





HORIZONTAL ACTION 'SPATIAL PLANNING'

Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development Republic of Latvia

#### The First Report of the BSR MSP Data Expert

### Sub-group

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# The aim and mandate of the MSP Data Expert Sub-group

- support of data, information and evidence exchange for MSP
- cross-border / trans-boundary MSP data needs
- technical requirements for data sharing
- bridge between MSP planners and Data experts





#### So far 6 face-to-face meetings:

- 01-02/10/2015 Riga, Latvia
- 19-20/01/2016 Hamburg, Germany
- 12-13/04/2016 Gothenburg, Sweden
- 13-14/06/2016 Tallinn, Estonia
- 15/12/2016 Warsaw, Poland
- 11-12/04/2017 Riga, Latvia



### What do we understand with MSP data?





52 datasets

identified

INPUT DATA



#### **Based on the MSP Directive**

- aquaculture, fishing areas,  $\checkmark$
- installations and infrastructure  $\checkmark$
- maritime transport routes and traffic flows,  $\checkmark$
- military training areas,  $\checkmark$
- nature and species conservation sites and protected areas,  $\checkmark$
- raw material extraction areas,  $\checkmark$
- $\checkmark$ scientific research.
- $\checkmark$ submarine cable and pipeline routes,
- tourism and underwater cultural heritage  $\checkmark$ 
  - $\checkmark$ administrative borders
  - planning zones



Data used for planning + other plans



Outcome of maritime spatial plan (plan solutions, spatial designations)

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### Data gaps in INPUT data

- Different institutions use different terminology describing similar data sets that might be confusing when looking for relevant data for MSP;
- Some data or information is available in written format, tables, on papers additional processing is needed for MSP purposes;
- The availability and transparency of research data is not well organised at governmental level;
- Scientific or monitoring data usually cannot be used directly for MSP – additional clarification or harmonisation is needed;
- Some data sets are fragmented, with limited access or subject of fee.



# Why to harmonize OUTPUT data?

- much more simpler than the same exercise to INPUT data
- in line with EU & BSR goals
- one or few institutions responsible for MSP per country
- no restrictions on Data exchange
- no licensing issues or fees

#### And this leads us to...



### VISION – towards a Baltic Sea Region web-map of maritime spatial plans

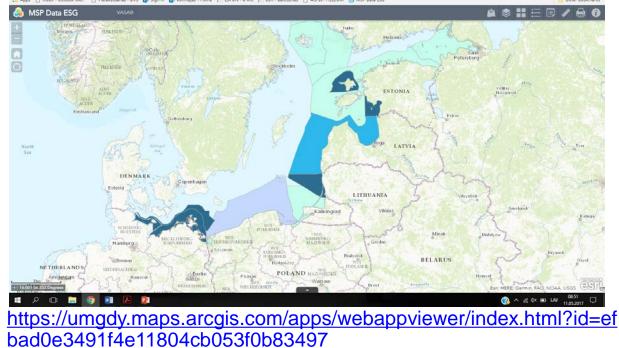
- specification for common data model;
- decentralized data approach;
- improved data quality;
- strong cooperation on data exchange.





# First attempt to joint status map

- Will be available on HELCOM site
- Will have the general information on status of plan





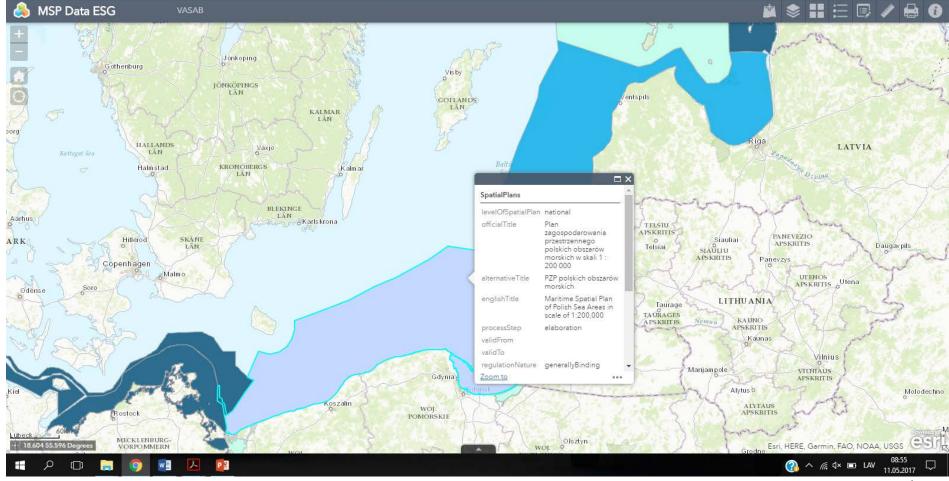
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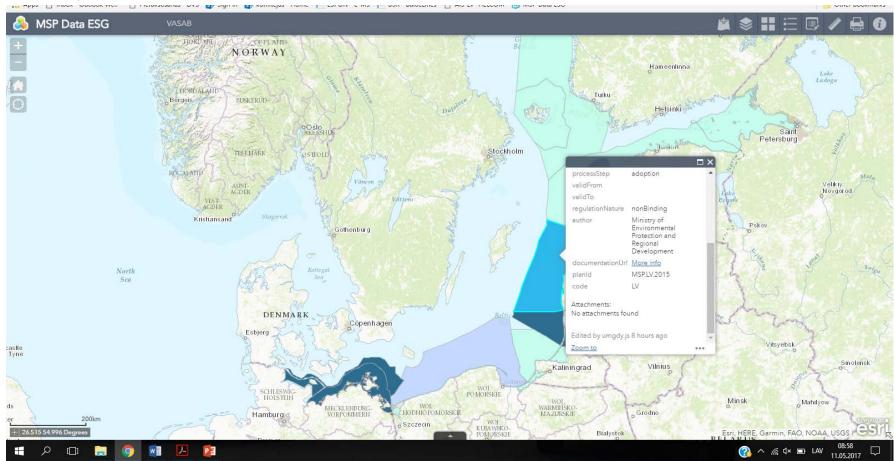
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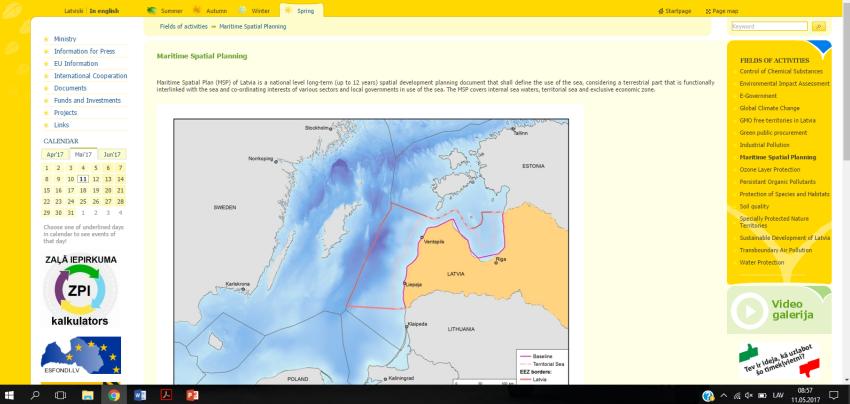




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#### **Further steps:**

#### From words to actions:

- Prepare a **glossary / vocabulary** for output data layers in all BSR languages
- Test the initial output data harmonization approach – three test cases based on extension of existing data layers
  - Poland Germany
  - Latvia Estonia
  - Lithuania Latvia



## What questions to be answered within these cases?

- What was challenging from perspective of both countries, including updating of layers on one side and understanding data on other?
- How (or if) the data approach ensures the coherence between the plans?
- If there is a need for additional attributes in current MSP Data structure?
- Were there any issues on visualization?



### Thank you for your attention!