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Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda

2. Building up future common regional MSP framework

- **Interactive Workshop on Assessment of Regional MSP Framework (activity 1.1.4. of Pan Baltic Scope)** coordinated by VASAB Secretariat, moderated by Baltic Environmental Forum and Hendrikson&Ko. Goal of the workshop is to collect opinions on implementation and improving of regional MSP framework. Workshop participants will be introduced with preliminary findings of the assessment on the MSP Principles and Guidelines on transboundary consultation application, given the opportunity to give feedback on the initial outcomes and provide suggestions for updating MSP Principles and shaping the upcoming MSP Roadmap for BSR. Workshop will be interactive and engaging with joint and group discussions collecting expert opinions. Programme of the workshop is attached to the Provisional Agenda.
- Reflection of the Meeting on the outcomes of the Workshop on follow-up of MSP implementation by the Baltic Sea countries with specific attention to the MSP Principles and Guidelines; contribution to the BSAP update.
- Follow-up of the implementation of the MSP related actions of the current BSAP (Annex 2 to the outcome of HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 17-2018), e.g. fisheries data (item 1 of Annex 2), establishing coherent MSPs and other issues.
- Identification of minimum requirements for preparing and implementing MSP across the borders and follow up how they are met to ensure coherence of the plans (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG Work Plan 1.3.) (initial thoughts from HELCOM).
- Further planning of work on BSAP update, coordination of ongoing evaluation of MSP Principles and Guidelines with other relevant activities within Pan Baltic Scope and other projects.

3. Matters arising from other HELCOM and VASAB work.

4. Regional coordination and policy follow-up

- Exchange of information on national progress in MSP: updates of national plans, international consultations, national consultations, update of the national focal points, etc. (Contracting Parties).
- The Secretariats and all Contracting Parties are invited to share information on recent development of the MSP framework, meetings, workshops and other events to update the regional calendar of MSP-related processes and meetings.

- Progress in the work of the MSP Data Group:

Planning for next steps related to Baltic MSP data harmonization after approval of HELCOM-VASAB Guidelines on transboundary MSP output data structure in the Baltic Sea (The Chair of the MSP Data Expert Sub-group MoEPRD or Secretariats).

5. Ecosystem-based approach in MSP

- Implementation of the timetable for future cooperation on Green Infrastructure/Blue Corridors in MSP and marine environmental management (annex 3 to the outcome of HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 16-2018).
- Outcome of the Pan Baltic SCOPE workshop on green infrastructure held on the 12-13th of December 2018 in Riga, as well as the back-to-back workshop on essential fish habitats organized by the project in cooperation with HELCOM (HELCOM Secretariat).
- Discussion on the initial suggestions for “green” maps based on outcomes of the Workshop.
- Progress in HELCOM work related to climate change; exchange of information on national experience on accounting of climate change issues in MSP and identification of climate change parameters of regional significance for MSP (Contracting Parties).

6. MSP-related projects and events

- Information on recent developments and activities related to the update of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR) and Horizontal Action (HA) Spatial Planning (VASAB Secretariat).
- Follow-up of regional projects, presentation of progress:
 - o Baltic LINes project: final outcome, final conference and status of the possible extension (Baltic LINes Lead Partner – BSH),
 - o Capacity4MSP Platform: application, partnership, status.
- Presentation of the Pan Baltic Scope Planning Forums and contribution to the work of HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG (Lead of the Planning Forum – SWAM).

7. Any other business

8. Outcome of the Meeting

Action requested

The meeting is invited to adopt the Agenda.