



Baltic SCOPE

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



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Conclusions from transborder sector discussions

Baltic Scope cross border stakeholder workshops

- Southwest Baltic Case, Malmö January 27-28
- Central Baltic Case, Riga February 10-11

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MSP authorities

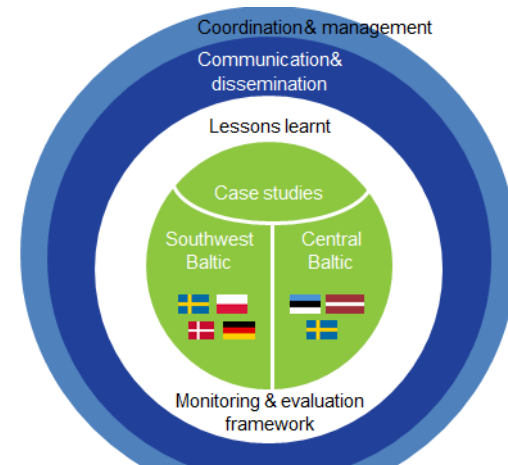
- SE: Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management (SwAM)
- DE: Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency (BSH)
- DK: Danish Maritime Agency (DMA)
- PL: Maritime Office in Szczecin (MOS)
- LV: Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development (MoEPRD)
- EE: Ministry of the Interior
- FI: Ministry of the Environment
- LT: Ministry of Environment
- DE: Ministry for Energy, Infrastructure and Regional Development of Mecklenburg-West Pomerania

Regional organisations

- VASAB
- HELCOM
- Nordregio
- HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG

Accompanying research

- Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE)
- Nordregio



Conclusions

- MSP Transboundary more complex than expected
- Policy - Technical – Planning issues
- Lack of common view/understanding of what's needed for coherent planning
- Different national legal systems makes it difficult
- Lack of harmonisation between different EU directives

Conclusions

- A strategic approach is difficult to comprehend
(Lack of experiences in thinking in long term perspectives)
- Unsettled border issues
- Sector actors not used to think in a holistic perspective
- Planners do not have the mandate to solve all issues

Recommendations

There is need for:

- **Common (Adopted) Pan Baltic political MSP vision and goals** (Political involvement on a Pan Baltic level)
- **A permanent platform with resources and mandate** (organise meetings, harmonization of technical input etc. Champion the MSP in a long term perspective)
- **Common criteria's in a number of issues** (safety distances to Off shore wind, what to include in SEA, how to coordinate with MFSD etc)
- **Common capacity building and awareness creation**
- **Close cooperation between planning authorities is required**