HORIZONTAL ACTION ‘SPATIAL PLANNING’

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Co-HACs for HA Spatial Planning

Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission - intergovernmental organisation of the 9 Baltic Sea coastal countries and the EU working to protect the marine environment of the Baltic Sea from all sources of pollution and to ensure safety of navigation in the region.

Intergovernmental multilateral co-operation of 11 countries of the Baltic Sea Region in spatial planning and development.
HA Spatial Planning

Land based

Sea based

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Two Steering Committees

**Land based**

VASAB Committee on Spatial Planning and Development of the Baltic Sea Region (CSPD/BSR)

**Sea based**

HELCOM–VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group

Representatives of competent ministries and authorities from BY, DK, DE, EE, FI, LT, LV, NO, PL, RU, SE as well as regional level authorities from DE and RU

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Goal: Implement Long Term Perspective for the Territorial Development of the BSR 2030

• Better adaptation of strategies to different types of areas and propose specific approaches for a diverse urban pattern
  >> Input to EU Urban Agenda process
  >> Workshop on urban revitalization - 28 October 2015, Lodz

• Apply place-based approaches to territorial development policies
  >> Conference on territorial cohesion: place-based approach and functional areas - May 2016, Warsaw

• Observe territorial development processes
  >> Maintain and promote ESPON BSR Territorial Monitoring System

• Improve accessibility and connectivity, observe regional effects of the EU transport infrastructure development
  >> Interreg BSR Programme projects on spatial planning along the TEN-T corridors
Supported land-based planning projects

Interreg Baltic Sea Region

- BEA-APP (energy lines)
- ClimUrban (sustainable development)

3 projects - capitalising on TEN-T core network corridors in BSR:

- NSB CoRe
- Scandria®2Act,
- TENTacle

Interreg Central Baltic

- LiveBalticCampus
- BalticUrbanLab
Supported sea-based planning projects

**DG Mare**
- Baltic SCOPE (HA Spatial Planning flagship project)

**Interreg Baltic Sea Region**
- Baltic LINes (HA Spatial Planning flagship project)
- PartiSEApate (HA Spatial Planning flagship project)

**Interreg Central Baltic**
- Plan4Blue

**EUSBSR Seed Money Facility**
- MSP & BSR Integrated Maritime Heritage Management
EUSBSR Meeting, 28-29 October 2015, Warsaw, Poland

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- Spatial Planning
  - Environment protection, climate change
  - Energy
  - Fisheries and aquaculture
  - Education
  - PA Education, Science & Qualification
  - PA Agri
  - PA Energy
  - HA Climate Adaptation
  - Tourism and recreation
  - Spatial Data
  - Transportation
  - Cooperation
  - HA Neighbours
  - PA Safe
  - PA Ship
  - PA Transport
  - PA Culture & Creative Innovation
  - PA Tourism

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Goal: Drawing up maritime spatial plans, applying trans-boundary ecosystem-based approach by 2020

- Overarching MSP principle = ecosystem approach
- Guideline for the implementation of ecosystem-based approach in maritime spatial planning (MSP) in the Baltic Sea area
  - Developed by HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG, approved in 2015, to be implemented by 2018
  - Procedurally oriented guideline which will help applying the ecosystem-based approach in MSP in practice, being also in accordance with spatial planning legislation in force in the Baltic Sea countries.
  - The Guideline takes into account the relevant legal and policy context, such as Helsinki Convention, HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan, the Joint HELCOM-VASAB MSP Principles, applicable to all Baltic coastal states and the EU
Latest outcomes

• **29 September 2015**: Baltic SCOPE kick-off event in Riga, Latvia

• **1 October 2015**: Finalization of the Guideline for the implementation of ecosystem-based approach in maritime spatial planning (MSP) in the Baltic Sea area

• **1-2 October 2015**: 1st Baltic Sea Region MSP Data Expert Sub-Group meeting

• Work continues on Guidelines on transboundary consultations, public participation and co-operation

• **2nd Baltic Maritime Spatial Planning Forum 23-24 November 2016**