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Foundations and principles of Multi-Level Governance to be transformed in common agenda for Baltic Sea Region

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Multi-level governance in terms of MSP and LSI?

- **confronts conflicts** in marine and coastal space ecology and space use and **pursues mediation**,
- strives for comprehensively **sustainable** (considering social, economical and environmental aspects) **use and management** of space,
- efficiently **makes use of all knowledge and resources** available in the governable entity at all levels,
- responsibly **allocates governance power** to governors and the governed alike,
- accounts for governance errors by designing a process that **allows learning and improvement.**





Pillars for scoping multi-level governance - stakeholders as a key

Level

National

Regional

Local

Type

Institutional

Entrepreneurship

Community

Power

Resources

Capacities

Societal
traditions

Knowledge

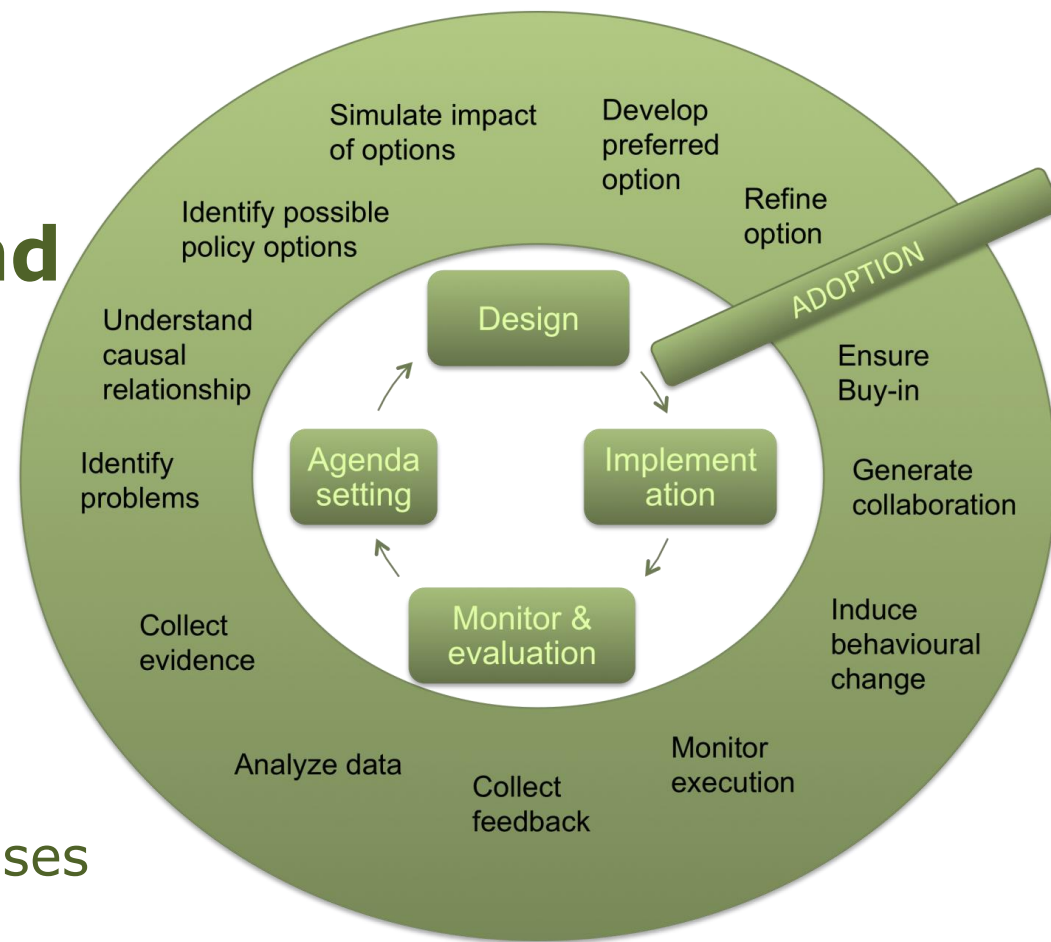
Type -
Theoretical/
practical

Availability -
Limited/
available



Key principles for building a sound governance process

- Be **niche** to fill a gap in governance/update it,
- Rely on a **place-based** approach,
- Reflect **cyclicity** of processes,
- Holistically **engage stakeholders**,
- Allow planning **realistic timelines**,
- Ensure **measurability and trackability** of processes from the outset.





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The Multi-Level Governance Agenda for BSR
is **to bring the outlined theoretical
benefits to marine and coastal
governance** by providing guidance on
implementation of governance





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Foundations and goals for MLG agenda

- ✓ A non-prescriptive, flexible guide to successful coordination of the process and its actors
- ✓ Built on current knowledge (theoretical and practical)
- ✓ Guided by principal aspirations
- ✓ Lays out the multi-level governance process in steps as milestones



Challenges still ahead..

Step N

Discourse question

Description/definition

Tips and tools

A link to reality –
relevant cases

- **Applicability to different governance levels** – national, regional, local
- **Possibility to choose most suitable options** – step-wise approach
- **Proposal for steering of governance processes** – experience sharing and mutual learning

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