

Agenda Item 2 Recent MSP developments

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CURRENT STATUS WITHIN THE PARTISEAPATE PROJECT

This document contains information on the current status of the PartSEApate (Multilevel Governance in Maritime Spatial Planning throughout the Baltic Sea Region) project as a result of the 4th Partner Meeting held on 2-3 December 2013.

HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG, as the Steering Committee for the Horizontal Action (HA) Spatial Planning agreed on granting flagship project status to the PartiSEApate project under the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region at its fifth meeting (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 5/2012) and agreed to function as a Project Advisory Group for the project. HELCOM and VASAB are the Horizontal Action Leaders for HA Spatial Planning.



The Meeting is invited to take note of the information.

**Communication to the HELCOM-VASAB working group on MSP
about the current status within the PartiSEApate project
as a result of the 4th Partner Meeting held on 2nd – 3rd December 2013**

Policy Recommendations & MSP Transnational Governance System

- The policy recommendations are expected to be very short so that they may become part of the VASAB Ministerial Declaration. They will essentially make reference to the “use” of the other PartiSEApate outputs.
- The transnational MSP institutional and governance model – should in future be referred to as “MSP system or concept” rather than model. Rather than being a long “text” document it will make use of as many “visualizations” as possible to show processes and structures to be involved. Members of the HELCOM-VASAB WG on MSP as well as selected sector representatives and other interest groups will be interviewed between February / March 2014 for the purpose of designing the MSP concept. The draft concept itself shall be discussed in several half-day round tables to be organized by end March (Riga), April (Hamburg) and May (Bremen).

Handbook for multi-level transnational MSP consultation process

- The handbook for MSP practitioners shall embrace multi-level consultation processes on national as well as on transnational level. It will be a layouted document, but it shall be decided at later stage only whether to put it into print or just as an online version.
- The LP will prepare the structure of the handbook on MSP Consultations. Good practice examples for consultations within or outside the BSR will be described and key principles for successful consultations will be elaborated.
- Case studies will come from the pilot projects as well as other cases (i.e. Norway, Atlantic project, etc.).

Update on MSP Compendium

- MSP Country Fiches have been developed and printed.
- VASAB Secretariat will ensure annual review and update of Country Fiches information.
- An online version of the MSP Compendium will be published on the VASAB Secretariat web page: www.vasab.org and in addition will include links to relevant document and contact information. Based on the country fiche structure, LP together with other project partners will work out a new structure for Online Compendium version. A template will be distributed to all PPs before the end of January.

Pan-Baltic MSP Stakeholder Workshops

- Project partners presented insights into the workshops and indicated key findings. Essentially the series of 9 workshops (incl. Fishery Workshop held by HELCOM in cooperation with PartiSEApate) held in 2013 was seen as very valuable showing the need for further intensified dialogues with sectors / supporters on MSP at pan-Baltic level as well as providing lessons learned on “best” format for such dialogues.
- The summary report on Stakeholder Workshops will be prepared by BEF/LV and will be available by end January 2014. The summary report should serve as input to all other PartiSEApate

recommendations and outputs. It shall also serve as a basis for a sector report to be developed as a result from the PartiSEApate Final Conference.

- A cross-sectoral workshop will be organized in March/April 2014 in Hamburg relating to conflicts/limitations and multifunctional/shared uses of sea space. The workshop will be preceded by interviews to be held by PartiSEApate partners in each country with relevant stakeholders.
- As mentioned above round table discussions will be organised between March – May on the proposed transnational / cross-border MSP governance system, which are preceded by structured telephone interviews to be undertaken by Kira Gee / Angela Schultz-Zehden (new MSP governance experts).

Next Partner Meeting

- It was decided that the next partner and MSP expert meeting will be held in Szczecin on 5th – 7th May 2014.

Project Final Conference

- It was decided that the Final conference will be held on 17/18 June 2014 in Riga
 - With the final conference a regular conference format bringing together planners, sector representatives and government representatives shall be launched
 - The conference shall bring together all groups related to MSP, i.e. a) infrastructure development/energy, b) natural resources (fisheries, aquaculture, UCH, nature) as well as cross-cutting support functions such as research, data and climate change issues
 - MSP practitioners from outside the BSR shall also be invited for exchange of knowledge and experience
 - During the Conference PartiSEApate results (such as MSP governance system, pilot projects, compendium, etc.) will be presented – but will also still be subject to changes / modifications for finalisation before VASAB Ministerial Conference.
- The Final Conference shall be documented resulting in a nicely laid out 1st Version of the “State of Baltic MSP report” containing not only information on the MSP status in each country, but also relevant sector developments as well as research & data efforts undertaken in support for MSP. This documentation shall be available as input to the VASAB Ministerial Conference in September 2014.