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HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG Work Plan 2014-2016

Roadmap	Action	Lead/support	Timeframe
0. Joint Baltic MSP principles	Continuously update national information on MSP developments including implementation of the joint MSP principles, especially those principles not covered by guidelines development or other targeted activity.	All H-V MSP WG Update the "Follow up table"	Continuous
	Follow up the overall situation in the BSR countries with regard to implementation of the regional target of setting MSP plans applying ecosystem approach.	All H-V MSP WG,	
1. Intergovernmental cooperation on MSP			
1.1 Cooperate in the field of MSP using *inter alia* 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.	Exchange experiences and best practices in the WG.	All H-V MSP WG, Series of workshops among practitioners	Continuous

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1.2 Take into consideration and cooperate upon global and European policy and regulatory developments related to MSP.	Participate/contribute to development of EU, global and other international guidelines on MSP implementation, putting forward Baltic Sea perspectives on MSP.	All H-V MSP WG [European Commission]	Continuous
	Exchange experience of how to link implementation of EU MSFD with MSP	All H-V MSP WG	Continuous
	Actively promote cooperation among all the Baltic Sea countries and facilitate cooperation in transnational projects.	All H-V MSP WG	Continuous
1.3 Draft and adopt by 2015 Baltic Sea regional "*Guidelines on transboundary consultations and cooperation in the field of MSP*". 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.	Provide input to Draft PartiSEApate project Recommendations on transboundary consultations and cooperation.	All H-V MSP WG/PL	Feb-June 2014
	Consider PartiSEApate outputs/recommendations as a basis for the Guidelines	PL/ All	2014-2015
	Draft and agree on joint regional Guidelines on transboundary	PL/ All	2015

	consultations *See 6.2 for national implementation follow-up*		
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	Continous
	Evaluate possible project ideas and match them with available funding sources to complete specific actions in this workplan through projects/consultancy work	Secretariats Sweden Germany Possibly carried out through a consultancy, pending availability of funding.	
	Grant and follow up EUSBSR Flagship status to Baltic Sea MSP projects	WG	Continuously
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2. Public participation			
2.1 Draft and adopt by 2015 Baltic Sea regional "*Guidelines on public participation for MSP with transboundary dimensions*". These guidelines should address means of public consultation and transparency of information.	Provide input to PartiSEApate project "*Recommendations on stakeholder involvement for MSP with transboundary dimensions.*"	All H-V MSP WG/	Feb-June 2014
	Consider draft PartiSEApate recommendations as a basis for the Guidelines	All H-V MSP WG	2014-2015

	Draft and agree on joint regional Guidelines *on public participation for MSP with transboundary dimensions*. *See 6.3 for national implementation follow-up*	All H-V MSP WG	2015
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3. Ecosystem approach in MSP			
3.1 Draft and adopt by 2015 procedurally oriented Baltic Sea regional "*Guidelines on the application of Ecosystem Approach in transnationally coherent MSP*".	Finalize the ecosystem, approach paper to achieve a common understanding within/of HELCOM and VASAB	FI (lead country) in cooperation with SWE, EU, D, PL, WWF and other interested	By June 2014
	Elaborate on what is needed for the Guidelines based on the common understanding	(Lead country and working practices to be agreed after completion of the initial paper on EA)	Inter-sessional cooperation by end of 2014
	Workshop/Seminar on MSP and Ecosystem Approach	Russia/All	June 2015 in St.Petersburg
	Draft and adopt the Guidelines *See 6.4 for national implementation follow-up*	(Lead country and working practices to be agreed after completion of the initial paper on EA)	Drafting early 2015 Adoption by end of 2015
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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.	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		Ongoing

			From 2015 onwards
			2014
4.3 Promote the creation and sharing of MSP relevant Baltic Sea regional datasets. *(to be carried out in accordance with the data relevant joint MSP principles)*	Explore already existing data networks and products and identify specific MSP evidence / information / data needs	All items under 4.3. could be carried under the lead of the proposed sub-group on MSP DATA to be discussed at MSP WG 9/2014 which should ensure synergies with other ongoing regional work on data.	
	To identify relevant data (on human activities, socio-economic and environmental issues) available for MSP	[see above]	
	To identify gaps in evidence, information and data available	[see above]	
	To identify detailed (minimum) requirements / necessities and develop most suitable and useful solutions for - inter alia - data scope, content, attributes, formats	[see above]	
	To agree on measures to be taken to ensure transparency	[see above]	
	To define research priorities	[see above]	
	To develop terms of reference for setting up a regional spatial data infrastructure for MSP,	[see above]	
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 member states,		[see above]	

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.	Prepare a future oriented report by 2015 on marine and maritime activities and developments of Baltic Sea regional importance.	All H-V MSP WG [Lead and content to be determined] *(PartiSEApate project will prepare a report by 201x with sector involvement which could provide input)*	by end of 2015
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5. Education for MSP			
5.1 Promote the education and professional development of MSP planners.	To follow and support developments regarding education and professional development of MSP planners.	All H-V MSP WG	
	To follow and support updating of database on initiatives/ projects	All H-V MSP WG UN IOC? (tbc) http://www.unesco-ioc-marinesp.be/msp_around_the_world	[latest 2016]
5.2 Initiate and draw lessons from practical sub-regional experiences of coherent MSP to try out guidelines and joint regional working practices.	To follow and support identification of appropriate tools for professional development (e.g. training programme, workshops)	WG	[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.	Review and use template for concise progress report of regional MSP implementation, regarding application of each of the joint MSP principles.	WG [consultant/project?] Update the WG "Regional MSP follow up	revised template by end of 2014 reports by spring 2015

		table" and revise template if needed	onwards amend template when needed
6.2 Apply by 2018 Baltic Sea regional "Guidelines on transboundary consultations and cooperation in the field of MSP".	Review and use template for concise progress report of regional MSP implementation, regarding application of each of the joint MSP principles.	WG [consultant/project?] Update the WG "Regional MSP follow up table" and revise template if needed	revised template by end of 2014 reports by spring 2015 onwards amend template when needed
	Actively promote implementation of the Guidelines.	All H-V MSP WG	2016
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	Actively promote implementation of the Ecosystem Approach Guidelines.	All H-V MSP WG	2016
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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.	Update the Roadmap, if necessary, in 2014 after HELCOM and VASAB ministerial meetings and assess the implementation of this Roadmap 2016, 2018 and 2020.	WG [consultant/project?]	By 2016