Document title	Provisional Annotated Agenda
Code	1-2
Category	CMNT
Agenda Item	1 - Adoption of the Agenda
Submission date	5.5.2014
Submitted by	HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats
Reference	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 8-2014

Provisional Annotated Agenda

The Ninth Meeting of the Joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 9-2014) will be held at the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of Latvia (Peldu street 25) in Riga, Latvia, on 16 June 2014. The Meeting will be opened on Monday, 16 June at 09:00 hrs and is expected to terminate no later than 18:00 hrs the same day.

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

The focus of the Meeting will be on the input of the WG to the VASAB Ministerial Conference and on data needs for MSP. The Contracting Parties/Member States are invited to consider inviting relevant data experts, also with connections to other data developments on the Baltic Sea and EU level, to attend the meeting. In order to save time and enable discussion on these issues, other issues and documents are foreseen to be introduced only **in brief**.

As agreed by HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 6-2013 (paragraph 1.2), substantial documents requiring a decision or action should be submitted to the Secretariats (laura.meski@helcom.fi and info@vasab.org) at the latest four weeks in advance of the meeting, i.e. **by 19 May 2014** and information documents should be submitted at the latest two weeks in advance of the meeting i.e. **by 2 June 2014**. The handling of documents, which are submitted later than given deadlines, will be considered by the Co-Chairs together with the Secretariats.

Agenda Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda

The Provisional Agenda (document 1-1) and the Provisional Annotated Agenda (document 1-2) has been prepared on the basis of the Minutes of the Eighth 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 Information on MSP developments and regional coordination

HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG

The Meeting is invited to welcome the nomination of Joacim Johannesson, Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management, as the Vice-Co-Chair of HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG for the three-year period 2014-2016.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the progress on approval of the draft HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG Work Plan 2014 -2016. The Work Plan was adopted by the Helsinki Commission meeting (HELCOM 35-2014) on 5-6 March 2014 and it will be on the agenda for the VASAB CSPD/BSR meeting on 25-26 June 2014.

MSP developments

The European Commission is invited to inform the Meeting on the adoption of the Directive on MSP (17 April 2014) and on the progress with development of the EU implementation Guidelines.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the overview on national MSP developments, to be submitted at a later stage. The overview, based on information previously reported by the Contracting Parties/Member Countries, will be circulated for updating in advance of the Meeting as decided at HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 4/2012 (paragraph 2.6). In addition, Contracting Parties/Member Countries are invited to briefly inform of any major national MSP developments during the Meeting.

The Meeting is invited to discuss and agree on the outline of the updated country fiches (files), prepared by the PartiSEApate project, to be submitted at a later stage, and consider their alignment with the overview table on MSP developments (cf. previous paragraph). The final country fiches will be published on the HELCOM and VASAB web pages as agreed by HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 8-2014 (cf.paragraph 3.17).

The Meeting is invited to take note of information by the Secretariats 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, including the matters concerning EUSBSR Seed Money Facility activities and the HA Spatial Planning Flagship project PartiSEApate.

Information on events

The Meeting is invited to take note of information on the following events:

- Roundtable on Maritime Spatial Planning, XV International Environmental Forum - Baltic Sea Day, 19 March 2014, St. Petersburg, Russia,
- Maritime Spatial Planning Conference: Shipping, which will be held on 6 June 2014 in Athens, Greece, organized by the European Commission.

Agenda Item 3 Input of the joint HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG to the VASAB Ministerial Conference

The VASAB Ministerial Conference will take place on 26 September 2014 in Tallinn, Estonia. The Meeting is invited to consider the draft VASAB Tallinn Declaration, as contained in document 3-1, provide comments and agree on the proposed wording.

The Meeting is invited to consider and agree on the visualization of a map presenting the MSP situation in the Baltic Sea, to be submitted at a later stage by Germany. The map will be presented at the VASAB Ministerial Conference.

Agenda Item 4 Data needs for MSP

HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 8-2014 recognized the need to work further on MSP data according to the new HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG Work Plan 2014-2016. The Meeting is invited to consider a proposal for establishing regional cooperation on MSP data as part of the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG, to be submitted at a later stage by Germany, and decide on the way forward.

Agenda Item 5 Practical application of the Ecosystem Approach in MSP

HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 8-2014 appreciated the renewed offer by Finland to have the lead for finalizing the document on the understanding of the ecosystem approach and the offer by the European Commission, Germany and Sweden to provide further input. The Meeting is invited to finalize the document to be submitted at a later stage by Finland.

Agenda Item 6 Future work and meetings

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 7 Any other business

The Contracting Parties/Member Countries are invited to check and update the List of Nominated Experts for the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG (document 7-1).

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, to be submitted at a later stage.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the calendar on MSP related events during 2014-2015, to be submitted at a later stage by the Secretariats, and provide information on additional events.

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

Agenda Item 8 Outcome of the Meeting

The Meeting will be invited to adopt the draft Outcome of the Meeting. The Chairs and the Secretariats will prepare, circulate and make available the final Outcome of the Meeting.