

# BALTIC 4<sup>th</sup> FORUM MSP



1 - 2 JUNE 2021, ONLINE

## Delivering MSP Interactions and Capacities Across All Levels

### DRAFT AGENDA

#### 1 JUNE 2021

All times listed in CET

8:30 - 9:00 **Registration, check-in**

9:00 - 9:30 **Opening speeches**

- Minister of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia
- Head of the VASAB Secretariat
- Chair of VASAB CSPD/BSR

9:30 - 10:20 **Setting the scene**  
**Introduction of the 4th Baltic MSP Forum.**

#### **Policy Debates**

**How can MSP address many ambitions, challenges? What would be the best compromise? Is Green Deal a compromise?**

Speakers: TBC – policy level, business representative, research representative

10:20 - 11:00 **Panel discussion**  
**Regional frameworks: what to expect? What are the most important changes in the new regional frameworks? What to expect from this decade?**  
Speakers representing EUSBSR, Baltic Sea Action Plan, BSR MSP Roadmap.

11:00 - 12:30 **Networking, exhibition**

12:00 - 12:30 MSP pitch session

12:30 - 13:30 **Lunch break**

13:30 - 15:00 **Workshop session 1**

- **Workshop 1** – Fostering MSP through stakeholder involvement in national and international planning processes
- **Workshop 2** – Measuring, understanding and integrating blue economy aspects in planning – the role of the regional and local level
- **Workshop 3** – Marine Cultural Heritage (MCH) – challenging part of MSP

15:00 - 15:30 **Break**

- 15:30 - 17:00 | **Workshop session 2**
- **Workshop 4** – Maritime Spatial Planning, towards good environmental status of the Baltic Sea
  - **Workshop 5** – The role of MSP in supporting sustainable ocean Multi-Use and Blue Economy
  - **Workshop 6** – Land-sea interactions and values of local community
- 18:00 - 19:30 | **Evening networking event**  
**Informal get-together with MSP quiz, open stage for MSP toasting**

## 2 JUNE 2021

All times listed in CET

- 9:00 - 9:30 | **Registration, check-in**
- 9:30 – 11:00 | **Workshop session 3**
- **Workshop 7** – Multi-level governance for the coast and the sea – the new normal?
  - **Workshop 8** – How to enhance tools for data driven decision making in MSP?
  - **Workshop 9** – MSP and Climate Change – from theory to practice in the Baltic Sea region
- 11:00 – 11:30 | **Break**
- 11:30 – 12:10 | **Welcome of day 2**  
**Summary session: workshop recap**
- 12:10 – 12:40 | **Keynote speech**  
**Addressing all levels – what does it mean in practise?**
- 12:40 – 13:30 | **Lunch Break**
- 13:30 – 15:10 | **Closing plenary**  
**Addressing challenges in implementation of MSP across all levels. What are the challenges in implementation of maritime spatial plans?**  
Speakers: National, regional, local level experience and examples
- 15:10 – 15:30 | **Closing words**

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Register [HERE](#).  
Registration is open until 25 May 2021.



# WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

## JUNE 1, WORKSHOP SESSION 1

### Workshop 1

**Fostering MSP through stakeholder involvement in national and international planning processes**

Nowadays stakeholder involvement is seen as an integral part of MSP process to achieve mutually acceptable planning results. However, mobilisation of all relevant stakeholders requires efforts and related resources by planning authorities as well as interested parties to have successful cooperation processes. Various approaches and mechanisms can be applied during the process having different effectiveness and outcomes in MSP.

The aim of the workshop is to share approaches and mechanism in stakeholder involvement in MSP in the EU Member states and beyond as well as to identify the key lessons learnt and need for further improvement in communicating with stakeholders.

### Workshop 2

**Measuring, understanding and integrating blue economy aspects in planning – the role of the regional and local level**

Integrating blue economy aspects in planning of coastal and marine areas can be facilitated by measuring and better understanding the blue economy. During this workshop we will highlight some of the challenges in measuring the blue economy. We will also meet examples of mapping the blue economy for better understanding of the preconditions for local maritime businesses.

The workshop will highlight other important preconditions for developing the blue economy and integrating blue economy aspects in planning. The workshop includes presentations from the Land-Sea-Act project and examples from other regions. Issues raised in the workshop includes – challenges with measuring the Blue economy, how to improve knowledge on blue economy, important preconditions for integrating blue growth aspects in planning, financing and legislation for sustainable blue businesses.

### Workshop 3

**Marine Cultural Heritage – challenging part of MSP**

Marine Cultural Heritage (MCH) is relatively novel issue for MSP, in particular if a broader approach to MCH is adopted i.e. covering also relation to terrestrial sites and not only underwater objects (UCH). In such a case MSP must take into consideration the impact of terrestrial MCH on the use and development of the sea space. Another issue is an areal approach to MCH and new planning categories such as battlefields or ship traps, which encompass a wide spectrum of cultural heritage. Finally - in the Baltic Sea Region, MCH is consider as one of the key drivers for the multi-use i.e. development of other sectors, in particular tourism. There is limited body of experience on how to include MCH in planning process, while the Baltic Sea hosts exceptionally well-preserved wooden shipwrecks, protected as cultural heritage, attracting tourists (particularly divers) from all over the world.

The workshop will brief participants with recent development in the field of maritime spatial planning for MCH.

## JUNE 1, WORKSHOP SESSION 2

### Workshop 4

#### Maritime Spatial Planning, towards Good Environmental Status of the Baltic Sea

The workshop will discuss how MSP can contribute to the progress towards Good Environmental Status (GES) of the Baltic Sea: flagging ecologically valuable areas; steering human activities away from the environmentally sensitive areas; reducing environmental pressure on the marine ecosystem; and at the same time facilitating sustainable economic growth and catering for societal demands. The workshop will highlight how MSP assures coherency of various policies seeking synergies between them at regional level and at the level of sea sub-basins. The workshop key themes will be:

- MSP in the updated HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan and the link with the new Regional MSP Roadmap.
- Ecosystem-based approach in MSP: existing regional framework and plans for the development.
- Coherency of international policies in MSP – example of the EU Biodiversity Strategy

### Workshop 5

#### The role of MSP in supporting sustainable ocean Multi-Use and Blue Economy

This workshop will engage MSP experts and maritime business community to discuss the role of MSP in advancing Blue Growth. Encouraged by the MSP Directive and supported by several EU-funded projects, the concept of multi-use will also be examined as a means of a more sustainable and efficient use of the Baltic Sea resources on the path to Blue Growth.

The workshop will host three presentations exemplifying different approaches to ocean multi-use, as well as the associated challenges and opportunities specific to the Baltic Sea context. The highly interactive format of the workshop will allow for the panel discussion and interaction with the audience on this topic.

### Workshop 6

#### Land-sea interactions and values of local community

Understanding of land-sea interactions is critical to the successful delivery of MSP, as marine and coastal activities are often closely interrelated. Moreover, relationships and interdependencies between marine ecosystems, sea- and landscapes, social and cultural values and economic sectors shall be assessed, and adequate solutions proposed for sustainable use of marine and coastal resources.

Land-Sea-Act projects' case studies and findings about how to facilitate balanced development and management of marine and coastal environment by understanding & accessing existing and future values, needs and uses of space.

## JUNE 2, WORKSHOP SESSION 3

### Workshop 7

#### Multi-level governance for the coast and the sea – the new normal?

Within the marine and coastal space governance the jurisdictions of various authorities overlap, this is also prevalent in holistic planning processes, which attempt to address place and case-specific issues. In order to find efficient solutions, it is necessary to engage relevant stakeholders from various governance levels, creating a coordinated cooperation process. The cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region between various levels and sectors can be improved by decision-making and solution tailoring advancement within a multi-level governance framework.

At the workshop we will discuss the principles and steps of a governance process that would reduce the barriers to cooperation between stakeholders and achieve better solutions for the management of marine and coastal areas.

### Workshop 8

#### How to enhance tools for data driven decision making in MSP?

HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group is currently updating the Regional Baltic Maritime Spatial Planning Roadmap. The current draft of the new Regional MSP Roadmap contains objectives and actions to address challenges in the access and provision of data, such as the improvement of MSP related data retention and flows and also to strengthen mutual cooperation within the Baltic Sea Region and beyond, for example with the EU Members States.

In this context, the workshop aims to discuss how different approaches have been used to handle data challenges. The workshop will give an overview of the recent work done by different international projects that addressed the challenge of accessing and providing data to support the decision-making process in MSP, with a focus on cumulative impacts.

### Workshop 9

#### MSP and Climate Change – from theory to practice in the Baltic Sea region

Climate change impacts are evident in the Baltic Sea. Maritime spatial planning as a process can support the establishment of renewable energy production, respond and adapt to climate change impact and contribute to resilience. EU countries in the Baltic Sea region have recently adopted, or are about to adopt maritime spatial plans. It is now timely to share experiences and discuss how countries in practice have addressed the climate change in their maritime spatial plans and the planning processes. In the workshop we will discuss what impact the climate change has had on the planning and how the maritime spatial plans are expected support mitigation and future resilience.

We will also explore the latest scientific knowledge on how the climate change is affecting the Baltic Sea and learn about the results from the project ClimeMarine on ecosystem-based management and inclusion of climate information in the MSP planning tool Symphony.