

Agenda Item 3 Future work and meetings

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HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG DRAFT WORK PLAN FOR 2014-2016

This document contains a draft Work Plan for the Joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG) for the years 2014-2016. The same document was considered by HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 7/2013 (paragraph 5.1 of the Minutes, document 5/1).

The Meeting is invited to:

- use the draft Work Plan for planning of the work of the Working Group in 2014-2016,
- approve the Work Plan 2014-2016 with a view to forward it to HELCOM HOD and VASAB CSPD/BSR for adoption.

DRAFT Work Plan 2014-2016 for the Joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group

Tasks and proposed actions	Lead	Timing
1. To ensure exchange of experiences and best practices on maritime spatial planning in the Baltic Sea Region		
Exchange experiences and best practices to follow up the situation in the BSR countries with regard to implementation of the regional target of setting up ecosystem based MSP plans by xxx,	WG	Continuous
Create and keep updated a list of competent national MSP contact points.	Secretariats	Continuous
Create and keep updated an online compendium of national MSP systems in the Baltic Sea Region	Secretariats	Continuous
Promote the education and professional development of MSP planners in cooperation with the Baltic University Programme and other institutions		
2. To support the setting-up of frameworks for maritime spatial planning in the countries of the Baltic Sea Region, to ensure more corresponding processes, and for transboundary consultation beneficial for this purpose		
Follow up implementation of joint HELCOM-VASAB MSP principles	WG	continuous
Follow up implementation of joint regional Guidelines for implementation of ecosystem approach in the context of MSP	WG	continuous
Draft and agree on joint regional Guidelines on transboundary consultations based on project input	WG	[2014]
Draft and agree on joint regional Guidelines on public participation based on project input	WG	[2014]
Prepare a joint future-oriented report on developments in the region and the economic, social and environmental benefits of MSP in addressing the emerging challenges	WG in cooperation with Nordregio	[2015]
3. To explore the interlinkages between MSP and regional activities in relation to Good Environmental Status (BSAP, MSFD), HELCOM MPAs (BSPAs) and Fisheries		
Explore linkages between Fisheries and MSP	[Joint Fisheries –MSP WS]	Continuous

Explore linkages between Good Environmental Status (BSAP, MSFD), and MSP		Continuous
Explore linkages between Marine Protected Areas and MSP		Continuous
4. Linkages and correlation between ICZM and MSP		
Discuss the relationship between ICZM and MSP and review national approaches to ICZM and its implementation including national systems for decision making in the sea and coast areas		Continuous
5. To identify data gathering and mapping processes needed for MSP		
Stimulate the creation and sharing of consistent Pan-Baltic GIS datasets and inter-operability of databases		Continuous
6. Acting as the Lead of EU SBSR Horizontal Action (HA) Spatial Planning including supporting Baltic Sea MSP projects		
Find areas that would benefit from jointly coordinated actions and seek to initiate new projects relevant for MSP on the basis of common experiences		Continuous
Facilitate the involvement of, and in cooperation with, relevant stakeholders from the entire macro-region in the work on ecosystem based MSP in the transboundary context, including facilitation of policy discussions conveying relevant results and recommendations to the policy level.		Continuous
Grant and follow up EUSBSR Flagship status regarding Baltic Sea MSP projects		Continuous
Follow and seek to evaluate and make use of projects on MSP in a cooperative manner		Continuous
7. To create better understanding for the specific conditions and needs for MSP in the Baltic Sea Region in the EU and seek to find a common approach to EU initiatives in the region		
Discuss upcoming EU meetings and initiatives in order to find out the need to put forward a Baltic Sea perspective		Continuous

<p>Identify fields of cooperation with BONUS and other projects and programmes</p>		
<p>8. To propose to CSPD/BSR and HELCOM HoD and to organize together with VASAB/ HELCOM Secretariats necessary public events on maritime spatial planning and send representatives to relevant meetings</p>		
<p>Initiate and organise Pan-Baltic Conferences as appropriate in cooperation with other forums/organisations</p>		
<p>9. Cooperate to provide input for the next Ministerial Conferences</p>		
<p>Propose joint products to VASAB 2014 Ministerial Conference and the next HELCOM Ministerial Meeting on further development of MSP (e.g. on minimum requirements, compendium on MSP systems, a concept for a transnational institutional and governance model on transnational coordination, agreements and data exchange in MSP, recommendations for transnational MSP (policy document based on minimum requirements and a handbook for multi-level MSP consultation process). Based on progress reached so far</p>	<p>[input by e.g. PartiSEApate project]</p>	<p>2014, 2016</p>