**FLAGSHIP PROJECTS**

**Baltic Urban – Idé - Integrated Planning and Partnership Model for Brussels and Strasbourg**

- **Objective**: To improve urban planning by developing and testing new integrated models for Brussels and Strasbourg-primarily targeting study possibilities of developing participatory, sustainable and inclusive urban areas and will provide an integrated planning and partnership model.
- **Deadline**: October 2015 – March 2016
- **Budget**: € 1,700,000
- **Focus Area**: Integrating Central Baltic Sea Region Planning 2014-2020

**BaltCoast – Systems approach for “tackling complex problems and challenges focusing on the marine and maritime sectors in a way that emphasizes supports growth of the Sustainable Blue Economies Plan4Blue - Maritime Spatial Planning for**

- **Objective**: To provide a regional, transboundary and cross-sectoral dialogue, especially concerning the marine and maritime sectors in a way that emphasizes supports growth of the Sustainable Blue Economies Plan4Blue - Maritime Spatial Planning for
- **Deadline**: October 2015 – March 2019
- **Budget**: € 1,200,000
- **Focus Area**: Integrating Central Baltic Sea Region Planning 2014-2020

**BAE-APP Baltic Energy Areas – a planning perspective of wind to wave energy planning actors by developing and implementing new spatially adjusted spatial planning instruments, innovative collaboration and integration elements, and financing systems as well as providing pilot projects to showcase local circumstances and conditions.
- **Deadline**: March 2016 – March 2019
- **Budget**: € 700,000
- **Focus Area**: Integrating Central Baltic Sea Region Planning 2014-2020

**OTHER RELEVANT PROJECTS**

**Baltic Littoral - Cohesive Line Infrastructure in Baltic Maritime Spatial Plans**

- **Objective**: To develop a new methodological approach for efficient and effective implementation of the regional coherence of shipping routes and energy corridors in maritime spatial plans in the ESR in order to prevent overborder congestion and reduce uncontrolled traffic.
- **Deadline**: October 2016 – March 2019
- **Budget**: € 490,000
- **Focus Area**: Integrating Central Baltic Sea Region Planning 2014-2020

**BaltiMax – Maritime Spatial Planning for Post-Fishing Activities and Cultural Heritage**

- **Objective**: To gain support of the EC, company as innovative hubs and integrations of the local urban development and transport system, thus creating better urban environment for businesses and residents.
- **Deadline**: October 2016 – December 2019
- **Budget**: € 1,977,000
- **Focus Area**: Integrating Central Baltic Sea Region Planning 2014-2020

**BALTSPACE – Towards sustainable planning of Baltic marine space provides science-based guidelines for brownfield and maritime spatial planning with the emphasis on environmentally sensitive areas.**

- **Objective**: To contribute to a holistic, sustainable, and participatory planning approach for Baltic’s marine space and to use the approach in the future.
- **Deadline**: April 2016 - March 2019
- **Budget**: € 3,690,458
- **Focus Area**: Integrating Central Baltic Sea Region Planning 2014-2020

**BaltCross – Towards Cross-border Solutions in Baltic Maritime Spatial Planning**

- **Objective**: To enhance cooperation and experience sharing among maritime and marine spatial planning actors by developing and implementing new spatially adjusted spatial planning instruments, innovative collaboration and integration elements, and financing systems as well as providing pilot projects to showcase local circumstances and conditions.
- **Deadline**: April 2016 - March 2019
- **Budget**: € 700,000
- **Focus Area**: Integrating Central Baltic Sea Region Planning 2014-2020

**BaltiSea – Territorial Cohesion and Cross-border Solutions in Baltic Maritime Spatial Plans**

- **Objective**: To enhance cooperation and experience sharing among maritime and marine spatial planning actors by developing and implementing new spatially adjusted spatial planning instruments, innovative collaboration and integration elements, and financing systems as well as providing pilot projects to showcase local circumstances and conditions.
- **Deadline**: April 2016 - March 2019
- **Budget**: € 700,000
- **Focus Area**: Integrating Central Baltic Sea Region Planning 2014-2020

**PAST PROJECTS**

**BaltCo**

- **Objective**: To develop and test a methodological approach for Baltic coastal management initiatives.
- **Deadline**: April 2017 – March 2019
- **Budget**: € 1,200,000
- **Focus Area**: Integrating Central Baltic Sea Region Planning 2014-2020

**BaltSeaPlan – Terminal Monitoring for the Baltic Sea Region**

- **Objective**: To develop and test a methodological approach for Baltic coastal management initiatives.
- **Deadline**: April 2017 – March 2019
- **Budget**: € 1,200,000
- **Focus Area**: Integrating Central Baltic Sea Region Planning 2014-2020

**BaltCo**

- **Objective**: To develop and test a methodological approach for Baltic coastal management initiatives.
- **Deadline**: April 2017 – March 2019
- **Budget**: € 1,200,000
- **Focus Area**: Integrating Central Baltic Sea Region Planning 2014-2020

**What to do we do**

- Ensure transnational approach in spatial planning in the Baltic Sea Region
- Facilitate coherent MSP across the borders
- Observe the territorial development processes
- Recommend transnational policy measures
- Promote methodology development
- Provide a forum for regional, transboundary and cross-sectoral dialogue
- Promote co-operation projects
- Co-operate with other initiatives and macro-regions
- Promote a dialogue with different sectors
- Assist the Baltic Sea Region in profiling itself as a global and European forerunner in spatial planning
- Ensure communication and visibility of the Horizontal Action
- Monitor progress within the Horizontal Action and report on it
The overall goal of this horizontal action is to achieve territorial cohesion perspectives and implement EU-recognized national maritime spatial planning according to the regional set of MSP principles adopted by all BSR countries within VASAB and HELCOM.

In order to implement LTP within the DREES and achieve coherent development of the BSR, horizontal action aims to:

1. contribute to better adaptation of governance in different types of areas and propose specific approaches for a diverse urban pattern
2. apply place-based approach to territorial development policies as well as effective use of functional area’s concept and territorial disparities and socioeconomic divides between parts of the Baltic Sea region
3. improve accessibility and connectivity of the BSR transport infrastructure network
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The Regional Baltic MSP Roadmap 2013-2020, adopted by the HELCOM Ministerial Conference in 2013 and the VASAB Ministerial Conference in 2014, includes the necessary steps to achieve the goal to draw up and apply a common, pro-active implementation of the EU MSP Directive as far as EU countries are concerned.

In addition, theCommandLine for the implementation of the EU MSP Directive in the Baltic Sea region is established by HELCOM and VASAB in 2015, which allows for the establishment of a time-bound action plan with a dedicated calendar of activities and implementation timelines. Public participation and co-operation on MSP processes have already been addressed.

The HELCOM/VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group, established in 2013, is the essential platform for cooperation between MSP countries to ensure coherent MSP processes in the cross-border context and provides for implementation of the EU MSP Directive in the BSR countries and EU members.

In 2015 the BSR MSP Data Expert sub-group was established as an expert group under the aegis of HELCOM, working in close cooperation with VASAB and VASAB Member States (SMSP) to support data, information and evidence availability for MSP processes with regard to marine protected areas and cross-border cooperation.