

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

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### **PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA**

The eight Meeting of the Joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 8/2013) will be held at Monika Centrum Hotel (Elizabetes street 21) in Riga, Latvia, on 28-29 January 2014. The Meeting will be opened on Tuesday, 28 January at 11:00 hrs and is expected to terminate no later than 15:00 hrs on Wednesday, 29 January.

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

**Please note that the focus of the Meeting will be on planning of the future work of HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG for the implementation of the Regional Baltic MSP Roadmap 2013 - 2020 and preparation for the VASAB Ministerial Conference in 2014.** In order to save time and enable discussion on these issues, other issues and documents are foreseen to be introduced only very briefly.

As agreed by HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 6/2013 (paragraph 1.2), substantial documents requiring a decision or action should be submitted four weeks in advance of the meeting. In practice, due to the Christmas season, the substantial documents shall be submitted to the Secretariats ([laura.meski@helcom.fi](mailto:laura.meski@helcom.fi) and [info@vasab.org](mailto:info@vasab.org)) not later than **by 6 January 2014**. Information documents should be submitted two weeks in advance of the meeting i.e. **by 14 January 2014**. The handling of documents, which are submitted later than given deadlines, will be considered by the Co-Chairs together with the Secretariats.

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The Provisional Annotated Agenda has been prepared on the basis of the Minutes of the Seventh Meeting of the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG, the outcome of the HELCOM Ministerial Meeting on 3 October 2013 as well as consultations between the Co-Chairs and Vice-Co-Chairs of the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG and the HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats.

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

## **Agenda Item 2                          Recent MSP developments**

The European Commission is invited to inform the Meeting on the status of the proposal for a EU Directive on Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) and Integrated Coastal Management (ICM).

The Meeting is invited to consider the future work of the Working Group in light of the recent EU developments and use the conclusions of these discussions when revising the work plan 2014-2016 for the Working Group under Agenda Item 3.

The Meeting is invited to take note of information from the HELCOM Secretariat on the MSP related outcome of the HELCOM Ministerial Meeting, which was held on 3 October 2013 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

The Meeting is invited to take note of information from the VASAB Secretariat on the VASAB Ministerial Conference to be held on 25-26 September 2014 in Tallinn, Estonia.

The Meeting is invited to provide input to the VASAB Ministerial outcome within the competence of the Working Group (MSP related). The Meeting is also invited to decide on any additional documents to be developed for the Ministerial Conference on behalf of the Working Group.

The Meeting is invited to take note that VASAB CSPD is planning to prepare a visualisation of current MSP activities with aims to be submitted to the VASAB Ministerial Conference (a map reflecting current status of MSP legislation, pilot actions 2009-2014 and official planning process).

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 matters concerning EUSBSR Seed Money Facility activities.

*Please note that, due to the need to reserve time for work plan drafting, other information listed below regarding recent MSP developments will only be taken note of in the form of written documents. They will not be considered in depth at this meeting. These documents will be introduced collectively by the Chairs with the aim that they will be used as background material during drafting of the work plan. If necessary, such documents/issues can be reconsidered in more depth at the next meeting of the Working Group.*

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

- information on current results of the PartiSEApate (Multilevel Governance in Maritime Spatial Planning throughout the Baltic Sea Region) project, including a summary of MSP stakeholder meetings and envisaged next steps, submitted by Poland. HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 5/2012 granted the PartiSEApate project Flagship project status within HA Spatial Planning.
- an overview document on national MSP developments, submitted by the HELCOM Secretariat. A draft will be circulated to the Contracting Parties/Member Countries for updating in advance of the Meeting as decided at HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 4/2012.
- the first draft of “*Guidelines on transboundary consultations and cooperation in the field of MSP*”, submitted by Poland (c.f. HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 7/2013 paragraph 3.23).
- the commented draft document on ecosystem approach and MSP, submitted by HELCOM Secretariat.
- the outcomes of the latest VASAB CSPD meetings, submitted by the VASAB Secretariat.
- the outcome of workshop “Cultivating new ideas for territorial development of the Baltic Sea Region”, which was held on 28 November 2013 in Riga, Latvia, financed out of the Technical Assistance of the EUSBSR, submitted by the VASAB Secretariat.
- the outcome of the “Fishing for space” workshop, which was held on 14 November 2013 in Vilnius, Lithuania, submitted by the HELCOM Secretariat. The workshop was partly financed out of the Technical Assistance of the EUSBSR.

- the outcome of the regional workshop on the valuation of marine and coastal ecosystem services in the Baltic Sea, which was held on 7-8 November 2013 in Stockholm, Sweden, submitted by the HELCOM Secretariat.
- the outcome of a meeting of MSP practitioners, held in Gotland, Sweden, on 11-12 September 2013, submitted by Sweden.
- the outcome of a Nordic Council of Ministers workshop on MSP held in Reykjavik, Iceland, on 12-13 November 2013.
- information on progress made with preparing the Gulf of Finland Year 2014 initiative and especially on the status of MSP pilot project in the Gulf of Finland, submitted by Finland.

The Contracting Parties/Member Countries are invited to submit any other information documents on MSP developments to be added to the list above.

### **Agenda Item 3                                      Future work and meetings**

#### *Working Group Work Plan 2014-2016*

The Meeting is invited to take note of the Mandate for the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG for the years 2014-2016, approved by HELCOM HOD 41/2013 and by the VASAB Committee on Spatial Planning and Development of the Baltic Sea Region (CSPD/BSR) 62<sup>th</sup> meeting on 6-7 June 2013 (document 3/1/INF) and use it in the work to draft a new work plan.

The Meeting is invited to discuss, draft and approve a new work plan for the Working Group for the period 2014-2016 in the light of recent developments with a view to forward it to HELCOM HOD and VASAB CSPD/BSR for approval after the meeting.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the draft work plan initially considered by HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 7/2013 (paragraph 5.1 of the Minutes) (document 3/2) and use it in the work to draft a new work plan.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the document "Selected key proposals for Work Plan 2014 -2016 of the joint HELCOM VASAB MSP Working Group" (document 3/3) drafted by the VASAB CSPD/BSR 63rd meeting on 30-31 October 2013 in Helsinki, Finland, and use it in the work to draft a new work plan.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the "Regional Baltic Maritime Spatial Planning Roadmap 2013-2020" adopted by the HELCOM Ministerial Meeting 2013 and the VASAB CSPD/BSR (document 3/4) and use it in the work to draft the new work plan. The Contracting Parties/Member Countries are invited to consider volunteering as Lead Country and nominate contact persons for selected tasks included within the Roadmap.

The Meeting is invited to take note that VASAB Secretariat has contracted external expert to assess the implementation of VASAB Long Term Perspective (LTP), including actions related to MSP. The VASAB Secretariat will provide information about the VASAB LTP Progress Review Report. The Meeting is invited to discuss conclusions of the Report, new actions needed and synchronization with the Roadmap 2013-2020 and the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG Work Plan 2014-2016 and use it in the work to draft the new work plan.

The Meeting is invited to amend a draft calendar of MSP events during 2014-2015 provided by the Secretariats, to be submitted at a later stage, and use it in the work to draft the new work plan.

The Meeting is also invited to consider the working practices of the Working Group and suggest any improvements.

### Chairing

The Meeting is invited to elect Chair(s) of HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG for the next three-year period (2014-2016).

The HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG is currently jointly co-chaired by a HELCOM chair (nominated by the group and adopted by HELCOM HOD) and a VASAB CSPD/BSR chair (nominated by the group and adopted by VASAB CSPD/BSR). Ms. Anita Mäkinen, Finland, and Mr. Andrzej Cieslak, Poland, have acted as Co-Chairs for HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG since 2010. Mr. Sten Jerdenius, Sweden (2010-), and Mr. Kai Trümpler, Germany (since HELCOM-VASAB 7/2013), following Mr. Nico Nolte, Germany (2010-), have acted as Vice-Co-Chairs.

### Future meetings

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

The Meeting is invited to recall that HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 7/2013 preliminary decided that the ninth meeting of HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG will be arranged in early May 2014 to enable commenting draft outcome of the VASAB Ministerial Conference.

The Meeting is invited to take note that VASAB in cooperation with the PartiSEApate project plans to organise a conference for MSP practitioners on 17-18 June 2014 in Riga, Latvia. The Meeting is invited to consider the possibility to arrange the next HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG meeting as a back-to-back event with the MSP practitioner's conference.

### **Agenda Item 4    Any other business**

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

The Meeting is invited to present any other information relevant for MSP after consultation with the Chairs and within the time constraints.

### **Agenda Item 5    Outcome of the Meeting**

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

The Chairs and the Secretariats will prepare and distribute/make available complete report/Minutes after the Meeting.