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Background

The HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group Work Plan 2017-2019 has been agreed by the 74th VASAB CSPD/BSR and HELCOM 38-2017. As the Work Plan is coming to its end, the HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats made a draft evaluation of its implementation. The document is intended to support the Working Group to define the next Work Plan for the period 2020 – 2021.

The basis material to prepare this document is the Work Plan 2017-2019. Two columns (Status of implementation and proposed future action) were added to reflect the state of implementation of individual actions and propose future actions for the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to discuss the draft evaluation of the workplan for the period 2017-2019, comment on it, agree on the evaluation results and utilise them to draft workplan for the period 2020-2021.

Analysis of the HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group Work Plan 2017-2019

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0. Joint Baltic MSP principles	Continuously update national information on MSP developments including implementation of the joint MSP principles, especially those principles not covered by guidelines development or other targeted activity.	Secretariats	Continuous	Updated Country Fiches	Regularly updated country fiches are available on VASAB and HELCOM webpages.	To be continued
	Follow up the overall situation in the BSR countries with regard to implementation of the regional target of setting MSP plans applying ecosystem approach.	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	Continuous	Regularly update information in the outcomes of the meetings	Regular update of the information is organized through presentation of brief report on national progress at each Working Group Meeting which is reflected in the meeting outcomes.	To be continued
1. Intergovernmental cooperation on MSP						
1.1 Cooperate in the field of MSP using *inter alia* the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG framework and thus	Exchange experiences and good practices in the WG.	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	Continuous	Seed money, flagship projects and outcomes of the meetings	Outputs and interim information reports of the large number of flagship projects among which Baltic SCOPE, Baltic LINes, Baltspace, BalticRim, BaltCoast and others were presented to the HELCOM-VASAB WG,	To be continued

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facilitate reaching the target of drawing up and implementing transnationally coherent Maritime Spatial Plans applying the ecosystem approach throughout the region by 2020.					discussed and taken into consideration in the implementation of the Regional MSP Roadmap.	
	Exchange experience of how to link implementation of EU MSFD and other legal framework and MSP.	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG [and European Commission]	Continuous	Regularly update information in the outcomes of the meetings	The discussion on the practical ways to use MSP as a tool to achieve Good Environmental Status of the Baltic Sea has been one of the key topics in the agenda of the group. Practically, the discussions resulted in adoption by HELCOM of revised version of Recommendation 24/10 on integrated marine and coastal management of human activities. Regularly report matters arising from other HELCOM and VASAB work HELCOM-VASAB WG contributes to HELCOM BSAP update process to ensure that MSP is included in the updated BSAP effectively and in in a correct manner.	Update of the HELCOM BSAP
	Discuss and prepare a report on MSP implementation, regarding application of each	HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats	2018	An overview of joint regional MSP principles implementation	Report of Pan Baltic Scope Framework Assessment will be available until the end of 2019	To be discussed how the follow-up should be carried out in the upcoming

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	of the joint MSP principles.			in the form of the report		roadmap and work plan Implementation of the plans should be raised into centre role in the forthcoming workplan
	Propose means and tools to support coherent application of MSP including land-sea interaction.	Latvia	2018 2018	Discussion paper on practices in the countries Workshop within the next Baltic MSP Forum	LSI WS is planned in the MSP forum in 2019	Continue work on LSI, task to be reformulated
1.2 Share basic, relevant and available MSP related information as soon as possible.	Information exchange within MSP WG concerning national MSP developments.	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	Continuous	Presentations	MSP country fiches are being regularly updated and reviewed by the group and published on HELCOM and VASAB websites. The country fitches contain information on existing spatial plans and plans under development as well as information on other MSP related developments.	To be continued
1.3 Identify minimum requirements for preparing and implementing MSP across the borders and		HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG in cooperation with other regional	2018	Contribution to organization of the Baltic MSP Forums focused	The work to elaborate criteria of cross-border MSP coherency has been launched following HELCOM-VASAM MSP WG 18-2019. The task force is established and he first results are	To be continued

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follow up how they are met to ensure coherence of the plans		organizations and forums e.g. HELCOM groups		on the coherence of the plans	expected at the group meeting in spring 2020.. The task force had two meetings in 2019.	
			2020	Report of the task force on cross-border coherence		
2. Public participation						
2.1 Facilitate and follow-up the application of the *"Guidelines for transboundary consultation, public participation and cooperation"*.	A meeting to follow up and monitor of the application of the *Guidelines.*	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	2018-2019	An overview on implementation of the Guidelines in the form of the report	The application of the guideline will be monitored and presented to the Group as a part of the Pan Baltic Scope Report on Framework Assessment. The report is planned to be presented to H-V MSP 19-2019.	To be discussed how the follow-up should be carried out in the upcoming roadmap and work plan The task force on cross-border coherence will also comment on the processes that support reaching coherence. This guideline is very relevant
	Compile good practices on the	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	Continuous	Good practices published on	Compilation of good practices is a part of the Pan Baltic Scope Framework Assessment activity. The results aer o be presented to H-V	To be discussed if mechanisms should be

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	application of the *Guidelines.*			HELCOM and VASAB websites	MSP 19-2019. The group is to discuss the assessment report and decide on the specific publication related to good practices.	established to regularly update compilation of good practices

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	Establish collaboration with ESPOO conventions.	Sweden		Discussion with the representative of the ESPOO convention at one of the meetings	To be filled by Sweden	?
3. Ecosystem approach in MSP						
3.1 Facilitate and follow-up the application of the "*Guideline for the implementation of*	A meeting to follow up the application of the *Guideline* utilizing the outputs of the BalticScope project.	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG and Sweden	2019	A check list for the implementation of the ecosystem approach principles	The application of the guideline will be assessed and presented to the Group as a part of the Pan Baltic Scope Report on Framework Assessment. The Report is planned to be presented to H-V MSP 19-2019.	

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ecosystem-based approach in MSP."						
	Compile good practices on the application of the *Guideline.*	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	Continuous	Good practices published on HELCOM and VASAB websites	no implementation	Good practices published on HELCOM and VASAB websites, based on outputs of projects, has to be considered whether it is planned to carry out such activities in upcoming projects
3.2 Consider the practical use of socio-economic parameters including ecosystem services in MSP		HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	Continuous	Regularly update information in the outcomes of the meetings	The group is planning to discuss a report by Pan Baltic Scope project on Economic and Social Assessment for MSP at the end of 2019	Regularly update information in the outcomes of the meetings
3.3 Investigate the possible regional development of concepts such as green infrastructure, blue corridors etc.[1]		Sweden with contribution by Germany and taking note of work being done by HELCOM State and	2019	A compilation of the major ecosystem components and the description of their ecological value	The group agreed on the timetable Green infrastructure/Blue corridors work proposed jointly by Finland, Germany, Latvia and Sweden. The time table foreseen steps towards development of a set of green maps as well as regional tool to promote their use in MSP.	to be continued but the action needs reformulation

[1]Addition by HELCOM 38-2017 "Taking into account MPAs protection targets and management plans."

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		conservation working group, HOLAS II, Baltic Scope project		A draft of the regional concept of a green infrastructure (blue corridors)	The work was carried out in accordance with the timetable. Discussion on the accomplishment of the work described in the document was foreseen in autumn 2019.	
4. Information and data for MSP						
4.1 Promote the creation and sharing of MSP relevant Baltic Sea regional datasets	Act according to ToR of HELCOM-VASAB MSP Data ESG.	HELCOM-VASAB MSP Data ESG	2018	Recommendations for data requirements (with regard to the transboundary MSP)	Guidelines on transboundary MSP output data structure have been approved	Update title to: Promote the availability and sharing of MSP relevant Baltic Sea regional datasets

Proposal for deliverable: technical requirements to set the Baltic MSP webmap in operation. |
| **5. Education for MSP** | | | | | | |
| 5.1 Promote the education and professional development of MSP planners. | Organize back-to-back workshops (with Flagship projects) on MSP to support professional knowledge | HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG | Continuous | Workshops | not implemented | to be continued.

To be considered whether the WG finds it relevant to collaborate with a new |

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						Erasmus+ project "Knowledge Flows in Marine Spatial Planning – Sharing Innovation in Higher Education" (lead University of Aalborg)
6. National and Baltic Sea regional frameworks for MSP in place						
6.1 Apply Baltic Sea regional "*Guidelines for transboundary consultation, public participation and cooperation*".	Review practices, and if needed update the guideline based on the experience gathered in this process	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	2017	Updated guideline, if needed	The need to update the guideline is to be discussed by the group based on the Pan Baltic Scope Report on Framework Assessment. The Report is planned to be presented to H-V MSP 19-2019.	to be continued
	Actively promote implementation of the Guidelines.	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	Continuous		The group regularly considered, discussed and reflected on results of international MSP consultations.	Continue
6.2 Apply Baltic Sea regional "*Guideline for the implementation of ecosystem-based approach in MSP.*"	Review practices, and if needed update the guideline based on the experience	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	2017	Updated guideline, if needed	The need to update the guideline is to be discussed by the group based on the Pan Baltic Scope Report on Framework Assessment. The Report is planned to be presented to H-V MSP 19-2019.	Continue

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	gathered in this process					
	Actively promote implementation of the Guideline.	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG		Present a case study	The group considered and reflected on the results of to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs); cooperated with HELCOM S&C group regarding reflection of MPAs in MSP; with HELCOM FISH group on availability and the use of fishery related data in MSP, essential habitats and other matters.	Continue To be continued
7. Evaluation and follow-up						
7.1 Monitor and evaluate implementation of [the] MSP [Roadmap] in 2018 and 2020 and update if necessary.	Assessment report of the Roadmap	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	2018	Assessment report of the Roadmap	The Pan Baltic Scope Report on MSP Framework Assessment including evaluation of the implementation of the Roadmap is planned to be presented to H-V MSP 19-2019.	To be continued with adjusting the timeframe to upcoming period
	Compile indicators and other methods of evaluation of the success of the plan	(Germany)	2018	Report		To be continued
			2019	Report	Capacity4MSP will address the topic of follow-up and indicators	
			2021	Report		

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			2022?	Workshop		

Suggested new actions to be added:

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Joint Baltic MSP principles	Update MSP Principles	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	2020-2021	Updated Joint MSP Principles
	Elaborate Baltic MSP Roadmap 2021-2028	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	2020	Agreed joint directions for work
Reaching out to other networks and ensure visibility of BSR MSP	Involvement in global and EU wide MSP initiatives	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	Continuous	H-V MSP contributes to the elaboration of global MSP guidelines
	Ensure better visibility with sectors involved in MSP	Germany	2020-2021	Energy workshops organised back-to-back with Meetings + outcomes from relevant projects (e.g., Capacity4MSP)
	Aligning the work of Horizontal Action "Spatial Planning" of the EUSBSR concerning the MSP-issues in HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG work	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	Continuous	Regular update information on latest activities and developments within the EUSBSR
Implementation, application and evaluation of national MSP	Follow the discussion on MSP developments - Multi-uses, socio-economic, cultural	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	Continuous	Regularly update information in the outcomes of the meetings Workshops organized? + outcomes from relevant projects
	Practical exchange on know-how	Sweden, VASAB? HELCOM	Continuous	**Planning forums** (as outcome from Baltic SCOPE, PBS and continued in Capacity4MSP), seminars, workshops