

Agenda Item 2 Recent MSP developments

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OUTCOMES OF THE 62ND AND 63RD MEETINGS OF THE VASAB COMMITTEE ON SPATIAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE BALTIC SEA REGION (CSPD/BSR)

This document contains the outcomes of the 62nd and 63rd meeting of the VASAB Committee on Spatial Planning and Development of the Baltic Sea Region (CSPD/BSR).

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information.

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At the 62nd VASAB CSPD/BSR Meeting held on 6-7 June 2013 in Moscow:

The CSPD/BSR took note of the information provided about the outcomes of the 7th joint HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG meeting on 6-7 May 2013 in Helsinki, Finland and MSP-related documents to be submitted to the HELCOM Ministerial Meeting.

The CSPD/BSR decided to prolong the mandate of the Joint HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG by three years (i.e. till 31 December 2016) and approved the proposal for a revised mandate for the Joint HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG with the amendment in Point 2: replacing a text “based on Ecosystem Approach” with “applying Ecosystem Approach”.

At the 63rd VASAB CSPD/BSR Meeting, held on 30-31 October 2013 in Helsinki:

The CSPD/BSR discussed outcomes of the HELCOM Ministerial Meeting of 3 October 2013 and VASAB input to the meeting.

The CSPD/BSR discussed tasks and work plan of the joint HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG. *Andrzej Cieslak*, Co-chair of the joint HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG participated in the discussion. The CSPD/BSR members considered the Regional Baltic Maritime Spatial Planning Roadmap 2013-2020 (Roadmap) ambitious and dependant on the progress of the adoption of the EU Directive on establishing a framework for MSP and ICM. The CSPD/BSR reviewed the draft Work Plan 2014-2016 prepared by VASAB secretariat and considered it as a good and concrete basis for work of the Working Group. It was suggested to pay attention to the implementation of the Work Plan - how to manage and proceed the workload. It was also suggested that work needs to be organized in the mixed groups of countries and, if necessary, external experts could be contracted.

The VASAB CSPD/BSR decided to initiate two week’s written procedure on the content of the Work Plan. During the written procedure the following proposals were expressed: observation of implementation of MSP systems in different countries, more prominent role to the minimum MSP standards or requirements, providing input to the maps being drafted by Germany on the MSP progress (for VASAB Ministerial Conference). The valuable input to the maps could be information about typology of applied MSP and geographical indications of the territories where some kind of MSP plans have been developed.

The CSPD/BSR decided that a Roadmap would be translated into Russian.

The CSPD/BSR took note of the information provided about the new EU Directive on establishing a framework for MSP and ICM and its adoption process.

The CSPD/BSR took note of the information provided about the progress of the “PartiSEApate” project and agreed that project lead partner could present interim results of the project to the 8th joint HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG.

The CSPD/BSR took note of the information provided about the update of the BONUS Programme Strategic Research Agenda and upcoming BONUS call for projects, including MSP related theme.

The CSPD/BSR took note of the information provided about the project applications supported by the VASAB CSPD/BSR (land-based spatial planning) and the joint HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG (maritime spatial planning) for the EU SBSR Seed Money Facility under EU SBSR Horizontal Action “Spatial Planning”.