Maritime Spatial Planning in the Baltic Sea Region

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A cooperation of ministers of the 11 Baltic Sea Region countries responsible for spatial planning and development

Organization

Intergovernmental network founded in 1992 to promote cooperation on spatial planning and development in the Baltic Sea Region
MSP in Baltics

Projects

EU

Pan-Baltic

National

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Territorial cohesion perspective of the Baltic Sea Region in 2030

- Well integrated and coherent macro-region with overcome divides
- Well balanced setup of metropolitan centres, small and medium size cities and towns
- Fast, reliable and environmentally efficient technologies of transport, information and communication
- Integrated energy production and supply system with well diversified sources of energy
- Integrated land and sea space planning and management
- Maritime spatial planning principles alleviating potential sea use conflicts for the present and future generations
Pilot Projects

2002  BALTCOAST: examples on plans and recommendations for planning

2004/5  Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and Niedersachsen adopt plans covering territorial sea

2007  VASAB Working Group on sea use planning and ICZM

2009  VASAB Compendium on MSP in BSR countries

BaltSeaPlan: January 2009 – January 2012

Plan Bothnia: December 2010 – June 2012

PartiSEApate: September 2012 – September 2014
Maritime Spatial Plan for German EEZ

Priority areas for wind energy (red)
no turbines in Natura 2000 areas
gates for electricity cables
Extension of Lithuanian Comprehensive Plan into the Sea
BaltSeaPlan Spatial Vision 2030

• A healthy marine environment
• A coherent pan-Baltic energy policy
• Safe, clean & efficient maritime transport
• Sustainable fisheries & aquaculture
MSP Pilot Projects - Overview Pilot Areas

Pilot Project Areas
- Pilot Project Areas 1 - 8
- MSP in effect or in leg. proced.

Boundaries
- Territorial Sea
- Continental Shelf/EEZ *
- International Boundary
- unclear legal status (PL and DK)

* no guarantee for EEZ boundaries shown - different sources show different delimitations causing inconsistencies regarding the pilot project outlines

Map Projection:
Mercator (54°N), WGS 84
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Pan-Baltic Dialogues

Sea Use Sectors
1. Shipping/ports
2. Fisheries
3. Offshore wind energy
4. Aquaculture

Sectors setting conditions for MSP
5. Underwater Cultural Heritage
6. Nature/ Environment

Sectors supporting MSP process
7. Climate change
8. Research
9. Data network building

Traditional Users
New Users

Single-stakeholder workshops

Follow-up cross-sectoral workshops
Data Network

Research needs

Stakeholder Perspectives on MSP

Pan-Baltic cooperation and consultation on MSP

MSP case studies in the Region and in other sea basins

Multi-level public participation and stakeholder involvement

MSP in the Baltic Sea Region until 2020 – Expectations and challenges, national versus transnational MSP

Creating Common Understanding
VASAB and HELCOM are Horizontal Action Leaders

Encourage the use of Maritime and Land-Based Spatial Planning in all Member States around the Baltic Sea and develop a common approach for cross-border cooperation.
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Intergovernmental multilateral co-operation of 11 countries of the Baltic Sea Region in spatial planning and development

Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission - intergovernmental organisation of the 9 Baltic Sea coastal countries and the EU working to protect the marine environment of the Baltic Sea from all sources of pollution and to ensure safety of navigation in the region
• All countries around the Baltic Sea are represented
• Well established rules and procedures on how to work
• Legitimized process of coordination
• Guided by Ministerial level decisions
  • 2013 HELCOM Ministerial Meeting
  • 2014 VASAB Ministerial Conference
• Agreed procedure for granting the status of a flagship project
Links to EUSBSR PAs and HAs

- PA Tourism
- PA Bio
- HA Sustainable
- Energy
- Fisheries and aquaculture
- Transportation
- Tourism and recreation
- Energy
- Environment protection, climate change
- Spatial Data
- Cooperation
- HA Neighbours
- PA Transport
- PA Safe
- PA Secure
- PA Ship
- HA Education
Joint Efforts in MSP

- Joint HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG established in October 2010
- Baltic Sea Broad-Scale MSP principles adopted in 2010
- Knowledge exchange on good practices in MSP
- Minimum requirements for MSP in the Region
- Regional Baltic MSP Roadmap 2013-2020
Baltic Sea MSP Principles

1. Sustainable Management
2. Ecosystem Approach
3. Long Term Perspective and Objectives
4. Precautionary Principle
5. Participation and Transparency
6. High Quality Data and Information Basis
7. Transnational Coordination and Consultation
8. Coherent Terrestrial and Maritime Spatial Planning
9. Planning Adaptive to Characteristic and Spatial Conditions at different Areas
10. Continuous Planning
Draw up and apply maritime spatial plans throughout the Baltic Sea Region by 2020 which are coherent across borders and apply the ecosystem approach

**Necessary next steps**

- Trans-boundary consultations and cooperation in MSP
- Public participation
- Ecosystem approach in MSP
- Information and data for MSP
- Education for MSP
Seed Money Projects

Maritime Spatial Planning
- Baltwise Seed
- Smart Growth and Sustainable Management in Coastal Areas

Land-based spatial planning
- Liveable Baltic Cities
New project
Baltic SCOPE

Towards coherence and cross-border solutions in Baltic Maritime Spatial Plans

2 Case Studies
MSP legislation


- EU Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with Directive by 18 September 2016

- The maritime spatial plans shall be established at the latest by 31 March 2021

- The Concept of the Law on the offshore MSP in the Russian Federation has been drafted
MSP legislation and implementation in the Baltic Sea
Thank you for your attention!

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