

Proposal for a follow-up mechanism

DOCUMENT 3-3



Background

Capacity4MSP (Strengthening the capacity of MSP stakeholders and decision makers) is a project platform funded by Interreg from August 2019 to March 2022.

The **sub-activity 2.3.3** aims to propose an institutionalized mechanism for a regular follow-up of progress in MSP on the regional sea level.

The activity
is led by the **HELCOM Secretariat**.



Themes	Description of the follow-up mechanism	Possible responsible
1. The new Regional MSP Roadmap (2021-2030)	The new Regional MSP Roadmap has actions and milestones which are easy to follow-up. This work would help in anticipating the near future work and assign lead countries for actions.	HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats
2. HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG work plan	<p>There is already a template to evaluate/analyze the current work plan. The HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats could update such a document prior to each WG meetings to follow-up the status of the implementation of the work plan.</p> <p>This task is usually done by the Secretariat when the work plan has to be updated. A follow-up mechanism based on each HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG meeting would ease the process.</p>	HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats
2. The updated HELCOM BSAP	HELCOM Secretariat would report to the WG any progress in the follow up of BSAP (i.e. HELCOM Explorer).	HELCOM Secretariat
2. National MSP developments	This theme addresses the 'state of play' on the national progress ('state of play') on MSP. This theme comprehends the different MSP phases of development, and also relevant topics for the regional development of MSP, including the cross-border coherence of MSPs.	Contracting Parties providing the information to HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats for compiling the final document



1. The new Regional MSP Roadmap (2021-2030)

The new Regional MSP Roadmap has **actions and milestones** which are easy to follow-up. This work would help in **anticipating future work (full overview of the Roadmap)**.

GANTT chart lists joint objectives, outputs and milestones from the new Roadmap from 2021 to 2030, proposing a timeframe for the achievement of each task.



1. The new Regional MSP Roadmap (2021-2030)

Practical points of the proposal:

- Meeting document
 - Current status highlighted in bold
- Updated prior to each meeting according to the outcome of the previous meeting
- Responsibility of the Secretariats



2. HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG work plan

There is already a template to evaluate/analyze the current work plan. This is usually done by the Secretariat when the work plan has to be updated.

The HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats could **update such a document prior to each WG meetings** to follow-up the status of the implementation of the work plan.

A follow-up mechanism based on each HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG meeting would **ease the process and allow an up-to-date follow up of the tasks.**



Nr	Task description	Lead country/support	Timeframe	Deliverable/ concrete output	Relevance to new MSP Roadmap 2030 (action or objective)	Follow-up on the Status of implementation progress during HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG Meetings			
						20-2020	21-2020	22-2021	23-2021
Action 1. Follow up progress in regional MSP									
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.	1.4. Facilitate exchange of information on the best practices of MSP implementation, monitoring and evaluation across the BSR and other sea basins, 2.1. Continuous dialog utilizing various regional platform e.g. HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG, MSP Planners Forum			Country fiches updated. Para 5.2 MSP developments presented at the WG meeting. Para 5.1	
1.2	Compile good practices on the application of the regional MSP related Guidelines (incl. 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 work plan 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.	2.4. Review of guidelines on transboundary consultations, public participation and co-operation 3.1 Update the EBA-guidelines			The Meeting took note that Sweden and Germany have already practically used the guidance contained by the document (cross-border coherence) 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 and HELCOM Secretariat. Para. 3.20	



2. HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG work plan


Practical points of the proposal:





- Meeting document
- Includes the timeframe of the work plan
- Updated prior to each meeting according to the outcome of the previous meeting
- Responsibility of the Secretariats



3. The updated HELCOM BSAP

- Any **progress in the follow-up of BSAP** would be reported to the meeting using the **HELCOM explorer**. The Secretariat is currently working on updating the HELCOM Explorer.

HELCOM Explorer  HELCOM

HOME
 BIODIVERSITY
 EUTROPHICATION
 HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AND LITTER
 SEA-BASED ACTIVITIES
ABOUT

More data are being loaded.

HELCOM Explorer

The HELCOM Explorer serves to follow-up on the implementation of the actions from the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP), adopted in 2007, and commitments made at the subsequent HELCOM Ministerial Meetings in 2010, 2013 and 2018. It also presents the implementation status of selected HELCOM Recommendations.

HELCOM Explorer contains information on both joint actions, which are to be implemented jointly by all HELCOM Contracting Parties such as creating a new Recommendation, and national actions that are to be implemented nationally such as incorporating the provisions of a HELCOM Recommendation into relevant national legislation or guidelines.

How to use the Explorer?

See an overview of all actions below or view them by segment on separate pages: [biodiversity](#), [eutrophication](#), [hazardous substances and litter](#), and [sea-based activities](#).

Clicking on an action will show its details. Actions can be filtered, and all data is available for download.

- read more about the Explorer on the [About page](#)
- view all the available data on the [All data page](#)

Read more:

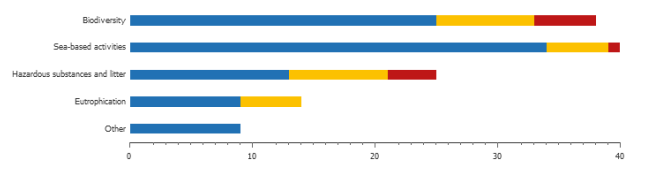
[BSAP on the HELCOM website](#)

[State of the Baltic Sea website](#)

[HELCOM Recommendations](#)

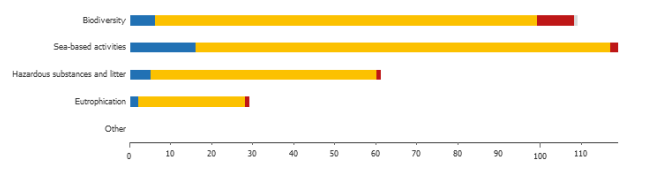
Status of actions by BSAP segment as of 23 August 2021

JOINT ACTIONS



Segment	Accomplished	Partly accomplished	Not accomplished
Biodiversity	25	10	5
Sea-based activities	35	5	0
Hazardous substances and litter	15	10	5
Eutrophication	10	5	0
Other	10	0	0

NATIONAL ACTIONS



Segment	Accomplished	Partly accomplished	Not accomplished
Biodiversity	5	95	0
Sea-based activities	15	95	0
Hazardous substances and litter	5	55	0
Eutrophication	5	25	0
Other	0	0	0

■ Accomplished
 ■ Partly accomplished
 ■ Not accomplished
 ■ Future target year

4. National MSP developments

This theme was requested in the MSP WG 22-2021 and aims to address the **'state of play'** on the national progress on MSP.

- A proposal for the follow-up of the national updates on new MSP developments, that are **already part of the topics**, was structured according to outcomes of the **MSP WG 20-2020, 21-2020 and 22-2021**.
- This theme comprehends the **different MSP phases of development**, and also **relevant topics for the regional development of MSP**, including the **cross-border coherence** of MSPs.
- Relevant gain is **harmonizing** the already given information about MSP and provide an **overview of MSPs developments throughout time, by this short information on MSP developments status by the time of each meeting**.



Structure and information		
Status		<i>This is the general status of development of the MSP. It can give general updated information about its development or just refer to the phase of development.</i>
Phases	Preparation for elaboration	<i>In this phase, there is no official decision to elaborate the plan yet, but the legislation is in place and/or preparatory work for MSP has been launched. Information about the preparation should be added here.</i>
	Elaboration/revision	<i>In this phase, the decision of starting the plan or revising the plan has been taken and officially announced. Information about the elaboration of the plan or about the revision of the plan (when the MSP process restart) should be added here.</i>
	Adoption	<i>In this phase, the plan is in the process of being legally adopted. Please, fill in here information about the process of adoption of the plan.</i>
	In force/implementation	<i>In this phase the plan is already adopted and legally binding active. Information about its final approval and implementation should be filled here.</i>
	Monitoring and evaluation	<i>Information about the monitoring and evaluation of the plan should be filled here, including reference to the start of the production of a monitoring or evaluation framework.</i>
Cross-border/international information		<i>Information on topics of relevant regional interest should be filled here. Those topics should cover cross-border activities (e.g., development of a cross-border windfarm) or international general information (e.g., international consultation of the MSP).</i>
Cross-border coherence checklist application		<i>Information on the use of the "Voluntary Guidance for the Assessment of Cross-border Coherence" should be added here.</i>
Supporting projects		<i>Any project supporting the development of MSP or related to MSP should be added here.</i>



Phases				
Preparation for elaboration	Elaboration/ Revision	Adoption	In force/ Implementation	Monitoring and evaluation

F I N L A N D		20-2020 (1-2 April 2020)	21-2020 (12-13 November 2020)	22-2021 (20-21 April 2021)	23-2021 (16-17 November 2021)	
	Status	Draft plan will be finalized in April and public hearing arranged on 18th of May – 17th of June 2020.	Adoption phase	In force		
	Phases	Several stakeholders have participated in the planning process through the maritime scenario workshops and by setting the goals for the plan in vision workshops. The plan is a very general level strategic plan showing potential areas for different uses. The role of the plan is to facilitate development, not to set restrictions. There will be an online national and an international consultation meeting on 20th May.	The consultation of the Finnish draft MSP's took place in May-June and the planning proposal is now being finalized. Planning proposal is now submitted to the Regional Councils' Assemblies for approval by the end of 2020.	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.	Monitoring and evaluation under development.	
	Cross-border/International information	There will be an online national and an international consultation meeting on 20th May. Neighbouring countries will be invited to participate in the meeting, and more information of the plan and meeting arrangements will be sent in the near future.				
	Cross-border coherence checklist application					
Supporting projects				Engaged in eMSP –project.		



4. National MSP developments

Practical points of the proposal:

- Meeting document
- Information intended to be presented for the **timeframe of the Work Plan** (4-6 meetings), but all provided information from **all the meetings will be stored and could be provided annually or under request**
- Responsibility of Contracting Parties to provide information and compilation by the Secretariat
 - **CPs will be invited by the Secretariats to provide relevant information one month previously to the production of the document** for the next HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG meeting



Actions requested

The meeting is invited to:

- Take note of the information
- Consider the proposal for such a mechanism
- Discuss the current format proposed in this document and its possible implementation

