

Agenda Item 3 Future work and meetings

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DRAFT HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG WORK PLAN 2014-2016 - OUTCOME OF DRAFTING

HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 8/2014 discussed the work of the Working Group for the next three years (2014-2016) based on the Regional Baltic Maritime Spatial Planning Roadmap 2013-2020 (document 3/4) and the draft Work Plan considered at HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 7/2014 (3/2) and the selected key proposals for the Work Plan by VASAB CSPD/BSR (document 3/3).

The attached document contains the outcome of three drafting groups as drafted during the meeting and as discussed during the Plenary.

Roadmap	Action	Lead/support	Timeframe
1. Intergovernmental cooperation on MSP			
1.1 Cooperate in the field of MSP using <i>inter alia</i> the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG framework and thus facilitate reaching the target of drawing up and implementing transnationally coherent Maritime Spatial Plans applying the ecosystem approach throughout the region by 2020.	<p>Exchange experiences and best practices to follow up the situation in the BSR countries with regard to implementation of the regional target of setting MSP plans applying ecosystem approach by 2020</p> <p>Serial of workshops among MSP practitioners</p>	<p>All H-V MSP WG</p> <p>Secretariats</p>	<p>Continuous</p> <p>Continuous</p>
1.2 Take into consideration and cooperate upon global and European policy and regulatory developments related to MSP.	<p>Participate/contribute to development of EU guidelines on MSP implementation.</p> <p>Put forward Baltic Sea perspectives on MSP</p> <p>Follow up on Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) developments</p> <p>Exchange experience of how to link implementation of EU MSFD with MSP</p> <p>Actively promote</p>	<p>European Commission</p> <p>All H-V MSP WG</p> <p>Russia</p>	<p>Continuous</p> <p>Continuous</p> <p>Continuous</p>

	<p>cooperation with Russia, consider its policy developments in MSP and facilitate cooperation in transnational projects (use results of existing projects, results of GoF)</p> <p>Consider the use of available IMO tools for MSP (Special areas MARPOL, PSSAs including APMs,)</p> <p>Consider the use of available CFP measures (fisheries closures) for MSP</p>	<p>HELCOM MARITIME</p> <p>“HELCOM FISH”</p>	<p>Continuous</p>
<p>1.3 Draft and adopt by 2015 Baltic Sea regional “<i>Guidelines on transboundary consultations and cooperation in the field of MSP</i>”. These guidelines could address the initiation of the process, consultations, cooperation, institutional arrangements and time schedules as well as possibilities for preparing joint transboundary MSPs.</p>	<p>Provide input to Draft PartiSEApate project Recommendations on transboundary consultations and cooperation.</p> <p>Considered PartiSEApate outputs/recommendations as a basis for the Guidelines</p> <p>Draft and agree on joint regional Guidelines on</p>	<p>All H-V MSP WG/PL</p> <p>PL</p> <p>PL</p>	<p>Feb-June 2014</p> <p>2014-2015</p> <p>2015</p>

	transboundary consultations Actively promote implementation of the Guidelines	All H-V MSP WG	2016
1.4 Coordinate the MSP related actions and projects, including those implemented within the framework of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region and its Action Plan, noting the role of HELCOM and VASAB as the Horizontal Action Leaders for MSP.	Identify MSP cases that would benefit from cross border projects on the basis of common experiences	All H-V MSP WG	Continuous
	Grant and follow up EUSBSR Flagship status to Baltic Sea MSP projects	WG	Continuously
	Provide input, in terms of project ideas, to EU-Russia cooperation in the context of the EUSBSR	WG	Continuously
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2. Public participation			
2.1 Draft and adopt by 2015 Baltic Sea regional “ <i>Guidelines on public participation for MSP with transboundary dimensions</i> ”. These guidelines should address means of public consultation and transparency of information.	Provide input to PartiSEApate project Recommendations on <i>public participation for MSP with transboundary dimensions</i> .	All H-V MSP WG/	Feb-June 2014

	<p>Consider draft PartISEApate recommendations as a basis for the Guidelines</p> <p>Draft and agree on joint regional Guidelines on public participation for MSP with transboundary dimensions</p> <p>Actively promote implementation of the Guidelines</p>	<p>LV?</p> <p>LV?</p> <p>All H-V MSP WG</p>	<p>2014-2015</p> <p>2015</p> <p>2016</p>
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3. Ecosystem approach in MSP			
3.1 Draft and adopt by 2015 procedurally oriented Baltic Sea regional <i>“Guidelines on the application of Ecosystem Approach in transnationally coherent MSP”</i> .	- finalize the ecosystem, approach paper to achieve a common understanding within/of HELCOM and VASAB	SE (lead country) in cooperation with FI, EU, D, PL, WWF and other interested	By June 2014 (to submit to the VASAB Ministerial Conference)
	- elaborate on what is needed for the Guidelines based on the common understanding (considering common template)		Inter-sessional cooperation by end of 2014

	- draft and adopt the Guidelines		Drafting early 2015 Adoption by end of 2015
	- follow up 6.1 and 6.4		2018
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4. Information and data for MSP			
4.1 Identify by 2013 [2014] competent contact points for MSP for the purpose of transboundary consultation and joint planning.	Create and keep updated a list of competent national MSP contact points. (authorities/departments) Follow up from the directive?	Secretariats supported by countries	By the end of April 2014
4.2 Share basic, relevant and available MSP related information as soon as possible.	- Information exchange within MSP WG concerning national MSP data developments [cf 1.1, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4] - Data exchange based on 4.3		Ongoing From 2015 onwards
4.3 Promote the creation and sharing of MSP relevant Baltic Sea regional datasets.	-To <u>identify specific MSP evidence / information / data needs and data</u>		2014

	<p><u>products</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -To <u>identify relevant data</u> (on human activities, socio-economic and environmental issues) <u>available</u> for MSP - To <u>identify gaps</u> in evidence, information and data available - To <u>identify detailed (minimum) requirements / necessities</u> and develop most suitable and useful solutions for - inter alia - <u>data scope, content, attributes, formats</u> - To <u>agree on measures</u> to be taken to ensure <u>transparency</u> - To <u>define research priorities</u> - To <u>develop terms of reference for setting up a regional spatial data infrastructure</u> for MSP, 		
<p>4.4 While creating and sharing MSP related information and datasets utilize existing processes for sharing of spatial information including, for those Baltic Sea States who are EU</p>	<p>Taken into consideration in 4.3</p>		

member states, the implementation of the EU INSPIRE Directive (2007/2/EC).			
4.5. Prepare a future oriented report by 2015 on marine and maritime activities and developments of Baltic Sea regional importance.	<p>Content of report should be defined more clearly.</p> <p>[Based on 4.3]</p> <p>[Input to second bullet point of 4.2]</p> <p>(To be adopted by HELCOM and VASAB?)</p>	Whole group? Consultant? Project?	Early 2015
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5. Education for MSP			
5.1 Promote the education and professional development of MSP planners.	Identification of MSP planners.	Baltic University Programme (tbc) /WMU (tbc)	[by mid 2014 May June MSP WG]
	Identification of MSP education and development needs.	Baltic University Programme (tbc) /WMU (tbc)	[by Autumn 2015]
	Identification of available MSP training programmes.	Baltic University Programme (tbc) /WMU (tbc)	[by spring 2016]
	Identify key aspects of future MSP training programmes	Baltic University Programme (tbc) /WMU (tbc)	[by end 2016]

	(database on initiatives/projects)	UN IOC? (tbc) http://www.unesco-ioc-marinesp.be/msp_around_the_world	[latest 2016]
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5.2 Initiate and draw lessons from practical sub-regional experiences of coherent MSP to try out guidelines and joint regional working practices.	Identify appropriate tools for professional development (e.g. training programme, workshops)	Baltic University Programme (tbc) /WMU (tbc)	[latest 2016]
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6. National and Baltic Sea regional frameworks for MSP in place			NB cross check with Guidelines drafting timelines
6.1 National frameworks for coherent MSP are in place in all Baltic Sea countries by 2017.	Develop and use template for concise progress report of regional MSP implementation	WG [consultant/project?]	draft template by end of 2014 reports by spring 2015 onwards amend template if needed
6.2 Apply by 2018 Baltic Sea regional "Guidelines on transboundary consultations and cooperation in the field of MSP".	Develop and use template for concise progress report of regional MSP implementation	WG [consultant/project?]	draft template by end of 2014 reports by spring 2015 onwards amend template if

			needed
6.3 Apply by 2018 Baltic Sea regional “Guidelines on public participation for MSP with transboundary dimensions”.	Develop and use template for concise progress report of regional MSP implementation	WG [consultant/project?]	draft template by end of 2014 reports by spring 2015 onwards amend template if needed
6.4 Apply by 2018 Baltic Sea regional “Guidelines on the application of Ecosystem Approach in transnationally coherent MSP”.	Develop and use template for concise progress report of regional MSP implementation	WG [consultant/project?]	draft template by end of 2014 reports by spring 2015 onwards amend template if needed
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7. Evaluation and follow-up			
7.1 Take further steps related to regular monitoring and evaluation needs of [the] MSP [Roadmap].	Assessment report the implementation of the Roadmap	WG [consultant/project?]	By 2016
7.2 Update the Roadmap, if necessary, in 2014 after HELCOM and VASAB ministerial meetings and assess the implementation of this Roadmap 2016, 2018 and 2020.			