSSIAN-FINNISH CASE, VIROLANTI, RUSSIAN CASE, SUB BASIN.

PAN-BALTIC: GENERAL DATA, BLUE GROWTH, MCH AND UCH TOURISTIC SITES, MCH AND UCH TOURISTIC ROUTES, TRANSBOUNDARY LEGACIES, PLANNING CONCEPTS, ATTRACTIVE LIVING ENVIRONMENTS, UNDERWATER CULTURAL LANDSCAPES, PRIORITY USE AREAS, CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT AREAS, MULTI USE, NATIONAL DATA, IMPACTS.

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- Case studies: A closed working environment
- Pan-baltic: An open part for public display

<https://balticrimdataportal.eu/>



PREAMBLE:

- Having regard to the respective mandate of the HELCOM-VASAB Working Group on Maritime Spatial Planning;
- Having regard to the respective mandate of the Baltic Region Heritage Committee and its Working Group on Underwater Heritage and the Working Group on Coastal Heritage;
- Having regard to the Code of Good Practice for the Management of Underwater Cultural Heritage in the Baltic Sea Region (COPUCH, 2008);
- Having regard to the VASAB-HELCOM Guidelines on transboundary consultations, public participation and co-operation, in particular their part on co-operation;
- Having regard to the results of the BalticRIM project, which recognized the potential of maritime cultural heritage in the Baltic Sea, its importance for blue growth, consequences for spatial planning, identified gaps and challenges;
- In line with the findings of the previous transnational projects covering Marine Cultural Heritage (MCH), the PartiSEApate project in particular;
- Having in mind that the EU MSP Directive (DIRECTIVE 2014/89/EU) encourages member states to include underwater cultural heritage as an important topic of their maritime spatial plans, whereas broader notion of MCH is still waiting to be included in this document;
- Being aware that the current Roadmap on BSR MSP of the HELCOM-VASAB Working Group insufficiently covers the recognized MCH challenges;



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- Taking note of the internet services/data&information sources/ produced by the BalticRIM project, namely:
 - BalticRIM DataPortal, <https://balticrimdataportal.eu/>
 - BalticRIM WIKI for terminology, Dokuwiki.balticrim.eu
 - BalticRIM homepage, <https://www.submariner-network.eu/balticrim>.
- Recognizing Maritime Cultural Heritage importance in building regional identity and its fragility and vulnerability to changing environment and physical destruction;
- Recognizing the role of MCH role in creating and enhancing well-being, quality of life, identity, sense of place, social capital, and Blue Growth ;
- Being aware that MCH as a source of aesthetical values for coastal societies, needs preservation and maintenance and simultaneously as a source of development stimuli enhancing blue growth, sustainable high quality tourism in particular , it requires intensification of exploitation;
- Recognizing growing pressures that might negatively affect MCH in the BSR in particular noting growing competition for maritime space;
- Recognizing the role of MSP in strengthening its protection and boosting synergy with other sectors;
- Being aware of the need of common BSR MSP approach to MCH and important benefits out of transnational coordination of MCH at BSR level;
- Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure



IT IS SUGGESTED TO AGREE TO:

- Take up the maritime cultural heritage higher in the HELCOM-VASAB WG on MSP agenda as an important part of Baltic countries identity which should be strengthened by MSP;
- Consider the maritime cultural heritage as one of the points in the HELCOM-VASAB Roadmap on MSP in particular in a form of bi-annual debates on MCH initiated by the HELCOM-VASAB WG on MSP (e.g. in a framework of biannual BSR MSP Fora)
- Establish the permanent cooperation between the HELCOM-VASAB Working Group on MSP and the Baltic Region Heritage Committee and its Working Group on Underwater Heritage;
- Establish the permanent cooperation between the HELCOM-VASAB MSP national contacts points with adequate national cultural institutions;
- Maintain the BalticRIM data portal as a part of the HELCOM-VASAB WG effort on MSP data;



IT IS SUGGESTED TO AGREE TO:

- Establish the HELCOM-VASAB expert group (contacts) on MCH;
- Utilise experience and structures of the HELCOM-VASAB WG on MSP for dissemination of the BalticRIM project results and recommendations as well as success stories of inclusion of MCH into MSP by the BSR countries and in the long run all other MSP relevant information on MCH;
- Integrate the MCH into ongoing work on the green infrastructure of the HELCOM-VASAB WG on MSP;
- Address all BSR countries with a plea of the HELCOM-VASAB Working Group on MSP to give duly attention to their MCH under the MSP process and in particular to make use of an integrated and holistic approach to that end;
- Stimulate education, information, and interactions discussing comprehensive ways to recognise MCH under MSP.

