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Background

The attached document has been received by the Secretariat from the coordinator of the CBSS Monitoring Group on Cultural Heritage in the Baltic Sea States. It contains a short description of the project “BSR Integrated Maritime Heritage Management”, initiated by the CBSS Monitoring Group on Cultural Heritage in the Baltic Sea States and its two BSR expert working groups on underwater heritage and on coastal culture and maritime heritage.

Action required

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information.

BSR Integrated Maritime Heritage Management

- PA Culture flagship for EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR)

Short description of the project

The EU Directive for establishing a framework for maritime spatial planning (MSP) (2014/89/EU) and the EU Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) Protocol 2010 underline the validity of a proactive stance towards the marine historic environment. Best practices for the implementation of the MSP in the BSR are under development now by two regional stakeholders and their Joint Working Group on MSP, namely by HELCOM and the Vision and Strategies around the Baltic Sea (VASAB). So far, coastal and underwater heritage has been taken into account in these approaches only country by country. The project aims at integrating cultural heritage concerns to MSP and ICZM policies in the Baltic Sea use management.

The project will develop best practices on the regional level for shared information systems and on policies, management and decision-making processes regarding the integration of underwater and coastal cultural heritage with the topical implementation of MSP and ICZM in the BSR. It will elaborate a knowledge base and standardized recommendations for planners and investors in the field of protection of the marine and maritime heritage and at the same time working on raising awareness.

Project activities will assist to reach the goal of genuine MSP and ICZM policies and practices in the BSR, and contribute to developing the BSR as an exemplary macro-region of integrated management of heritage and natural resources in the sea use policy.

The project shall strengthen the understanding of the particular characteristics of the BSR underwater heritage, too. It will pave the way for creative exploitation of these assets in the cultural and tourism businesses.

The project utilizes regional expertise gained within the BSR Working Groups on underwater and on maritime heritage, as well as the mapping done within three seed money projects which received funding from the CBSS Project Support Facility (Pro BSR and USHER) and the EUSBSR Seed Money Facility (CODEUCH). The project activities will use a transnational and cross-sector approach and shall be tailored and carried out in interaction with the HELCOM and VASAB Joint Working Group on Maritime Spatial Planning.

Partnership countries / organizations & reference /advisory groups

The project is led by the State Archaeological Department of Schleswig-Holstein (Germany).

It's initiated by the CBSS Monitoring Group on Cultural Heritage in the Baltic Sea States and its two BSR expert working groups; 1) on underwater heritage and 2) on coastal culture and maritime heritage

including such member institutions as:

National Heritage Boards & Maritime Museums of the Baltic Sea States in charge of underwater heritage management in their territorial waters

Polish Maritime Museum, Gdansk (Poland)

National Board of Antiquities (Finland)

Estonian National Heritage Board (Estonia)

Ministry of Culture (Estonia)

Ministerium für Bildung, Wissenschaft und Kultur Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (Germany)

State Inspection for Heritage Protection (Latvia)

Department of Cultural Heritage Protection under the Ministry of Culture (Lithuania)

Department of Museum in Arts Council (Norway)

Directorate for Cultural Heritage (Norway)

National Heritage Board of Poland (Poland)

National Heritage Board of Sweden (Sweden)

HELCOM and VASAB Joint Working Group on Maritime Spatial Planning

The project is also in dialogue with other relevant stakeholders (ministries, universities, NGOs and institutions in charge of planning) and collaborates with other regional projects on MSP and on creative industries.

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