

Joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group
Second Meeting
Riga, Latvia, 20-21 January 2011

Agenda Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda

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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The Second Meeting of the Joint HELCOM-VASAB Working Group on Maritime Spatial Planning (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG) will be held in the Monika Centrum Hotels, Elizabetes street 21 in Riga, Latvia, on 20-21 January 2011.

The Meeting will start on Thursday, 20 January 2011 at 13:30 hrs and is expected to terminate no later than 16:00 hrs on Friday, 21 January.

The Meeting will be jointly opened by the WG 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 Mandate and Joint Maritime Spatial Planning Principles

The Meeting is invited to take note of the adoption by HELCOM and VASAB of the Mandate for the joint HELCOM-VASAB Working Group on Maritime Spatial Planning and the joint HELCOM-VASAB Baltic Sea Broad-Scale Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) Principles, as outlined in document 2/1.

Agenda Item 3 Information by the Contracting Parties/Member States on their MSP developments and MSP projects in the Baltic Sea Region

Based on the VASAB MSP Compendium the Contracting Parties/Member States will be invited to inform (max 5 minutes) on their MSP developments since 2007.

See documents submitted by Sweden and Germany: Summary of the Swedish Government Commission on Marina Spatial Planning Report "National Planning of the Sea" (3/1) "Spatial plan for the German Exclusive Economic Zone in the Baltic Sea - text section" unofficial translation (3/2).

PlanBothnia will be invited to inform about their Work Programme.

Sweden is invited to make a presentation on cases under the Espoo Convention/Kiev SEA Protocol, relevant for the Baltic Sea.

Agenda Item 4 Working Programme

The Meeting is invited to discuss and decide on the draft Working Programme (4/1) for the joint HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG, to be submitted at a later stage. The draft Working Programme will be based on the draft Working Programme, elaborated during the first HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG meeting in Helsinki (document HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 1/2010, 2/6/Rev2) and to be further elaborated via inter-sessional e-mail consultations between the HELCOM and VASAB nominated experts.

The Meeting will be invited to discuss the practical arrangement for the implementation of the Working Programme.

Agenda Item 5 International legislative basis for Maritime Spatial Planning

At the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 1/2010 Meeting it was decided during the second meeting to focus on the international legislative basis for Maritime Spatial Planning.

The Meeting will be invited to take note and discuss this issue on the basis of the following presentations.

Overview and problem-oriented presentation of the international legislative basis for Maritime Spatial Planning concerning:

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

Based on the presentations the Meeting will be invited to start formulating a common understanding of the international legal basis for MSP.

Agenda Item 6 Ecosystem approach in Maritime Spatial Planning

At the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 1/2010 Meeting it was decided during the second meeting to focus on the application of the ecosystem approach through presentations of practical examples.

The Meeting will be invited to take note and discuss this issue on the basis of the following presentations concerning:

- The ecosystem approach in MSP – **Mr. Leo De Vrees**, EC DG Environment
- The HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan and the implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive in connection with MSP - **The HELCOM Secretariat**
- Findings of the Swedish Commission on Maritime Spatial Planning – **Mr. Sten Jerdenius**, Ministry of the Environment (6/1)

- The Norwegian Maritime Spatial Planning and the ecosystem approach - **Mr. Erik Olsen**, Institute of Marine Research, Bergen
- German Maritime Spatial Planning and the ecosystem approach - **Mr. Nico Nolte**, BSH
- Dutch Maritime Spatial Planning and the ecosystem approach - **Ms. Titia Kalker**, Rijkswaterstaat North Sea, Netherlands

Based on the presentations the Meeting will be invited to start formulating a common understanding of the ecosystem approach and MSP.

Agenda Item 7 Vision of the Baltic Sea

At the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 1/2010 Meeting it was agreed to invite the BaltSeaPlan to make a presentation on the Spatial Vision for the Baltic Sea Region, developed within the Project.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the presentation and to discuss elements for a Spatial Vision for the Baltic Sea Region and related goals.

Agenda Item 8 Any other business

The Meeting will be invited to take 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).

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

Agenda Item 9 Outcome of the Meeting

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