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# Synthesis workshop: Nature conservation and maritime spatial planning – let's talk a common language

30-31 March 2026

**Time:** Monday, 30.03.2026 starting 14.00 CET and Tuesday, 31.03.2026 ending 16.00 CET

**Place:** Gdynia Maritime University, Maritime Institute, Roberta de Plelo 20, see practical information below

**Format:** The workshop is focused on personal participation; however, involvement of online participants will be provided at feasible level.

**Organizers:** NESB project

**Anticipated support:** EUSBSR PA Spatial Planning, HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG, GNSBI, North Seas MSP Collaboration Group.

**Anticipated contribution from projects:** MEDIGREEN (MEDiteranean approach towards a maritime European GREEN Deal in MSP), MSP GREEN, Protect Baltic, SEABAS (Strategic ecosystem-based planning for sustainable future of the Baltic Sea), ReMAP (Reviewing and Evaluating the Monitoring and Assessment of Maritime Spatial Planning), HELCOM HOLAS (Holistic Assessment).

## PROVISIONAL AGENDA

**Provisional themes:**

1. Let's talk a common language  
Common living terminological platform for the North and Baltic Seas and beyond.
2. Development without damage.  
How MSP can support nature conservation and restoration, and mitigate potential impacts?
3. Joint effort to reduce joint pressure.  
CIA in strategic planning – perspectives, boundary conditions and uncertainties.

## 30 March 2026

14.00	Welcome and introduction round	Magdalena MATCZAK
14.05	Introduction to NESBp and Synthesis Workshop,	Dmitry FRANK-KAMENETSKY
<b>14.15</b>	<b>Session 1: Let's talk a common language</b>	
14.15	Intro NESBp task 3.1 : glossary on the terminology related to the Energy transition and biodiversity	Philipp ARNDT
14.30	Knowledge sharing in the North Sea, a GNSBI perspective	Sharon TATMAN
14.45	HELCOM data manager: Presentation on data vocabularies - Technical, organizational aspects	Matthew RICHARD
15,00	PROTECT BALTIC: Towards a regional list of protection terminology	Katja LAINGUI
15,15	MEDIGREEN: MSP and the European Green Deal: a nomenclature and its application (MSP-GREEN and MEDIGREEN projects)	Martina BOCCI
<b>15.30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
15.45	<i>Discussion:</i> What is the demand for the glossary from the North and Baltic countries? What is the preferable status of such a terminological platform? What is the vision of its structure and content? What are feasible technical solutions for maintaining, updating and administering?	Philipp ARNDT and Marie DAHMEN
16.40	<i>Wrap up</i> Initial ideas for the goals and purposes of the vocabulary; a platform design; further steps; potential cooperation; how intergovernmental	Philipp ARNDT

	organizations (e.g. HELCOM, GNSBI) would uptake NESB project outputs.	
17.00	<i>Outlook on Day 2</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MSP and nature conservation responsibilities</li> <li>• Overview on questionnaire output</li> </ul>	Magdalena MATCZAK
17.30	Closing	
<b>19.00</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	

## 31 March 2026

9.00	Welcome	Magdalena MATCZAK
<b>9.10</b>	<b>Session 2: Development without damage</b>	
9.10	<p>Introduction NESBp Task 3.2: Overview on actions for enhancement of nature conservation in MSP</p> <p>Questionnaire summary on conservation/restoration</p>	Dmitry FRANK-KAMENETSKY, Magdalena MATCZAK
9.25	PROTECT BALTIC: conservation measures and hierarchical structure linked with human activities and pressures	Katja LAINGUI
9.35	MEDIGREEN: The MED EU MSP plans and nature conservation: insights on available elements and gaps	Martina BOCCI
9.50	Presentation German environmental agency	BfN (tbc)
10.00	<i>Discussion</i> <p>Which nature conservation measures fall under MSP remits?</p> <p>What are practical means to support restoration in MSP?</p>	Dmitry FRANK-KAMENETSKY
10.35	<i>Wrap up:</i> <p>Practical recommendations on solutions to support nature conservation and restoration in MSP;</p>	Dmitry FRANK-KAMENETSKY

<b>10.45</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
11.00	Presentation of task 3.3 on mitigation measures and questionnaire summary mitigation	Marie DAHMEN
11.10	Presentation Country example Focus on mitigation in MSP	tbc
11.25	<i>Discussion</i> How does MSP help mitigate potential impacts?	Marie DAHMEN
12.10	<i>Wrap up:</i> How to integrate mitigation measures in national plans?  What should be changed in MSP to make it an effective tool for energy transition and protection of the marine biodiversity?	Marie DAHMEN
<b>12.30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>13.15</b>	<b>Session 3: Joint effort to reduce joint pressure</b>	
13.15	Presentation of task 3.4 Cumulative Impact Assessment at North Sea Basin level, summary workshops etc.	Philipp ARNDT, Jitske NUGTER
13.25	SEABAS: overview on SEABAS platform, planned outputs, and indication of the scoping report framing the input to the platform.	Janica BORG, Jacek ZAUCHA
13.45	Presentation BSH pressure-impact matrix	Marie DAHMEN
13.55	<i>Discussion:</i> Approaches to translation of human activities (sea use in MSP) into impacts?	Marie DAHMEN, Philipp ARNDT
14.15	<i>Wrap up:</i> Practical recommendations on building sea use-pressure-impact matrix;	Marie DAHMEN, Philipp ARNDT
<b>14.25</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	

14.40	Presentation by GNSBI on gaps and challenges in CIA applications	Sebastiaan MESTDAGH
14:50	<i>Discussion:</i> What are uncertainties of the application of CIA in MSP? What is the potential of scenario-based approaches for CIA in MSP?	Philipp ARNDT
15.15	<i>Wrap up:</i> scenario-based, strategic planning to address uncertainties; perspectives to integrate regional and national CIAs; legal and policy instruments to support CIA; connection to nature conservation, restoration and mitigation measures; potential to use scenario-based approaches. Focus: Deliverable Policy brief --> What will be the message in the cross-sea basin context? Drafting the deliverable of task 3.4.	Jitske NUGTER
15.45	<i>Overall wrap-up and follow-up</i>	
16.00	<i>Closing</i>	



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