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Background

The Tenth Meeting of the joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 10-2015) will be held at the Hotel Scandic Crown (Polhemsplatsen 3) in Gothenburg, Sweden, on 29-30 January 2015 upon invitation by the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management (SwAM). The Meeting will be opened on Thursday, 29 January at 10:00 and is expected to terminate no later than at 14:30 the following day.

The Meeting will be co-chaired by Ms. Anita Mäkinen, Finland, and Mr. Andrzej Cieślak, Poland, Co-chairs of the Working Group.

The focus of the Meeting will be on the Guidelines on application of the ecosystem approach, transboundary consultations and cooperation and public participation in MSP to be developed as agreed within the [Regional Baltic Maritime Spatial Planning Roadmap 2013-2020](#). The Guidelines are to be drafted and adopted by 2015 and applied by 2018.

As agreed by HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 6-2013 (paragraph 1.2), Contracting Parties/Member Countries as well as Observers are requested to submit substantial documents requiring a decision or action to the Secretariats (laura.meski@helcom.fi and info@vasab.org) at the latest four weeks in advance of the meeting. However, due to the holiday season the deadline will be postponed with one week until 8 January 2015. Information documents should be submitted at the latest two weeks in advance of the meeting i.e. by 15 January 2015. The handling of documents, which are submitted later than given deadlines, will be considered by the Co-Chairs together with the Secretariats.

Provisional Annotated Agenda

Agenda Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda

The Provisional Agenda (document 1-1) and the Provisional Annotated Agenda (document 1-2) have been prepared on the basis of the Minutes of the Ninth Meeting of the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG as well as consultations between the Chairs of the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG and the HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats.

The Meeting is invited to adopt the Agenda (document 1-1).

Agenda Item 2 MSP developments and regional coordination

The Meeting is invited to take note of the MSP related outcome of the VASAB Ministerial Conference, which was held on 26 September 2014 in Tallinn, Estonia.

The European Commission is invited to provide information on the EU Directive on MSP, which was adopted on 23 July 2014, and related processes.

The Contracting Parties/Member Countries, , which are EU Member States, are invited to in brief inform on national MSP developments in relation to implementation of the EU Directive on MSP. Likewise the Russian Federation is invited to brief developments of MSP in Russia.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the second generation country fiches, which are to be updated prior to HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 10-2014 on request by the Secretariats, as decided at HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 9-2014 (paragraph 2.18), and to approve them for publishing on the HELCOM and VASAB web pages.

The Meeting is invited to take note of information on activities related to the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR) and Horizontal Action (HA) Spatial Planning for which the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG acts as the Steering Committee concerning the MSP part and to consider the update and review of the current chapter on HA Spatial Planning including objectives, targets and indicators.

The Meeting is invited to take note the information provided by relevant parties on the following activities and initiatives and make use of the information as appropriate:

- Baltic MSP Forum/PartiSEApate Project Conference on 17-18 June 2014, Riga, Latvia;
- Past and upcoming European Commission MSP Workshops;
- Gulf of Finland Year 2014 related to MSP;
- BaltSpace project – Towards Sustainable Governance of Baltic Marine Space;
- Baltic SCOPE project – Towards coherence and cross---border solutions in Baltic Maritime Spatial Plans;
- Baltwise Seed project.

Agenda Item 3 Implementation of the Regional Baltic Roadmap 2013-2020

Guidelines

The Meeting is invited to take note of the document on the ecosystem-based approach and MSP as accepted by the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG online intersessional meeting on EBA and MSP held on 4 July 2014.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the plans for organizing a workshop on the ecosystem-based approach in MSP to start up the work on drafting the Guidelines on the application of Ecosystem Approach in transnationally coherent MSP during

The Meeting is invited to discuss and consider the expectations on the scope and outline of the following guidelines to be drafted and adopted by 2015 and applied by 2018 according to the [Regional Baltic Maritime Spatial Planning Roadmap 2013-2020](#) and further agree on how to organize the work:

- Guidelines on transboundary consultations and cooperation in the field of MSP,
- Guidelines on public participation for MSP with transboundary dimensions,
- Guidelines on the application of Ecosystem Approach in transnationally coherent MSP.

MSP data

The Meeting is invited to take note of the report “Preparatory Work for Establishing an Expert Subgroup to the HELCOM/VASAB MSP WG on MSP Data, Spatial Data Infrastructure and an MSP Data Network in the Baltic Sea Region”, which was produced as part of the PartiSEApate project.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcome of the exploratory meeting for a Baltic Sea Region MSP Data Expert Group, held in Riga, Latvia, on 20 November 2014, and consider the draft terms of reference for the Group.

Agenda Item 4 Any other business

The Contracting Parties/Member Countries and Observers are invited to check and update the List of Nominated Experts for the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG (document 4-1).

The Contracting Parties/Member Countries are invited to check and update the List of Formal National Contact Points on MSP for the purpose of transboundary consultation and joint planning.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the Co-chairs joint guest column on MSP for the BONUS in Brief newsletter in November 2014: "Maritime Spatial Planning - how to make it from theory to practice in the Baltic Sea area"

The Meeting is invited to take note of the calendar on MSP related events during 2015 and update the list if needed.

The Meeting might wish to consider any other matters raised by the Contracting Parties/Member Countries and Observers at the Meeting.

Agenda Item 5 Future work and meetings

The Meeting is invited to take note of the HELCOM-VASAB Work Plan 2014-2016 as adopted by the Helsinki Commission Meeting (HELCOM 35-2014) on 5-6 March 2014 and the 66th VASAB CSPD/BSR Meeting on 25-26 June 2014 (document 5-1).

The Meeting is invited to decide on the date for and focus of the next meeting of the Working Group. The Contracting Parties/Member Countries are invited to consider hosting the meeting.

Agenda Item 6 Outcome of the Meeting

A draft Outcome of the Meeting will be prepared at the end of the Meeting and presented for consideration and adoption.