

Joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group  
Third Meeting  
Helsinki, Finland, 28-29 September 2011

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### **Agenda Item 1      Adoption of the Agenda**

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#### **PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA**

The Third Meeting of the Joint HELCOM-VASAB Working Group on Maritime Spatial Planning (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG) will be held at the premises of the HELCOM Secretariat (Katajanokanlaituri 6 B) in Helsinki, Finland, on 28-29 September 2011.

The Meeting will start on Wednesday, 28 September 2011 at 13:00 hrs and is expected to terminate no later than 16:00 hrs on Thursday, 29 September.

The Meeting will be jointly opened by the Working Group Co-chairs Ms. Anita Mäkinen, Finland, and Mr. Andrzej Cieslak, Poland.

### **Agenda Item 1      Adoption of the Agenda**

The Meeting is invited to adopt the Agenda as contained in document 1/1.

### **Agenda Item 2      Information on Maritime Spatial Planning developments, projects and events in the Baltic Sea Region**

The Contracting Parties/Member States will be invited to inform (max 5 minutes) on any new developments in their MSP developments as well as recent meetings dealing with MSP.

The European Commission is invited to inform on the outcome of the Impact Assessment for MSP, and the prospects for a Directive.

Project Managers will inform the meeting of recent developments within Plan Bothnia and BaltSeaPlan.

The Meeting will be informed about the European Maritime Day Event arranged jointly by HELCOM, VASAB, the Maritime Institute in Gdańsk (MIG) and the Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency (BSH) in Gdansk, Poland, 20 May 2011.

### **Agenda Item 3      Vision for the Baltic Sea – outcome of the BaltSeaPlan**

The BaltSeaPlan is invited to make a presentation on the draft Spatial Vision for the Baltic Sea Region, further developed within the Project after the second meeting of the MSP WG in Riga, Latvia on 20-21 January 2011.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the presentation and to discuss elements for a Spatial Vision for the Baltic Sea Region and related goals.

**Agenda Item 4            Maritime Spatial Planning minimum requirements and best practices – outcomes of the Plan Bothnia project**

The project manager of Plan Bothnia will submit documents on initial results on minimum requirements and best practices. Selected experts will present these documents.

The Meeting is invited to take note and discuss the initial results on minimum requirements and best practices based on the documents and presentations.

**Agenda Item 5            Work Plan 2010-2013**

The Work Plan, as endorsed by the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 2/2011 Meeting, was adopted by HELCOM 32/2011. Following suggestions from VASAB CSPD an Annex to the Work Plan has been elaborated, including responsible actors and a timeframe for the envisaged activities and expected outcomes.

The Meeting is invited to take note and discuss the Annex to the Work Plan 2010-2013 for the joint HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG as outlined in document 5/1.

**Agenda Item 6            International legislative basis for Maritime Spatial Planning**

At the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 2/2011 Meeting it was decided during the third meeting to further discuss and to outline basic elements for the legislative basis for MSP, in the whole maritime areas (internal waters, territorial seas and the exclusive economic zones) taking into account the International and Regional Conventions, Agreements, Policies and Strategies and EU directives.

The Meeting is invited to take note and discuss this issue on the basis of a document to be submitted later by Germany and Denmark, in cooperation with Sweden and the HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats.

**Agenda Item 7            Practical application of the ecosystem approach in Maritime Spatial Planning**

At the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 2/2011 Meeting it was decided during the third meeting to further discuss the practical application of the ecosystem approach in MSP and if possible develop necessary elements of a MSP relevant application of the ecosystem based approach.

The Meeting is invited to take note and discuss this issue on the basis of a document to be submitted later by Finland, in cooperation with the HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats and with the support of Sweden.

**Agenda Item 8            Future work and next meeting**

The Meeting is invited to discuss and decide on the major topics to be considered during the fourth HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG meeting as well as the specific dates for this meeting.

**Agenda Item 9            Any other business**

A representative of BONUS will make a presentation on the BONUS Strategic research agenda 2011-2013.

The Meeting will be invited to take note of the information.

The Meeting will be invited to comment on the proposed programme for a joint HELCOM/VASAB, OSPAR and ICES Maritime Spatial Planning Workshop in Lisbon, Portugal on 2-4 November 2011 as contained in document 9/1, with the aim to give comments to and decide participation in a preplanning meeting, preliminarily scheduled in the week from 10-14 October 2011.

The Meeting might wish to discuss any other matters under this Agenda Item.

**Agenda Item 10           Outcome of the Meeting**

A List of Decisions will be prepared at the end of the Meeting and presented for consideration and adoption.