

**Agenda Item 3                      Future work and meetings**

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**SELECTED KEY PROPOSALS FOR WORK PLAN 2014-2016 OF THE JOINT HELCOM VASAB MSP WORKING GROUP**

The Meeting is invited to take note of the attached selected key proposals for the Work Plan 2014-2016 of the Joint HELCOM VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG) drafted by the VASAB CSPD/BSR 63<sup>rd</sup> meeting on 30-31 October 2013 in Helsinki, Finland, and use it in the work to draft a new work plan.

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<b>Tasks and proposed actions</b>	<b>Timing</b>
<b><i>1.To ensure exchange of experiences and best practices on maritime spatial planning in the Baltic Sea Region</i></b>	
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 MSP plans applying ecosystem approach by 2020	Continuous
Create and keep updated a list of competent national MSP contact points	Continuous
Create and keep updated an online compendium of national MSP systems in the Baltic Sea Region	Continuous
Promote the education and professional development of MSP planners in cooperation with the Baltic University Programme and other institutions	Continuous
<b><i>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</i></b>	
Draft and agree on joint regional Guidelines on transboundary consultations based on project input	2014
Draft and agree on joint regional Guidelines on public participation based on project input	2014
Draft and agree on joint regional Guidelines for implementation of ecosystem approach in the context of MSP	2015
Establish national frameworks for coherent MSP in place by 2017	Continuous
<b><i>3. To identify data gathering and mapping processes needed for MSP</i></b>	
Stimulate the creation and sharing of MSP relevant Baltic Sea regional datasets and inter-operability of databases	Continuous
<b><i>4. Acting as the Lead of EU SBSR Horizontal Action (HA) Spatial Planning including supporting Baltic Sea MSP projects</i></b>	
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
Grant and follow up EUSBSR Flagship status regarding Baltic Sea MSP projects	Continuous

<b>5. Cooperate to provide input for the next Ministerial Conferences</b>	
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, on transnational coordination, agreements and data exchange in MSP, guidelines on application of ecosystem approach in transnational coherent MSP, transboundary consultations and public participation with transboundary dimensions)	2014; 2016?