

Joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group  
Fourth Meeting  
Riga, Latvia, 7-8 February 2012

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### **Agenda Item 1      Adoption of the Agenda**

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#### **PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA**

The Fourth Meeting of the Joint HELCOM-VASAB Working Group on Maritime Spatial Planning (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG) will be held in the Monika Centrum Hotel (Elizabetes street 21) in Riga, Latvia, on 7-8 February 2012.

The Meeting will start on Tuesday, 7 February 2012 at 09.30 hrs and is expected to terminate no later than 16:00 hrs on Wednesday, 8 February.

The Meeting will be jointly opened by the Working Group Co-chairs Ms. Anita Mäkinen, Finland, and Mr. Andrzej Cieslak, Poland.

### **Agenda Item 1      Adoption of the Agenda**

The Meeting is invited to adopt the Agenda as contained in document 1/1.

### **Agenda Item 2      Information on Maritime Spatial Planning developments, projects and events in the Baltic Sea Region**

The Contracting Parties/Member States are invited to inform (max 5 minutes) on any new developments in their MSP developments as well as recent meetings dealing with MSP.

The document 2/1 contains a summary table on the Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) developments reported by Contracting Parties/ Member States during previous HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG) meetings.

This document will work as a base for reporting MSP developments in the future. The table will regularly be updated with new information by Contracting Parties/ Member States, tentatively before every HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG meeting. As a suggestion, the table could be sent out together with the meeting invitation, requesting the Contracting Parties/ Member States to insert new information on MSP developments and the updated table could be submitted as a meeting document to the meetings.

The European Commission is invited to inform on the outcome of the Impact Assessment for MSP, and the prospects for a Directive.

Project Managers will inform the Meeting of recent developments within Plan Bothnia and BaltSeaPlan.

The Meeting is invited to welcome the new procedure and request Contracting Parties/ Member States in short inform on any new developments within MSP. The Meeting is invited to take note of the information.

**Agenda Item 3            Maritime Spatial Planning minimum requirements and best practices – outcomes of the Plan Bothnia project**

The project manager of Plan Bothnia will submit documents on minimum requirements and best practices. Selected experts will present their final results on minimum requirements and best practises.

The Meeting is invited to consider and discuss these issues, taking into account comments received.

**Agenda Item 4            Vision of the Baltic Sea – Outcome of the BaltSeaPlan**

With the reference to the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG Work Plan for 2010-2013 and as decided during HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 3/2011, the BaltSeaPlan project is invited to make a presentation on the proposed Spatial Vision 2030 for the Baltic Sea Region (document 4/1).

The Meeting is invited to take note of the presentation and to discuss how to make use of this BaltSeaPlan vision in the further HELCOM/VASAB work.

**Agenda Item 5            international legislative bases for Maritime Spatial Planning**

The HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 3/2011 Meeting discussed basic elements for the legislative basis for MSP in the whole sea area, and decided to include also requirements in International and Regional Conventions, Agreements, Policies and Strategies and EU directives, as outlined in document 5/1.

Sweden, Germany and Denmark with the help of EU are invited to submit written contributions on issues outlined in document 5/1.

The document 5/2 contains a consultancy report commissioned by the European Commission, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, on “Legal aspects of Maritime Spatial Planning” (summary report), 2009. Of special interest for the HELCOMVASAB MSP WG 4/2012 meeting are pages 1-9 of the publication.

The document 5/3 contains an additional input on the Strait regime by Denmark

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information and make use of it as best seen, keeping in mind the aim to present a condensed document on the legislative framework for Maritime Spatial Planning to the next HELCOM and VASAB ministerial conferences

**Agenda Item 6            Practical application of the ecosystem approach in Maritime Spatial Planning**

The HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 3/2011 Meeting discussed the necessary elements of a MSP relevant application of the ecosystem based approach, and decided to carry out the

work as outlined in document 6/1 under the overall lead by Finland and with the contributions expected from Sweden, EU, WWF and possibly Germany.

Finland is invited to present the intercessional work. The document 6/2 contains a table displaying the main phases of a planning process, and also indicating how the ecosystem approach should be integrated in the process. Annex I of the document contains a draft summary of definitions for an ecosystem approach.

The Meeting is invited to discuss the content of the table and further elaborate it, keeping in mind the aim to present a condensed document on the application of the ecosystem approach in MSP to the next HELCOM and VASAB ministerial conferences

### **Agenda Item 7            Integrated Coastal Zone Management and its relations to MSP**

With the reference to the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG Work Plan for 2010-2013 and as decided during HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 3/2011, the fourth meeting of the Working Group will have a closer look into the relationship between Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) and MSP.

The document 7/1 contains the Analysis of Member States progress reports on ICZM and national reports on ICZM from Sweden, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia and Germany can be downloaded from the DG EN homepage .Latvian and Swedish reports are on national languages with short summary in English in the end of the Swedish report.

Poland is invited to present its approach to ICZM and how it relates to MSP based on written contribution in advance of the meeting, document 7/2.

DG Environment is invited to make a presentation on the EU ICZM Recommendation.

The Meeting is invited to take note and discuss the linkages and correlations between ICZM and MSP to ensure coherence in application of both instruments and for the benefit of overall Baltic Sea region planning.

### **Agenda Item 8            Data gathering and mapping processes needed for MSP in the Baltic Sea**

With the reference to the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG Work Plan for 2010-2013 and as decided during HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 3/2011, the fourth meeting of the Working Group will have a closer look into the data needs, requirements and alignments for MSP in the Baltic Sea.

The HELCOM Secretariat will present the HELCOM map and data service which contains a wide range of geographical data on the Baltic marine environment as well as on activities and pollution loads affecting the sea.

The Plan Bothnia project is invited to present their Map Service containing geographical information available in the project.

The document 8/1 contains a draft recommendation – developed in the framework of the INTERREG IVB project BaltSeaPlan - how a data exchange network for Maritime Spatial Planning and Management purposes can be developed and implemented. This need was identified as there is currently no coherent data exchange network for MSP purposes in the Baltic Sea Region.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the presentations and discuss the minimum common requirements for harmonization and consistency of maps and data.

#### **Agenda Item 9          Future work and next meeting**

The Meeting is invited to discuss and decide on the major topics to be considered during the fifth HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG meeting as well as the specific dates for this meeting.

The Meeting is invited to consider MSP related topics for the forthcoming ministerial meetings.

#### **Agenda Item 10          Any other business**

HELCOM and VASAB organized together with OSPAR and ICES a Workshop on Multi-Disciplinary Case Studies of MSP 2-4 November 2011 in Lisbon, Portugal, during which the participants also could take part in a simulation game on MSP, the "MSP Challenge 2011". The Meeting will be informed of the outcome of the workshop. The Meeting is invited to take note of the information and to consider if it would be useful to bring the simulation game to the Baltic Sea area.

European Wind Energy Association (EWEA) is invited to present results of the EU-funded project SEANERGY 2020 (<http://www.seanergy2020.eu/>) aiming at providing an in-depth analysis of the national and international MSP practices and policy recommendations for developing existing and potentially new MSP for the development of offshore renewable power generation.

The document 10/1 - "Transnational maritime spatial planning: recommendations" provides recommendations aimed at improving coordination of MSP between Member States, along with a better level of European integration, in support of improved conditions for the development of offshore renewable energy (ORE)

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information

The European Maritime Day 2012 will be organized in Gothenburg, Sweden, 21-22 May 2012. The theme for the European Maritime Day this year is "Sustainable growth from oceans, seas and coasts: blue growth". The High-level Conference on the first day is organized in partnership with the Swedish Ministry of Enterprise, the Region Västra Götaland, the City of Gothenburg and the European Commission.

HELCOM and VASAB have jointly applied for organizing an event during Stakeholder Day 22 May. The application contain document 10/2. The deadline for submitting proposals for events was 15 January 2012. The idea with the HELCOM and VASAB event is to build on the joint event from European Maritime Day 2011, and taking into account the leading themes of the European Maritime Day 2012, to further expand it to address 1) progress in implementation of ecosystem approach according to BSAP/Marine Strategy Framework Directive, 2) how different uses of the sea can co-exist and different sectors, such as fisheries contribute to achieving environmental goal, 3) the progress in the work of the HELCOM-VASAB WG MSP

The applicants will be informed latest in week 9 (by 26 February) if the event proposal has been accepted.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information on the joint event.

The Meeting might wish to discuss any other matters under this Agenda Item.

**Agenda Item 11      Outcome of the Meeting**

A List of Decisions will be prepared at the end of the Meeting and presented for consideration and adoption.