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and is expected to be approved in 2011. Latvia is involved in a range of projects on MSP, e.g. BaltSeaPlan, PlanBothnia and a bilateral project GORWIND with Estonia.

A Strategy for Spatial Development of the Coastal Area has also been submitted to the Cabinet of Ministers for adoption.

Currently a document on the institutional responsibilities in maritime spatial planning is being elaborated which will be submitted to the government.

To transpose the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive into national law, a Law on Marine Environmental Protection and Management was adopted in October 2010, also foreseeing the use of MSP.

Poland: A draft law, changing existing law on general spatial planning and management, which in part deals with maritime spatial planning, will shortly be submitted to parliament and is expected to be adopted during the first half of 2011.

The Maritime Administration is still the responsible authority. Additionally, the Parliament is verifying amendments of the Act on Sea Areas of Poland concerning the decision making system for the location of structures at sea. Poland has developed pilot MS plans for the western part of the Gulf of Gdansk (the first ever local plan, in quite accurate scale, for the sea) and is developing, within the Interreg project BaltSeaPlan, further pilot plans for the offshore areas; Middle bank (together with Sweden) and Pomeranian Baight (together with Germany and Denmark).

A decision has been taken to make a general strategic plan for the EEZ, which shall follow the new draft law on spatial planning and management.

Russia: While land use planning is much regulated under the Federal Town-Planning Code, the marine areas have not yet been widely regulated, and MSP is just about to start up. There is naturally an understanding in the relevant ministries of the importance of MSP and that this should be dealt with in the nearest future. In December 2010 the "Strategy of the Russian Federation marine activity development till the year of 2030" was adopted by the Russian Federation Government's Act. It foresees use and development of MSP approaches as one of the perspective areas of marine activity development. The issue of MSP is under the responsibility of the Federal government.

Denmark: Work on MSP has started with the approval of the government in the summer of 2010 of a marine policy strategy. As a part of the strategy, a senior-officials group has been established to look into management of the sea, and thus looking into MSP. The senior-officials group has established a sub-group of data experts, who should concentrate on the data issues (gaps, data infrastructure etc.) The sub-group is chaired by the Danish INSPIRE authority (Agency for Cadastre). During the summer 2011 the group will deliver its report, including possible recommendations for the need to develop the existing system. The Ministry of the Environment is chairing the group, with representatives from other relevant ministries taking part. The joint HELCOM-VASAB WG is found to be very useful and to give added value to the national work on MSP.

Estonia: The responsibility in the sea area is divided between different ministries. A draft law, incorporating the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive has been submitted to the Parliament for adoption. The draft also contains some main clauses on MSP. For a successful implementation of MSP, basic information on environmental parameters is needed. The Marine Environment Act is being drafted also for this purpose.

Two strategic documents are under preparation; a maritime policy and a national spatial plan for 2030, outlining specific issues for the maritime areas, such as; energy, nature protection and military areas. It has not yet been decided how to further deal with this, through guidelines or zoning measures. A new national plan is under preparation covering the territorial sea. Whether the plan will cover the Exclusive Economic Zone is still being discussed.

Finland: The national land-use guidelines have been renewed, including some minor changes concerning archipelago areas. A Maritime Policy Group has been established under the Prime Minister's office, dealing also with MSP.

The Ministry of Environment plans to make a small study on MSP in Finland, linked also to Integrated Coastal Zone Management. Financing has also been reserved for the regional councils to elaborate plans for wind energy to ensure planning, inter alia for bigger wind energy installations. Among the issues dealt with is the identification of areas for wind energy, to be taken into account in regional plans.

Finland is participating in/carrying out some MSP pilot projects.

One activity related to maritime spatial planning is on-going in the fisheries sector, making guidelines on where to place fish farms, e.g. in the Archipelago Sea to minimize environmental effects (few big farms in deeper sea areas instead of many small ones in shallow water). The guidelines are planned to be approved both by the Ministries of Environment and Agriculture and Forestry.

Additionally a four year project on MSP in a changing climate (MARISPLAN) led by SYKE and financed by the Academy of Finland, has been started, to quantify how climate change will affect the marine environment and how it needs to be taken into account in MSP. The project includes ecosystem and socioeconomic analyses of different anthropogenic activities, involving stakeholders from the three case study areas Helsinki City, the Archipelago Sea and the Quark-Bothnian Bay sea areas.

Germany (document 3/2): A legal ordinance for MSP in the EEZ came into force in December 2009. The Federal Ministry of Transport has elaborated legally binding targets and guiding principles for the application of the ordinance, within the framework of United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. The Federal Spatial Planning Act has been made applicable to EEZ in 2004. In 2005 the preparation for the accompanying environmental report started up and in 2008 the BSH drafted the MSP, and carried out a SEA, including public participation and consultation. A newly adopted federal energy concept, with ambitious targets for renewable energy (up to 25000 MW in 2030) will evaluate in 2012 the development of offshore wind energy and could lead to amendments of the MSP legal ordinance. Schleswig Holstein has published a legally binding spatial plan in 2010 – covering the whole land territory and the territorial sea. The main issues covered in the MSP are nature conservation and wind energy.

The Federal Government is preparing an overall development concept for the sea.

The Interreg-project BaltSeaPlan (lead-partner is BSH) is working on draft plans in a transboundary context (c.f. Pomeranian Bight).

Sweden (document 3/1, **presentation 1**): A Swedish Commission on MSP in marine waters initiated their work in January 2010 and delivered their report in December 2010 (In-depth planning MSP in Sweden; Special studies SOU 2010:91) on the legal base for MSP and the ecosystem approach.

No comprehensive MSP for all Swedish territorial sea and EEZ exists in Sweden and only four (4) out of 80 municipalities have taken special planning initiatives for their part of the territorial sea. The Commission therefore proposes to establish a new law on MSP. Based on the law, a national Maritime Spatial Plan shall be simultaneously developed for the following three areas: the Gulf of Bothnia, Baltic Sea Proper, and Skagerrak and Kattegat. Within the framework of this plan the municipalities will develop their comprehensive plans for the territorial sea, which have to take into account i.e. national interest given in the overall national MSP. For the EEZ it is proposed to indicate only areas of public and not of national interest.

A new public authority, to be inaugurated in the summer of 2010 (the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management, in Gothenburg) will be responsible for elaborating the national MSP and the Government will adopt the plan.

The Commission in its report points out the inter-linkage between MSP and the EU MSFD, e.g. the use of the Initial Assessment on the status of the marine environment as a basis for the MSP's as well as the programmes of measures and the monitoring programmes, contributing to the follow-up and review.

The Commission has been given an additional Terms of Reference, to look into information and data needs for MSP.

EC: Informed that an Impact Assessment for MSP is carried out, and is anticipated for autumn 2011. EC stressed the importance of the HELCOM-VASAB WG taking into account work carried out in other fora and marine regions.

3.2 The Meeting took note of the presentation by Project Manager Mr. Hermanni Backer (HELCOM Secretariat) presenting the PLAN BOTHNIA project, an EU DG MARE - funded Maritime Policy "preparatory action" testing MSP in the Bothnian Sea as a trans-boundary case between Sweden and Finland (**presentation 2**). During the implementation period (2 December 2010 - 1 June 2012) the project partners -Swedish and Finnish national authorities and research centres responsible for Fisheries (Fiskeriverket), Environment (SYKE), Maritime Affairs (CMST-Turku University) and Spatial Planning (Boverket), as well as the international actors HELCOM, VASAB 2010 and Nordregio -will prepare background material on relevant human activities and features. This material will be considered in five dedicated trans-boundary planning meetings, with participation of regional planning authorities (county boards, regional councils), where also a "test plan" will be drafted. Dissemination including project conferences as well as other meetings like those of the HELCOM-VASAB joint WG, will communicate the findings to the wider public.

3.3 The Meeting took note of the presentation by Mr. Sten Jerdenius on the 1991 Espoo Convention - the UNECE Convention on EIA in a Transboundary Context (**presentation 3**). According to this convention the Parties are obliged to assess significant environmental impacts of certain activities and especially transboundary impacts. Also procedures to notify affected parties and to consult these as well as the public are regulated in the convention. The scope of the Espoo Convention and the EU EIA Directive is comparable.

There are many examples of the application of the Espoo Convention in the Baltic Region, and the Secretariat of the Espoo Convention is currently elaborating a document giving an overview of such examples.

In the Baltic Sea Region all countries, with the exception of the Russian Federation, are Parties to the Espoo Convention. The Russian Federation has signed, but not yet ratified the Convention.

In 2010 a SEA protocol to the Espoo Convention came into power, covering plans and programmes, and thus also Maritime Spatial Plans. The SEA protocol establishes procedures for consultations with neighbouring states and the public. The SEA protocol and the EU SEA Directive are comparable.

Of the Baltic Sea coastal countries Sweden, Finland, Estonia and Germany are Parties to the Protocol while Poland, Latvia, Lithuania and Denmark have signed the SEA protocol, but not ratified it and the Russian Federation has neither signed nor ratified the SEA protocol.

Under the Espoo Convention the Baltic Sea Region has established a specific cooperation and arranged separate Baltic Sea region meetings.

During the discussions some countries emphasized the importance of complementing the Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA) and Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) with socio-economic assessments, and found that a recommendation to this end should be made. Others countries found that this was already a part of the SEA and EIA concepts.

Agenda Item 4 Working Programme

Documents: 4/1, 4/1/Rev1, 4/1/Rev2

4.1 The Meeting endorsed the Work Plan 2010-2013, as contained in document 4/1/Rev2 and agreed to submit this for approval of HELCOM and the VASAB CSPD as contained in **Annex 2**.

4.2 The Meeting further endorsed the topics to be discussed during 2011 and for which the Joint HELCOM-VASAB Working Group should develop deliverables for consideration at the policy level.

4.3 The Meeting mandated the Co-Chairs and Vice-Chairs together with the Secretariats to prepare for the third meeting based on the listed topics for 2011-2012, and also having in mind that in order for in-depth discussions to take place and outcomes to be prepared the meeting should focus on specific themes.

Agenda Item 5 International legislative basis for Maritime Spatial Planning

Documents: None

5.1 The Meeting took note of the following presentations:

- MSP and international law - possibilities and constraints - **Mr. Staffan Ekwall** EC DG Mare (**presentation 4**)
- MSP and developments at EU - **Mr. Staffan Ekwall** EC DG Mare (**presentation 5**)
- Experiences from German Maritime Spatial Planning – especially the legal base for the EEZ - **Mr. Nico Nolte**, BSH (**presentation 6**)
- Experiences from Dutch Maritime Spatial Planning (legal base for the MSP in the territorial sea and EEZ) - **Ms. Titia Kalker**, Rijkswaterstaat North Sea, Netherlands (**presentation 7**)
- Findings of the Swedish Commission on Maritime Spatial Planning - **Mr. Sten Jerdenius**, Ministry of the Environment (**presentation 8**)

5.2 Based on the presentations the Meeting pointed out that:

UNCLOS: there is nothing in UNCLOS hindering the development of MSP in the internal waters, territorial seas and other claimed zones, such as the contiguous zone and the EEZ. While there is full sovereignty for states in the internal waters and territorial seas, albeit for the latter with due regard to innocent passage of ships, there is a functionally limited jurisdiction in the EEZ.

International agreements: various sectors, need to be taken into account when detailing the MSP. For HELCOM and VASAB countries, being also EU Member States, fisheries are regulated by the Common Fisheries Policy.

The Meeting decided that this issue shall be re-visited by the HELCOM –VASAB WG in their up-coming meetings.

5.3 The Meeting welcomed the offer of Germany and Denmark, in cooperation with Sweden and the Secretariats to develop a document for the next meeting of the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG outlining basic elements for the legislative basis for MSP, in the whole maritime area (internal waters, territorial seas and the exclusive economic zones). The contact person in Germany will be Nico Nolte (nico.nolte@bsh.de) and in Denmark Kasper A. T. Jespersen (kjn@frv.dk).

Agenda Item 6 Ecosystem approach in Maritime Spatial Planning

Documents: 6/1

6.1 The Meeting took note of the following presentations:

- The ecosystem approach in MSP – **Mr. Jan Ekebom**, EC DG MARE and **Mr. Leo De Vrees**, EC DG Environment (**presentation 9**)
- The HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan and the implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive in connection with MSP - **The HELCOM Secretariat** (**presentation 10**)
 - Findings of the Swedish Commission on Maritime Spatial Planning – **Mr. Sten Jerdenius**, Ministry of the Environment (6/1) (**presentation 11**)
- The Norwegian Maritime Spatial Planning and the ecosystem approach - **Mr. Erik Olsen**, Institute of Marine Research, Bergen (**presentation 12**)
- German Maritime Spatial Planning and the ecosystem approach - **Mr. Nico Nolte**, BSH (**presentation 13**)
- Dutch Maritime Spatial Planning and the ecosystem approach - **Ms. Titia Kalker**, Rijkswaterstaat North Sea, Netherlands (**presentation 14**)

6.2 Based on the presentations the Meeting pointed out that:

Explicit references to the ecosystem approach can be found in several global regulatory and policy frameworks, EU legislation and initiatives as well as regional marine commission declarations, e.g. HELCOM and OSPAR.

Three overall features of the ecosystem approach as part of sustainable development can be highlighted:

i) a holistic approach to management, considering cumulative environmental impacts of all human sectors ii) based on best available scientific knowledge on the ecosystem iii) aimed at satisfying human needs without compromising ecosystem integrity or health.

In the application of the ecosystem approach it is important to define the environmental status of the sea that we want to obtain, by use of ecological objectives, indicators and targets based on the work carried out within HELCOM, and for HELCOM and VASAB Member States that are also EU Member States, the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive. HELCOM is acting as a co-ordinating platform for the implementation of the EU MSFD in the Baltic.

Due to knowledge gaps the application of the precautionary principle is of special importance.

Among the further issues to be considered:

- Linkage between MSP and HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan/the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive, the latter being for HELCOM and VASAB member states, being also EU Member States together with other marine environment requirements the environmental pillar of the integrated maritime policy of the EU
- Application of environmental assessment in the MSP process

6.3 The Meeting welcomed the offer of Finland, in cooperation with the Secretariats to develop documents on the above issues for the next meeting of the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG. The contact person in Finland will be Markku Viitasalo (markku.viitasalo@ymparisto.fi). Sweden offered to support this process.

Agenda Item 7 Vision of the Baltic Sea

Documents: None

7.1 The Meeting took note of the Interreg BaltSeaPlan project presentation made by Mr. Bernhard Heinrichs on the Spatial Vision for the Baltic Sea, developed within the Project (**presentation 15**).

7.2 The Meeting decided to include this issue to the topics for discussion during 2011-2012 and to make use of experience from on-going work and projects, such as the BaltSeaPlan and the Plan Bothnia.

Agenda Item 8 Any other business

Documents: 8/1

8.1 The Meeting took note of the joint input of HELCOM and VASAB to the future research areas within the BONUS programme, elaborated via e-mail consultations, based on a first draft developed by the HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats by 15 November and circulated to the MSP Working Group's Members, and submitted to the BONUS Secretariat on the 16 December 2010 (8/1).

8.2 The Meeting welcomed the presentation by Mr. Andris Andrusaitis on the BONUS programme (**presentation 16**) and the information on the preparation and adoption of the Strategic Research Agenda, by end of 2011, for which calls will be made in the early 2012 and 2013. Knowledge needs for the application of MSP in the Baltic Sea Region should be identified and included to new BONUS applications.

8.3 The Meeting decided to arrange its next meeting (HELCOM-VASAB 3/2011) in the HELCOM Secretariat, Helsinki Finland on 28-29 September, 2011 starting at 13:00 on the first day and finalizing at 16:00 on the second day.

8.4 The Meeting took note of the plans for a workshop to be arranged by the Nordic Council of Ministers during 2011. The Meeting further discussed the possibility of arranging a workshop during 2012, to be further elaborated on during the next meeting of the HELCOM-VASAB 3/2011 meeting.

Agenda Item 9 Outcome of the Meeting

Documents: 9/1, 9/1/Rev1

9.1 The Meeting adopted the draft Outcome of the Second Meeting of the Joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG) containing the main decisions of the Meeting (document 9/1/Rev1).

The final Outcome of the Meeting will be finalized by the Secretariats of HELCOM and VASAB in consultation with the Chairs of the Meeting and made available in the HELCOM Meeting Portal as well as on the VASAB web-site, together with meeting documents and the presentations given during the Meeting.

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ANNEX 2 DRAFT HELCOM VASAB MSP WORKING PROGRAMME 2011**Work Plan for 2010 – 2013 for the Joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group**

1. To apply the adopted Joint MSP principles
2. To support the setting-up of frameworks for maritime spatial planning in the countries of the Baltic Sea Region, to ensure more corresponding processes, and for transboundary consultation beneficial for this purpose
 - inform on experiences and best practices to follow up the situation in the BSR countries with regard to implementation of MSP, discuss and propose initiatives to be taken concerning relevant framework elements (development of legal basis, responsibilities for MSP, procedures)
 - investigate and seek common understanding for necessary minimum requirements for BSR maritime spatial planning systems
 - promote and support achievements of economic, social and ecological benefits from MSP
 - cooperation with the Baltic University Programme and other institutions in order to discuss common measures for enhancing education in the field of MSP
3. To investigate the legislative basis for Maritime Spatial Planning, and to find a common understanding for planning
 - problem-oriented presentation, during one of the first meetings, as an input to find a common understanding;
 - overview of global (UNCLOS, IMO conventions, Convention on Biological Diversity etc.), EU (Water Framework Directive, Marine Strategy Framework Directive, Integrated Maritime Policy, Fisheries and Agricultural Policies etc.), and regional (1992 Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area, HELCOM and VASAB Action Plans, Ministerial Declarations, Visions and Strategies, Recommendations etc. as well as other regional organizations and entities, such as ICES and BONUS) legislation, policies and strategies
 - using and possibly updating the VASAB Compendium on national MSP legislation for the Baltic Sea Region countries, including responsible authorities.
4. To promote the use of the Ecosystem Based Approach as an overarching principle for Maritime Spatial Planning and to find a common understanding for planning
 - problem-oriented presentation, during one of the first meetings, as an input to find a common understanding
 - develop clear examples of the need for and the use of the Ecosystem Based Approach in Maritime Spatial Planning

- discuss and if possible develop the necessary elements of a MSP relevant application of the ecosystem based approach
5. To explore the possibilities of MSP to contribute to the implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive and the BSAP
6. To define linkages and correlation between Integrated Coastal Zone Management and Maritime Spatial Planning
- review national approaches to ICZM and its implementation including national systems for decision making in the sea and coast areas
 - discuss the relationship between ICZM and MSP, including cross-border co-ordination and coordination with MSP activities
7. To explore the possibilities for a Spatial Vision for the Baltic Sea
- discuss examples of components of a vision using experience from ongoing work and projects such as BaltSeaPlan
 - seek a common understanding for a Spatial Vision for the Baltic Sea
8. To identify data gathering and mapping processes needed for MSP
- investigate and analyze available data and information for maritime spatial planning including Geographic Information Systems and other structures, identify gaps and propose necessary improvements
 - investigate the need for common sets of data and information for the Baltic Sea and propose necessary minimum common requirements for harmonization and consistency of maps and data.
9. To initiate, establish and follow, projects and seek to improve the conditions for the creation of new Baltic Sea MSP projects
- find areas that would benefit from jointly coordinated actions and seek to initiate new projects relevant for MSP on the basis of common experiences
 - investigate possibilities for funding of projects and seek to promote conditions for creation of Baltic Sea MSP
 - follow and seek to evaluate and make use of projects on MSP in a cooperative manner.
10. To create better understanding for the specific conditions and needs for MSP in the Baltic Sea Region in the EU and seek to find a common approach to EU initiatives in the region.
- discuss upcoming EU meetings and events in order to find out the need to put forward a Baltic Sea perspective
 - discuss EU initiatives as well as the need for Baltic Sea Region initiatives in the EU, especially within the context of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region and the horizontal action on MSP

- identify fields of cooperation with BONUS and other projects and programmes
11. To propose to CSPD/BSR and HELCOM HoD and to organize together with VASAB/ HELCOM Secretariats necessary public events on maritime spatial planning.
- discuss the objectives, venue, cooperation and participation for a Pan-Baltic Conference and prepare a concept for it
 - send representatives of the joint working group to relevant meetings organized by global, EU and BSR organizations and authorities developing maritime spatial planning.
12. To propose further activities towards next Ministerial Conferences:
- propose a vision and decision proposals on further development of MSP (e.g. on minimum requirements, development of legal basis, revision of principles) based on progress reached so far.

EU directives, policies and strategies are applicable to HELCOM member states being also EU member states.

Tasks	Goal/deliverable	Timeframe	Working method/lead party
To make an enquiry into the international legislative basis for Maritime Spatial Planning	Common understanding of the legal basis for MSP Common understanding of the contribution of MSP to the implementation of the VASAB LTP, HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan, as well as other international and EU legal and policy instruments	Presentations at second meeting of the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	Sweden and Secretariat Examples from International (e.g: ICZM protocol to the Barcelona Convention), EU (ICZM and MSP Roadmap with principles), HELCOM and VASAB legal instruments, policies and strategies
To investigate the application of the ecosystem based approach	Common understanding of the application of the ecosystem approach	Presentations at second meeting of the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	Invite an international expert (e.g. from the UK, Norway, BALANCE Project), to present a practical case of the application of the ecosystem based approach Presentation of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan, based on the ecosystem approach Practical examples
To enquire ICZM schemes			
To explore a Spatial Vision for the Baltic Sea	Common understanding for a Spatial Vision and goals Input to Ministerial meetings		Input from ongoing work and projects, such as BaltSeaPlan and PlanBothina
To develop processes and elements for Maritime	Common understanding of the necessary components of maritime	Each country to give a summary overview of their	Input from ongoing work and projects,

<p>Spatial Planning</p>	<p>spatial planning systems</p> <p>Joint VASAB/HELCOM input to the EU MSP process</p> <p>Facilitate joint, transboundary/cross-border MSP work in the Baltic Sea Region, including transboundary consultation and coordination</p>	<p>MSP national legislation/basis</p> <p>VASAB to give a overview of the necessary MSP components</p>	<p>such as BaltSeaPlan and PlanBothina</p> <p>Use and possible update VASAB Compendium</p>
<p>To exchange of information, on national MSP processes, including transboundary /cross-border issues</p>	<p>State-of-play in the Baltic Sea Region (comprehensive picture)</p> <p>Develop a recommendation on good practices in MSP</p>	<p>Sweden to make presentation on transboundary consulted projects in the Baltic Sea Region, reflecting present and future development plans in the Baltic Sea Region</p>	<p>Presentations by countries on present and future development plans (based on the lists compiled by the Espoo Convention Secretariat as well as the questionnaire by the NCM)</p> <p>Promotion of the collection of information in countries on present and future development plans</p> <p>Examples from the management plans in the Barent Region, and on-going work to develop management plans in the North Sea</p>
<p>To identify gaps for MSP planning</p>	<p>Review and make use of the outcomes of projects</p> <p>Initiate specific projects on MSP</p>		<p>HELCOM/VASAB Secretariats to prepare a draft proposal for an input to the development of the BONUS Programme to be circulated to the members of the</p>

	<p>Identify possibilities within existing financial programmes for funding (e.g. FP 7, EU BSRP)</p> <p>Give input to the development of new funding programmes, 2014 onwards (e.g. BONUS)</p>		<p>HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG by 15 November 2010 (taking into account the information to be distributed by the Co-Chair Anita Mäkinen)</p>
<p>To consider the arrangements of conferences/seminars</p>	<p>PanBaltic Conference</p>		
<p>To discuss common measures for enhancing education in the field of MSP</p>	<p>Inclusion to the programme of the Baltic University</p>		
<p>To identify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - data gathering and mapping processes needed for MSP; and - need for cooperation with organizations dealing with these issues 	<p>Identify gaps and propose solutions to overcome them</p>		<p>Contact the ESPON Secretariat to present the project dealing with MSP indicators</p>

Main topics to be discussed during 2011 – 2012 and with the aim to have deliverables to be presented and discussed at the policy level/upcoming ministerial conferences

Appropriate flexibility must be given in order to ensure that the work of the joint HELCOM/VASAB WG will be of added value to the MSP work carried out at the national level and also to ensure that account is taken of on-going activities at the international level, including EU as well as within other marine regions.

- Exchange of information on national MSP processes, MSP processes at the international level as well as in other marine regions
 - spatial vision for the Baltic Sea Region
 - legal basis; to find a common understanding for planning
 - o for HELCOM Member States being also EU Member States the influence of relevant EU Directives, Strategies and Policies (e.g. the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive, the Habitats and Birds Directives, the Water Framework Directive, the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region, Common Fisheries Policy, Common Agriculture Policy, Integrated Coastal Zone Management, Integrated Maritime Policy) on carrying out Maritime Spatial Planning
 - o the land-sea linkage (ICZM and MSP)
 - o national legal system for MSP
 - o transboundary issues in the EEZ (shipping lanes, fisheries, nature conservation etc.)
 - application of the maritime spatial planning principles
 - o application of the ecosystem approach; to find a common understanding for planning
 - o Knowledge base; Data and information needed to implement MSP and to ensure coherence in the region
 - Which data do we need; what is required for data to be useful in MSP; which data is available and in which format
 - Which maps to use, as the basis for MSP
 - Data needs to carry out assessments (for HELCOM Member States being also EU Member States connected to the SEA Directive)
 - Data compiled for eco-system assessments in the Baltic, including for HELCOM Member States being also EU Member States the data compiled/to be compiled for the initial assessment under the EU MSFD, to be finalized by June 2012)
 - Institutional set-up and decision-making process
 - Cross-sectoral cooperation and how to take into account future developments in the sector
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1/1	20.12.10	Provisional Annotated Agenda	VASAB and HELCOM Secretariats
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2/1	20.12.10	Decisions of the VASAB/CSPD and HELCOM/HOD on adoption of the Mandate and Principles	VASAB and HELCOM Secretariats
2/1/Rev1	3.1.11	Decisions of the VASAB/CSPD and HELCOM/HOD on adoption of the Mandate and Principles	VASAB and HELCOM Secretariats
3/1	10.12.10	Summary of the Swedish Government Commission on Marina Spatial Planning Report "National Planning of the Sea"	Mr. Sten Jerdenius, Ministry of the Environment
3/2	15.12.10	"Spatial plan for the German Exclusive Economic Zone in the Baltic Sea - text section" unofficial translation.	Mr. Nico Nolte, BSH
4/1	20.12.10	Draft Working Programme	VASAB and HELCOM Secretariats
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6/1	10.12.10	Mr. Andrew Merrie Report "Managing the Marine Mosaic: A Briefing on Marina Spatial Planning with and Ecosystem Approach".	Mr. Sten Jerdenius, Ministry of the Environment
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3.	3.3	Espoo Convention	PowerPoint Presentation	Mr. Sten Jerdenius, Ministry of the Environment
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9.	6.1	The ecosystem approach in MSP	PowerPoint Presentation	Mr. Jan Ekebom, EC DG MARE on behalf of Mr. Leo De Vrees, EC DG Environment
10.	6.1	The HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan and the implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive in connection with MSP	PowerPoint Presentation	HELCOM Secretariat

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