

# Identification of minimum requirements

Document 2-1



# Commitments

- MSP Roadmap 2013-2020: *“Draw up and apply maritime spatial plans throughout the Baltic Sea Region by 2020 which are coherent across borders and apply the ecosystem approach”*
- Work plan 2017-2019: *“Identify minimum requirements for preparing and implementing MSP across the borders and follow up how they are met to ensure coherence of the plans”*

# Several steps towards coherent MSP have already been taken

- The working group
  - The principles
  - The roadmap
  - The guidelines
    - Output data guideline as the latest
- PlanBothnia minimum requirements document
  - In 2019 we are in a different situation than in 2011 and 2012
- Practical solutions
  - PL-DK have agreed on the border
  - Bi-lateral and tri-lateral coordination to avoid misalignments
  - Cross-border consultations are organised

# Minimum requirements

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  - ...for preparing and implementing MSP across the borders...
  - ...follow up how they are met...
  - ...to ensure coherence of the plans

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# Terminology

- Minimum requirements
- "Minimum standards or similar" (Meeting 3-2011)
- Criteria and indicators for coherence
- etc.

# Follow up

- Minimum requirements (criteria, indicators,...) are needed for the follow up
  - They give focus (what exactly to follow)
  - They allow measuring or checking the progress
- Following up gathers information for improvement and updates of the transnational collaboration and of the national plans (after 2021?)
- Minimum requirements for ... coherence of the plans

# Coherence

- Not defined either
- **How do you recognise cross-border coherence when you meet it?**
- Two perspectives:
  - Outputs and planning system
  - Outcomes



# Recognising coherence by outputs and planning systems

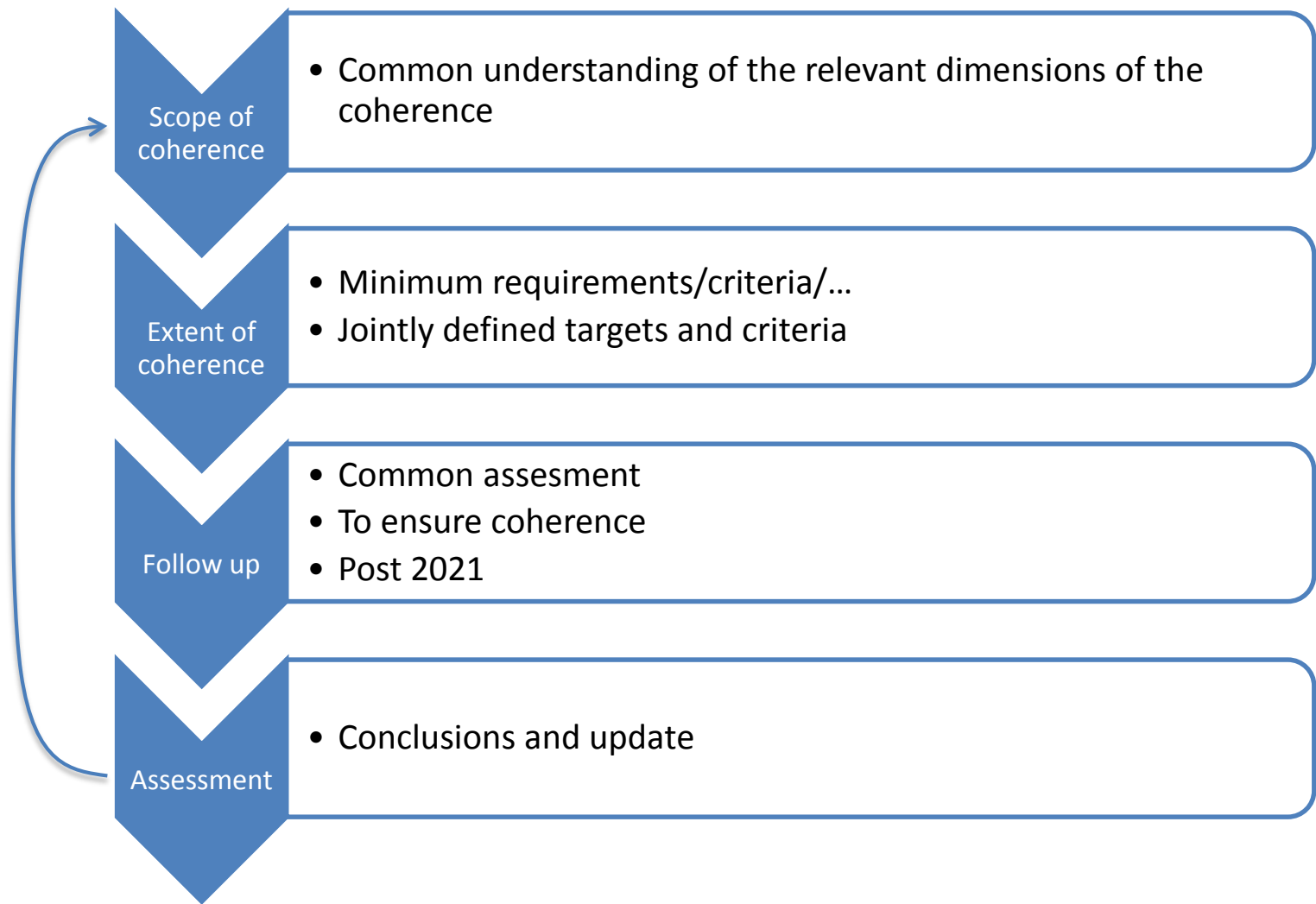
- Similarity of MSP plans and planning systems
  - Similar ≠ identical
  - **A lot has already been achieved!**
- Possible dimensions and criteria
  - Legal and administrative
  - National contexts (policies & objectives)
  - Topics and areas addressed in MSP
  - Data and knowledge (including **output data**)
  - Spatial and temporal scales
  - Implementation of MSP
  - Follow up and review of national MSP
- Relevant starting points could be the existing literature on transboundary MSP
  - Annex 1 as an example of the range of criteria and indicators

# Recognising coherence by outcomes

- Avoidance of problems that lack of coherence may cause
  - e.g. **avoidance of misalignments**
  - Solving problems when recognized
  - “Talk, talk, talk”
- Transboundary and cross-border outcomes
  - Similar handling of cross-border activities
    - Not (too) contradictory “attitude” (as **outputs**: shipping lane safety zones, same planning criteria, ...)
  - Addressing ecosystem components and processes across the borders and regionally
  - Cross-border impacts and synergies

# Common definition of the coherence

- Horizontally: dimensions of coherence
- Vertically: depth of coherence



# The meeting is invited to...

- Discuss...
  - Which of the approaches presented in the document are relevant for the understanding of the plans' coherence in the Baltic Sea Region?
  - What are the potential criteria for the coherence of MSPs?
  - Is the “minimum requirements” a good term? Should the terminology be shifted towards common criteria, common indicators or similar?
  - How to proceed in preparation of the minimum requirements?
- To agree...
  - to agree on practical steps to implement this action

*“Identify minimum requirements for preparing and implementing MSP across the borders and follow up how they are met to ensure coherence of the plans”*