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HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group Work Plan for 2020 – 2021

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Action 1. Follow up progress in regional MSP				
1.1.	Continuously update of national information on MSP developments including implementation of the joint MSP principles	HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	Continuous	Updated Country Fiches on HELCOM and VASAB webpages. Presentation by relevant authority of the recent MSP development at the WG with reflection on the discussion in the WG's outcomes.
1.2	Compile good practices on the application of the regional MSP related Guidelines (incl. relationship to practical implementation of the ESPOO Convention) and propose revision of the guidelines, if necessary.	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG Projects (i.e. Capacity4MSP) Sweden	Continuous According to a work plan of projects	Reflection on the implementation of the Guidelines in the meeting outcomes. An overview of the good practices to implement the guidelines with conclusions on possible needs to revise.
Action 2. Intergovernmental cooperation on MSP				
2.1	Exchange experiences, know-how and good practices (e.g. on multi-uses, socio-economic, cultural aspects), using the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG as a platform for regional dialog.	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG Planning Forum Capacity4MSP and other projects	Continuous	Presentation of the good practices identified in projects (e.g. Seed money, flagship projects) and outcomes of the meetings. Planning forums, seminars, workshops, organized preferably back to back with HELCOM -VASAB MSP WG meetings.
2.2	Exchange experience in linking implementation of MSP and other legal	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG [and European Commission]	Continuous	Regularly update information in the outcomes of the meetings

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	and policy frameworks including e.g. the EU directives.			
2.3	Evaluation of approach on coherence of terrestrial and marine planning in MSP	Latvia / HELCOM Secretariat	2020	Discussion paper on practices in the countries (Land-Sea-Act project). Practical examples and workshop.
2.4	Exploring a possibility for long lasting mechanism for cooperation of MSP practitioners (e.g. planning forum)	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG Capacity4MSP Pan Baltic Scope	2021	A concept of a long-lasting mechanism for cooperation with planning forum function and terms of reference for cooperation mechanism.
Action 3. Development of the regional MSP framework				
3.1	Contribute to the update of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan reflecting in the document the role of MSP in achieving regional environmental objectives.	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	2020-2021	Input from the WG to the BSAP update process.
3.2	Update of the regional MSP Roadmap	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	2020-2021	Regional MSP Roadmap 2021-20XX.
3.3	Update of the MSP Principles	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	2020-2021	Updated Joint MSP Principles, linked with the update of HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan and MSP Roadmap.
3.4	Update of Regional MSP guidelines based on outputs of the task 1.2	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG Projects (i.e. Capacity4MSP)	2020-2021	Updated MSP guidelines on EBA considering Pan Baltic Scope outcomes and other projects.
3.5	Develop a system to follow up implementation of the relevant goals set in the regional MSP framework.	HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG other relevant HELCOM workgroup Capacity4MSP, other projects (DG MARE contract on follow up and indicators of MSP) Pan Baltic Scope	2021	A concept of the system to follow up implementation of the relevant goals set in the regional MSP framework (e.g. workshop on implementation/follow up).
3.6	Develop a common understanding of the cross-border coherence	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG Task Force	2020	Report of the task force on cross-border coherence
3.7	Consider the practical use of socio-economic parameters including ecosystem services in MSP	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	Continuous 2020	Regularly update information in the outcomes of the meetings and exchange information between countries.

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				Report from Pan Baltic Scope on Economic and Social Assessment for MSP.
3.8	Development of the practical means to integrate the marine green infrastructure concept into MSP practices. Including data development e.g. HOLAS III.	Sweden with contribution by Germany, Latvia and taking note of work being done by HELCOM State & Conservation Working Group, HOLAS II, Baltic Scope and outputs from Pan Baltic Scope projects.	2021	<p>Session during a HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG on Pan Baltic Scope activities and results on EBA and GI. Invite feedback from State & Conservation.</p> <p>A draft of the regional concept of marine green infrastructure, based on the output from Pan Baltic Scope should be further developed (if needed).</p>
Action 4. Information and data for MSP				
4.1	Development of guide for accessible and regularly updated regional MSP data	HELCOM via Capacity4MSP BSR MSP Data ESG	2021	<p>Support tools and technical requirements to set use BASEMAPS.</p> <p>BSR data ESG would promote the use of BASEMAPS at national level.</p>
4.2	Investigate and develop mechanisms for improving quality and availability of data required for development of coherent MSPs	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG and BSR Data ESG as well as other HELCOM groups: FISH, State & Conservation, PRESSURE, MARITIME, SAFE NAVE and regional data holders e.g. ICES	Continuous	Proposals on communication and collaboration mechanisms between HELCOM Working Groups.
4.3	Ensure MSP output data sharing through regional distributed information systems utilizing existing information platforms	HELCOM-VASAB MSP Data ESG	Continuous	Adopted MSPs are available in BASEMEPS in accordance with the Guideline on transboundary MSP output data structure.
Action 5. Outreach and education				
5.1	Improve visibility and transparency of MSP related data through development	Task especially for the HELCOM Secretariat for data availability and VASAB Secretariat	Continuous	Information and content available on HELCOM and VASAB webpages, including BASEMAPS.

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	of publicly available information resources	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG BSR Data ESG Capacity4MSP other projects		
5.2	Support the education and professional development of MSP planners	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG (support if requested) Capacity4MSP project platform Other projects	Continuous	Participation in MSP Forums with involvement of young planners, workshops and other events.
5.3	Continuously increase Involvement of the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG in global and EU wide MSP initiatives	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats	Continuous	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG contributes to the elaboration of global MSP guidelines.
5.4	Ensure better cooperation between countries and sectorial stakeholders involved in MSP to strengthen coherent MSP and MSP applying ecosystem approach	Germany HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	2020-2021	Energy/shipping workshops or dedicated session organised back-to-back with WG Meetings Collaborate with HELCOM groups: MARITIME SAFE NAV State & Conservation.
5.5	Act as Steering Committee and co-coordinators of the EUSBSRS HA Spatial Planning	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG: Steering Committee HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats: co-coordinators	Continuous	Recommend the status of the Flagship projects. Policy messages based on project's outputs Integration of the project outputs to the regional policy framework.