



OUTCOME OF THE 22nd MEETING OF THE HELCOM-VASAB MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING WORKING GROUP (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 22-2021)

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Introduction

0.1 The 22nd Meeting of the joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 22-2021) was held on 20-21 April 2021. Due to COVID-19 circumstances the Meeting took place online. The Meeting was attended by representatives of all Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention and VASAB members except Lithuania. HELCOM observers were represented by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES), The Coastal & Marine Union (EUCC) and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). The Meeting was also attended by invited guests from Spatial Foresight GmbH, the EU MSP Assistance Mechanism, the Finnish Environment Institute, BalticRIM project representatives as well as representatives from the Institute for Historical Coastal Research of Wilhelmshaven (Germany) and the University of Copenhagen. The list of Participants is contained in **Annex 1**.

0.2 The Meeting was chaired by the Co-Chair of the Working Group, Mr. Joacim Johannesson, Sweden, and vice-chair Mr. Kai Trümpler, Germany.

0.3 The Meeting recalled that the mandate of the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG expires by the end of 2021 and that the Working Group is to apply for prolongation of the mandate and revise the Working Group work plan. If needed, the mandate could also be revised.

0.4 The Meeting decided that the election of co-Chairs and vice-Chairs will be organized at the next Working Group meeting (i.e. HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 23-2021), if the prolongation of the Working Group's mandate will be approved by VASAB CSPD/BSR and HELCOM HOD.

0.5 The Meeting welcomed Kai Trümpler co-chairing the Meeting from VASAB side.

0.6 The Co-Chairs opened the Meeting and welcomed the participants.

0.7 Mr. Dmitry Frank-Kamenetsky, Professional Secretary of HELCOM, assisted by Mr. Florent Nicolas acted as Secretaries of the Meeting.

Agenda Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda

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 the document 6-3 on the follow-up mechanism from the project platform Capacity4MSP from Agenda item 6 to the Agenda item 3.

Agenda Item 2 Matters arising from other HELCOM and VASAB work

2.1 The Meeting took note of the information on the recent HELCOM and VASAB meetings (document 2-1)

2.2 The Meeting took note of the Outcome of the [HELCOM Stakeholder Conference 2021](#) "Practically Implementing Ecosystem-Based Management" held on 11 March 2021" (document 2-2).

Agenda Item 3 Development of the regional MSP framework

- 3.1 The Meeting took note of the information on the progress of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP) update presented by Ms. Susanna Kaasinen from the HELCOM Secretariat (**Presentation 1**). The presentation includes the preliminary timetable and division of tasks for drafting the updated BSAP in 2021.
- 3.2 The Meeting took note of the information on the launch of the [HELCOM explorer](#) in autumn 2020. The HELCOM Explorer serves to follow up the implementation of the HELCOM agreements including actions from the BSAP.
- 3.3 The Meeting discussed the additional information for the MSP related actions as presented in the document 3-2 and in general agreed on that as given in the [Attachment 1](#) to the Outcome.
- 3.4 The Meeting discussed classification of MSP related actions and in general agreed to provisionally classify them as supporting actions. The Meeting also took note that irrespectively of classifications of measures in the BSAP, they will be followed up and their implementation will be assessed. The Meeting invited Sweden to make a proposal on the expected effects and agreed to consider the classification over actions via correspondence by 1 September 2021.
- 3.5 The Meeting took note that the supplementary information is expected to be approved by HELCOM HODs in September 2021 and thus delegations which are hesitating about the classification as supporting actions might raise the issue again after national consultations.
- 3.6 The Meeting took note that military activities are missing in the list of activities (document 3-2 Att.1) due to the fact that these activities are exemptions from provisions of the Helsinki Convention.
- 3.7 The Meeting took note that the activity “munition disposal” should be rephrased, for example, with “handling historically disposed munition and chemicals”, as the disposal of munition is prohibited by the Helsinki Convention. The Meeting invited the HELCOM Secretariat to forward this information to the relevant HELCOM subsidiary bodies and Heads of Delegation.
- 3.8 The Meeting took note of the information on actions that can be used for planning the work of the Working Group.
- 3.9 The Meeting noted that the horizontal action HAN04 is of such a broad nature that it could be cross-referenced with the majority of sea-based measure which probably does not make any added value. The Meeting also suggested that action HAN05 should be cross-referenced with BE31 as well as BE44 with HAN06.
- 3.10 The Meeting took note of the presentation from VASAB and invited guest Maria Toptsidou from Spatial Foresight GmbH on the update of the VASAB Long-Term Perspective for the Territorial Development of the Baltic Sea (LTP), that will take place by the end of 2022 and is intended as open, participatory and co-creative process (**Presentation 2**).
- 3.11 The Meeting welcomed the presentation and invited the VASAB Secretariat to inform the Working Group about the dates of the workshops in advance.
- 3.12 The Meeting took note that LTP is the main strategic document for VASAB cooperation where MSP is one of the three main pillars, therefore Working Group`s engagement and contribution to the LTP-update process is crucial.
- 3.13 The Meeting took note that the Methodology for the LTP-update is currently undergoing the approval stage within VASAB CSPD/BSR. As soon as the Methodology will be approved, it will be publicly available at the VASAB website and shared with the Working Group.
- 3.14 The Meeting took note that the engagement of the Working Group into the LTP-update process will be reflected in the new work plan of the Working Group according to the approved Methodology.
- 3.15 The Meeting discussed the finalization of the new Regional Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) Roadmap 2021-2030 (document 3-3).

- 3.16 The Meeting agreed on an updated version of the new Regional MSP Roadmap 2021-2030 for submission to HOD 60-2021 and CSPD/BSR as given in the [Attachment 2](#).
- 3.17 The Meeting took note that Russia needs to consult on the formulation of action 3.4 and invited to inform HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats (florent.nicolas@helcom.fi, elina.veidemane@vasab.org) about the results by 28 April 2021.
- 3.18 The Meeting invited contracting parties to provide editorial comments on the Roadmap to HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats (florent.nicolas@helcom.fi, elina.veidemane@vasab.org) by 28 April 2021.
- 3.19 The Meeting took note of the information on the draft report of the cross-border coherence task force (document 3-1) presented by Riku Varjopuro (invited guest) and welcomed the document highlighting its importance not only for the Baltic Sea Area but also for other sea areas.
- 3.20 The Meeting took note that Sweden and Germany have already practically used the guidance contained by the document and found it practical. The Meeting took note that Sweden has concrete proposals regarding better reflection of Espoo Convention in the document and invited Sweden to forward these proposals to SYKE (riku.varjopuro@syke.fi) and HELCOM Secretariat (florent.nicolas@helcom.fi).
- 3.21 The Meeting discussed the use of the document and suggested that at first stage the document will be utilized as a voluntary guidance for assessing cross-border coherence of MSPs. After gaining experience and receiving examples of practical application of the document, the document can be further advanced and developed.
- 3.22 The Meeting took note of the view of Latvia that the document should be concretized, and the assessment procedure should be simplified for the use in a first trial round.
- 3.23 The Meeting also concluded that the document can be better structured by dividing it into two parts – background and operational part and using numbered headings which will make the document more user friendly.
- 3.24 The Meeting took note of the proposal by Poland that the guidance should start from evaluation of preconditions for assessment of coherence based on simple and clear check list.
- 3.25 The Meeting also suggested that some examples of assessment of spatial coherence could be given for limited sea areas shared by a few coastal states. These examples can be given to illustrate spatial dimension of the coherence in addition to sectoral dimension. Sweden and Germany agreed to provide their case study to Riku Varjopuro (riku.varjopuro@syke.fi).
- 3.26 The Meeting invited contracting parties to provide final comments containing concrete textual proposal for the document to SYKE (riku.varjopuro@syke.fi) and Secretariat (florent.nicolas@helcom.fi) by 10 May 2021.
- 3.27 The Meeting agreed to return to the consideration of the document at HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 23-2021 and agree on the testing period for the document and deadline for its reviewing based on the gained experience.
- 3.28 The Meeting took note of the follow-up mechanism from the Capacity4MSP Project platform (document 6-3) and welcomed the proposal.
- 3.29 The Meeting exchanged views on its sufficiency to provide comprehensive information on the achieved progress of regional framework for MSP and proposed also to include evaluation of national progress ('state of play') on MSP as the fifth item in the package.

Agenda Item 4 Information and data for MSP

- 4.1 The Meeting took note of the information on the last developments of the EU Technical Expert Group on MSP data (document 4-1 and 4-1 Att.1), specifically on the use of the models developed for BASEMAPS. The Meeting also took note on the seminar of the Technical Expert Group to enhance the cross-border coherence of MSP through data sharing.

4.2 The Meeting took note the information by the European Union (EU) representatives that the goal of the EU Technical Expert Group (TEG) on MSP data was to explore opportunities to harmonize MSP related data, structured and stored them in a way to ensure data accessibility and use. EMODNET is considered as the main data repository for the EU and some countries which are not Member States of the EU. The Meeting thanked Joni Kaitaranta from HELCOM and Andre Abramic from the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria for co-chairing the TEG. The Meeting took note that the results of the work of the TEG will be presented at the Meeting of the Member States Expert Group on MSP to be held on 28-29 April 2021, with the aim to evaluate applicability of proposed approach for the EU Member States.

4.3 The Meeting recalled that the maps available in the EMODNET data portal or BASEMAPS are simplified visualization of maritime spatial plans.

4.4 The Meeting took note of the decisions of the 14th Meeting of the Baltic Sea Region Maritime Spatial Planning Data Expert Sub-Group (BSR MSP Data ESG) presented by Kristine Kedo (Latvia), Chair of the BSR MSP Data ESG.

4.5 The Meeting welcomed the report and expressed high appreciation of the work done by the BSR MSP Data ESG.

4.6 The Meeting thanked Kristine Kedo (Latvia), Chair of the BSR MSP Data ESG for the excellent chairing of the group and for her input in the progress of this group work. The Meeting approved the election of Natalia Zajac (Poland) as the Chair of the Expert Sub-Group.

Agenda Item 5 Intergovernmental cooperation and follow-up progress in regional MSP

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

Denmark: Denmark published its first maritime spatial plan on March 31st 2021 as an executive order in shape of a digital platform (www.havplan.dk/en). The plan is under consultation until September 30th. During this time the plan has legal effect. Invitations will soon be sent out for an international meeting in which the plan will be presented.

Estonia: We regret to inform that Estonian MSP process is still ongoing. In the process we have had different delays we could not foresee – COVID-19 situation (where we could not arrange public hearings), different Supreme Court rulings that changed our initial approaches, changes of the Government. In the MSP solution we still have to solve a conflict between offshore wind energy areas and trawling areas overlaps and the solution will be decided by the Government in upcoming weeks. After that we can continue the process. Right now we see that if we could continue the official process in May then the we would be able to conclude it at the end of this year.

Finland: Finnish maritime spatial plan 2030 is finalized and submitted to the EU Commission in the middle of March. It is digital, and its data model will also be modified to fit into national digital land use and building data model. At the moment we prepare monitoring and evaluation of the plan. We will also participate in the eMSP –project.

Germany: Germany finished the national and international consultation of the first draft of the maritime spatial plan for the German EEZ. Slight amendments to the draft were made based on feedback received, and the plan is now in the interministerial consultation process. We hope to begin the second round of consultation in May and are still aiming to adopt the plan by September

Latvia: It has been almost 2 years of implementation of Latvian MSP since the approval in 2019. In this time no new licences for activities in Latvian marine waters have been issued, but there are a lot of new initiatives for new development in Latvian marine waters. There is also currently active cooperation between Latvian and Estonian institutions to develop a joint offshore wind farm, which will be the first offshore wind farm in Latvian sea waters. Within a new research project financed by European Commission's LIFE programme project LIFE REEF the investigation of biodiversity values in exclusive economic zone of Latvian marine waters

will be carried out, to get more knowledge on the values and how to be in line with the target for Baltic Sea basin to have 30% of the sea covered by Marine protected areas. Therefore Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of Latvia is acting as the main marine data provider for sea research and more detailed activity planning in the Latvian marine waters.

Poland: In April 2021 the Council of Ministers adopted the plan. After publishing in the Official Journal, it will become binding. We expect, that it will come into force in May.

Russia: The development of the legal framework is going on. Consultations with relevant authorities and stakeholders are organized by the project platform Capacity4MSP. Russian MSP roadmap is under development as well as for the Russian part of the Gulf of Finland and the South-East Baltic.

Sweden: The Government is currently preparing the marine spatial plans for adoption at the latest by 31 May 2021. SwAM is working on a framework for MSP-follow up. An external evaluation of the Swedish MSP-process has been carried out but not yet published.

5.2 The Meeting took note of the MSP country fiches and regional calendar of national MSP-related processes and meetings (**Annex 2**). The Meeting also took note that the regional calendar with support of Capacity4MSP project platform includes now also information on other events that are not connected to national MSP processes but might be relevant for daily work.

5.3 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 and to inform the HELCOM (florent.nicolas@helcom.fi) and VASAB (elina.veidemane@vasab.org) Secretariats in case of any changes.

5.4 The Countries were invited to update the list of contacts for HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG which was circulated during the Meeting by the HELCOM Secretariat. The updated list based on input from the Meeting participants is available as **Annex 3**.

5.5 The Meeting took note of the progress in drafting the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the planners' forum as a long-term mechanism (**Presentation 3** and document 5-1). The drafting process involved representatives from BSH, Germany, the Ministry of Finance, Estonia, VASAB Secretariat, HELCOM Secretariat, the Submariner Network for Blue Growth, Gdynia Maritime University, Poland, Scientific and Research Institute of Maritime Spatial Planning Ermak NorthWest, Russia, the Ministry of Environment and Regional Development of Latvia and the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management.

5.6 The Meeting took note of the information that Finland has also commented the current draft and will participate in the upcoming work on the draft.

5.7 The Meeting thanked the Capacity4MSP project platform and in general supported the draft ToR indicating that this initiative is timely and needed to support the MSP development in the BSR.

5.8 The Meeting discussed the draft ToR for the planners' forum and that the WG work should not be overloaded by bureaucratic formalities.

5.9 The Meeting further discussed organizational aspects of the planning forum and considered various options such as a Sub-Group or Expert Network emphasizing benefits and shortcomings of either solution.

5.10 The Meeting took note that the assistance of the work of this forum requires additional human and financial resources from both HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats which require:

- Clearly identify the goal and objective of the forum, which would distinct it from HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG and BSR MSP Data ESG;
- Consider organizational forms which would most suit to the identified goals and objectives.
- Identify links with the mandates of HELCOM and VASAB and related commitments which would substantiate the establishing of such a formal cooperation.

- 5.11 The Meeting took note that financial support of the planning forum could be organized utilising resources planned for the new cycle of the EUSBSR and INTERREG programme.
- 5.12 The Meeting took note that the work is ongoing to establish MSP related collaboration in the North Sea.
- 5.13 The Meeting invited the Capacity4MSP project platform to further develop the draft addressing issues raised and present a revised draft to HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 23-2021.
- 5.14 The Meeting took note of the information on the progress of the HELCOM work on climate change with the Climate Change Fact Sheet (document 5-5).
- 5.15 The Meeting shared national experience on accounting climate change in MSP.
- 5.16 The Meeting recalled that a seminar on climate change and MSP will be held in the frame of the MSP Forum 1-2 June 2021.
- 5.17 The Meeting took note that ClimeMarine project is currently being conducted in Sweden. The project has not finalized yet, but it produced a public factsheet on climate change for MSP. The project outcomes will be presented at the seminar of the MSP Forum.
- 5.18 The Meeting took note that Germany is currently working on ideas to integrate climate change adaptation in national MSP, though, mitigation measures are in place.
- 5.19 The Meeting took note of the information about the newly established BEMIP Offshore Wind Working Group (document 5-3. The Meeting discussed the potential collaboration between the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG and BEMIP and agreed to nominate Joacim Johannesson and Kai Trumpler, Co-Chair and vice-Chair of the HELCOM-VASAB MSP, to present the work of the WG during an upcoming meeting of BEMIP.
- 5.20 The Meeting invited the VASAB Secretariat to inform the delegates about the dates of the BEMIP meeting.

Agenda Item 6 Coordination of Horizontal Action Spatial Planning and MSP related projects and events

- 6.1 The Meeting took note of the information on the last developments and activities related to the European Union Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR) and the Policy Area (PA) on Spatial Planning (**Presentation 4** and document 6-2).
- 6.2 The Meeting discussed the organization of the future work of the WG as steering committee for the PA and proposed that the mandate of the group is to be updated to include this task.
- 6.3 The Meeting took note of the presentation from Ms. Inga Jekabsone (VASAB Secretariat) on the status of the project platform Capacity4MSP and its contribution to the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG (**Presentation 5** and document 6-5 Rev.1). Invited guest Kristina Veidemane presented the draft report on MSP stakeholder involvement and engagement (**Presentation 6** and document 6-5 Rev.1 Att.1).
- 6.4 The Meeting took note that [MSP game of the BalticRIM project](#) could be used as an example of stakeholder's involvement. The Meeting took note that the EU MSP platform developed a document compiling various material to communicate with stakeholders <https://communicatingmsp.msp-platform.eu/>. Also, stakeholders of future, young planners, could be included.
- 6.5 The Meeting agreed to provide feedback on draft Integrated report on MSP stakeholder involvement and engagement until 7 May 2021 by sending the comments to VASAB Secretariat (inga.jekabsone@vasab.org).
- 6.6 The Meeting took note of the information from the HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats on the approval for funding by the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME) of the eMSP project. The application was prepared by partners from the North and Baltic Seas and the process was led by The Netherlands. The Meeting also took note of the information that the eMSP project has a total duration of 30 months including an inception phase which will begin in August 2021.

- 6.7 The Meeting took note of the information on the MSP Global Initiative update. The Meeting also took note of a planned webinar dedicated to the MSP practitioners in the Baltic Sea Region.
- 6.8 The Meeting took note of the presentation of the draft memorandum for cooperation between the BalticRIM project consortium and HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG by the invited guest Susanne Alvater, Representative of Baltic RIM (**Presentation 7** and document 6-1).
- 6.9 The Meeting thanked the BalticRIM project consortium for the valuable outcomes and welcomed the presentation. The Meeting agreed that the MCH should be addressed in the H-V MSP routine work.
- 6.10 The Meeting discussed the memorandum of understanding and express the view that many of its points are already addressed in the draft Regional MSP Roadmap. The Meeting decided to take up this topic during the next discussion of the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG work plan.
- 6.11 The Meeting took note of the presentation by invited guests Hauke Jöns and Mike Belasus on underwater heritage and underwater archaeology into MSP processes (**Presentation 8** and document 6-4).
- 6.12 The Meeting welcomed the presentation and found it highly relevant for MSP work.
- 6.13 The Meeting took note that the EU MSP Directive explicitly recommends taking underwater heritage into account, though a regional guidance how to do it could be considered.
- 6.14 The Meeting also took note that underwater heritage could be an additional economic value but, on the other hand, the exploitation of underwater heritage should be arranged with caution to avoid its destruction and loss.
- 6.15 The Meeting invited colleagues from Leopoldina to consider the preparation of a document for HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 23-2021, containing concrete proposals on how to address underwater heritage in MSP, including a policy and legal background. This document might become a basis for the development of related regional guideline. The Meeting requested the HELCOM Secretariat to coordinate the proposals with BalticRIM project consortium.

Agenda Item 7 Any other business

- 7.1 The Meeting warmly thanked Dmitry Frank-Kamenetsky for the supporting guidance for the last five years, as his term is coming to an end at the HELCOM Secretariat at the end of June 2021.

Agenda Item 8 Future planning

- 8.1 The Meeting agreed that the 23rd Meeting of the HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group will be held on 16-17 November 2021. The Meeting requested the HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats to investigate the opportunity for hosting the next meeting in case the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. The Meeting is of the view that hybrid type of meetings should be avoided.
- 8.2 The Meeting took note of the draft Analysis for the current HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG work plan as the basis for future planning (document 8-1). The Meeting agreed to provide written comments on the document 8-1 to the Secretariats (florent.nicolas@helcom.fi, elina.veidemane@vasab.org) by 21 May 2021. The work plan will be discussed at the next meeting of the WG
- 8.3 The Meeting in general agreed to apply for prolongation of the Working Group's mandate for the next 9 year until 2030 in line with the timespan of the new Regional MSP Roadmap.
- 8.4 The Meeting took note that some countries still require to consult nationally and agreed that these countries will provide confirmation by 28 April 2021 to the HELCOM (florent.nicolas@helcom.fi) and VASAB (elina.veidemane@vasab.org) Secretariats.
- 8.5 The Meeting in general agreed on the update of the group's mandate as given in the **Attachment 3**. The Meeting requested the Secretariats to update the remaining parts of the mandate in line with given

recommendations by 23 April 2021 and circulate to the Working Group members for a final check with the intention to submit the document for adoption to VASAB CSPD by 28 April 2021.

8.6 The Meeting agreed to elect co-Chairs and vice-Chairs at HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 23-2021.

Agenda Item 9 Outcome of the Meeting

9.1 The Meeting adopted the Outcome. The Outcome as well as meeting documents and presentations will be made available on the HELCOM-VASAB MP WG 22-2021 [Meeting site](#).

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Annex 2 Updated Regional calendar of national MSP-related processes, meetings and other events – April 2021*

*The calendar is being prepared with support of Interreg BSR project platform “Capacity4MSP - Strengthening the capacity of MSP stakeholders and decision makers”.

Month	MSP related national and macro-regional meetings	MSP related national processes	Other events with MSP relevance
2021			
March	<p>Online – 3rd Planners Forum within Capacity4MSP project platform, 17 March</p> <p>Online – BSR MSP Data Expert Sub-group 15th meeting, 25-26 March</p>	<p>AX - MSP to be adopted by the Government of Åland</p> <p>DK - public consultation of the Maritime Spatial Plan and the SEA from 31st March to 30th September 2021.</p>	<p>Online – Capacity4MSP Workshop “Tackling Land-Sea Interactions on the Way Towards Blue Growth in the Baltic Sea Region”, 3 March</p> <p>Online – HELCOM Stakeholder Conference, 11 March</p> <p>Online - #MSPGlobal: Sharing National MSP Practices Worldwide: Finland, 11 March</p> <p>Online – Capacity4MSP Partners meeting, 16 March</p> <p>Online - Communicating MSP Webinar, 16 March</p> <p>RU - XXI Anniversary International Environmental Forum Baltic Sea Day, St. Petersburg, 23-24 March</p> <p>Online – Capacity4MSP workshop on BASEMAPS / help-desk session, 25 March</p> <p>Online – webinar “Developing a practical method and toolbox to integrate EBA into MSP”</p> <p>Online - #MSPglobal: Sharing national MSP practices worldwide: Netherlands, 25 March</p>
April	<p>Online – HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 22nd meeting, 20-21 April</p>	<p>DK - public consultation of the Maritime Spatial Plan and the SEA till 30th September 2021.</p>	<p>Online – Capacity4MSP workshop on MSP and Blue Bioeconomy, 27 April</p>

May		DK - public consultation of the Maritime Spatial Plan and the SEA till 30 th September 2021.	<p>Online (Netherlands) - European Maritime Days 2021, Den Helder, 20-21 May</p> <p>Tbc – Capacity4MSP thematic workshop on results of Project Synthesis, tbc</p> <p>Berlin - Kick-off Conference of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development, 31 May-2 June</p>
June	Online – Baltic 4th MSP Forum , 1-2 June jointly with Capacity4MSP project platform and Land Sea Act project.	DK - public consultation of the Maritime Spatial Plan and the SEA till 30 th September 2021.	
July		DK - public consultation of the Maritime Spatial Plan and the SEA till 30 th September 2021.	
August		DK - public consultation of the Maritime Spatial Plan and the SEA till 30 th September 2021.	
September		<p>EE - Disclosure of the MSP and impact assessment, including the SEA report, also notifying the neighbouring countries and transboundary informative meeting</p> <p>DK - public consultation of the Maritime Spatial Plan and the SEA till 30th September 2021.</p> <p>LV or online - National Stakeholder Workshop on Land-Sea Interactions in Riga or online, Land-Sea-Act project, tbc</p>	Tbc – EUSSBR Annual Forum , Lithuania tbc
October			<i>Belgium</i> - Blue Growth Workshop and International Expert Panel meeting in Brussels or online, Land-Sea-Act project, tbc

			Tbc – Capacity4MSP thematic workshop on Cumulative impacts of maritime activities, tbc <i>Belgium - EU Hack4Oceans, 20-21 October 2021</i> RU - XIX Strategic All-Russia Forum 2020-2021, 25-26 October
November	LV (tbc) - 4th Planners' Forum within Capacity4MSP project platform, tbc		LV - Capacity4MSP final Project Partner Meeting , tbc
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Country or autonomous area codes:

DK - Denmark

LT - Lithuania

EE - Estonia

NO - Norway

FI - Finland

PL - Poland

AX - Åland

RU- Russia

DE - Germany

SE - Sweden

LV - Latvia

Annex 3 List of contacts for HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG

This Annex contains the list of contact addresses of the HELCOM- VASAB MP WG in the Contracting Parties, Secretariats as well as Observer Organizations, compiled according to information from past meetings as well as updates received by the HELCOM Secretariat intersessionally. It was updated based on the input from the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 22-2021.

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