

Overview of Maritime Spatial Planning in the Baltic Sea Region

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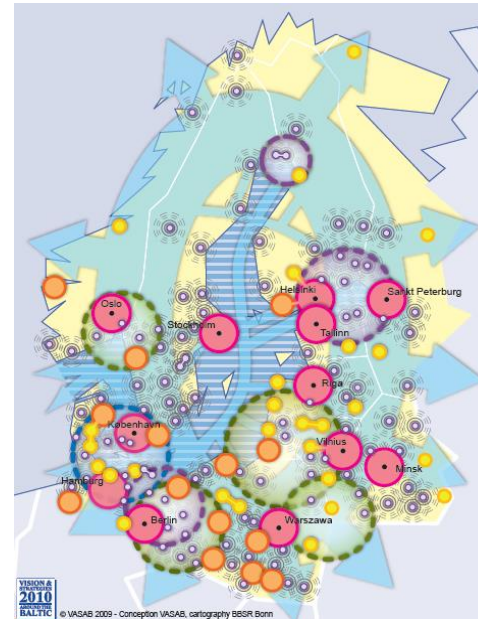
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Vision and Strategies around the Baltic Sea

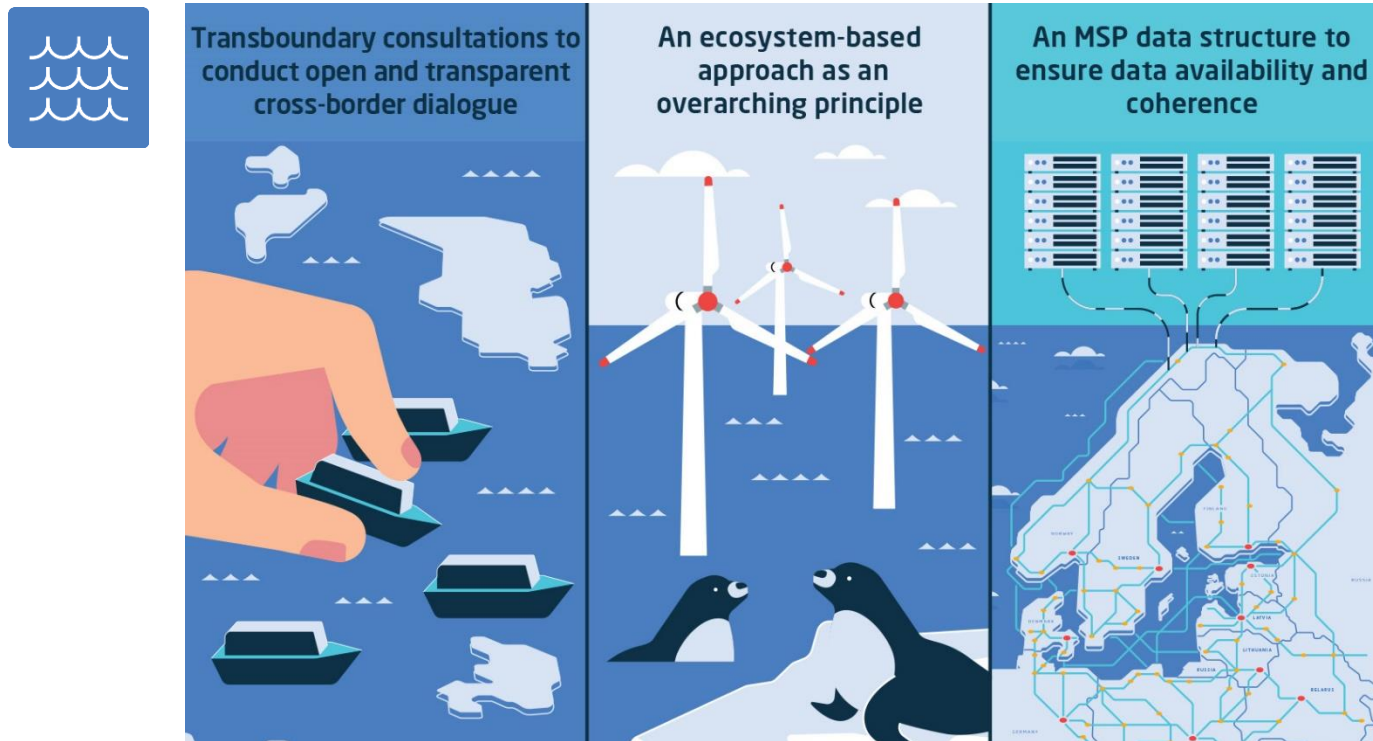
- Cooperation of ministers of Baltic Sea Region countries responsible for spatial planning and development
- Intergovernmental network founded in **1992**
- **VASAB Long –Term Perspective for the Territorial Development of the BSR**
- **Maritime Spatial Planning** – one of VASAB priorities

2030: Territorial cohesion perspective



HELCOM – VASAB Cooperation on MSP

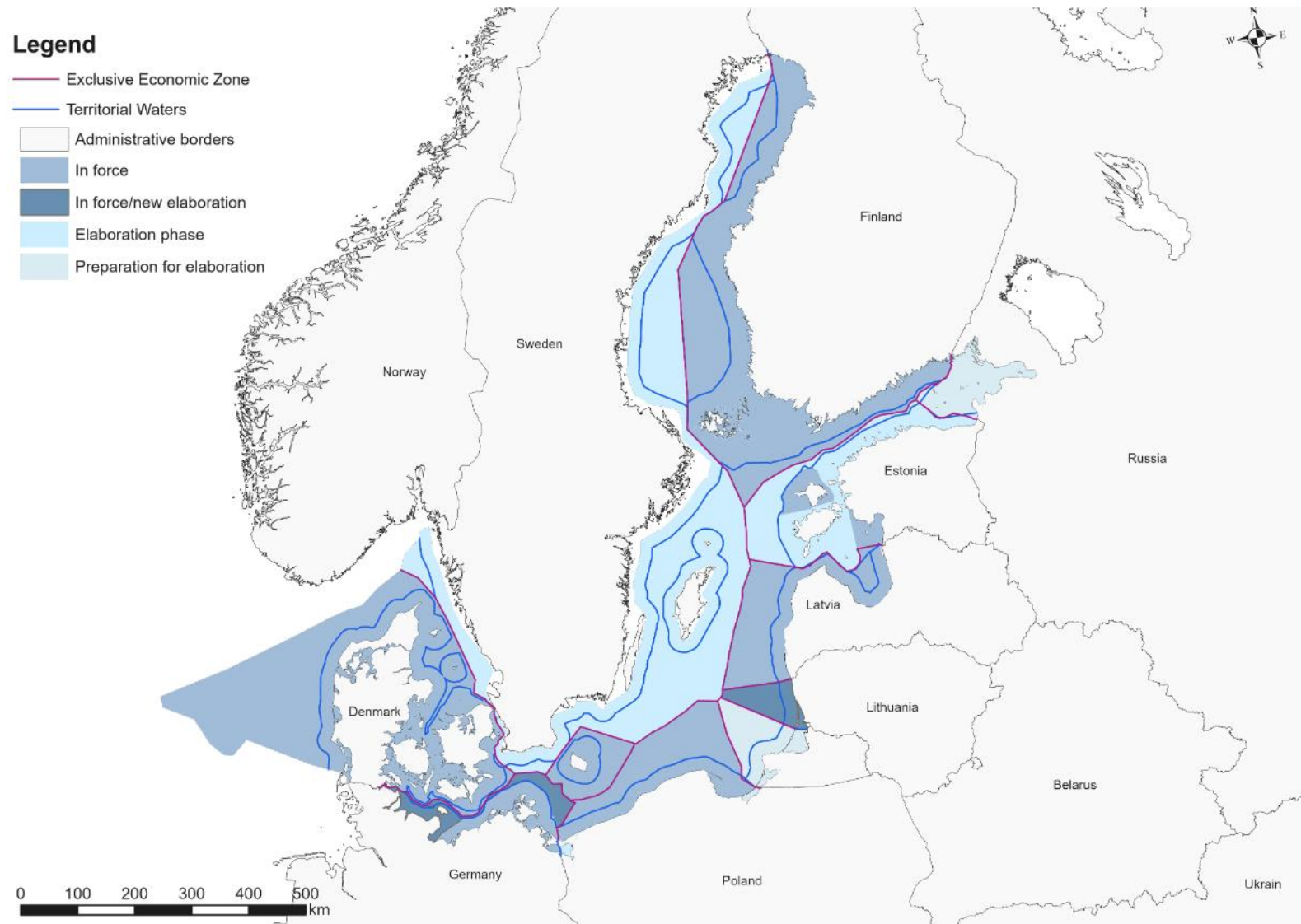
How to ensure coherent MSP accross borders?



- MSP on VASAB agenda since 2001
- EU and non-EU countries
- HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group established in 2010
 - ✓ MSP Principles
 - ✓ MSP Roadmap
 - ✓ Guidelines

EU MSP Directive
2014

Overview on MSP Status in BSR



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Transnational MSP projects

some BSR examples





Draft New Regional MSP Roadmap 2021-2030

Goal:

strengthening the joint effort and coherence throughout the Baltic Sea Region to implement Maritime Spatial Plans, aiming for sustainable development and building a sound basis for an adaptive MSP process applying the ecosystem-based approach

Objectives:

- O1: Implementation of Maritime Spatial Plans builds knowledge base for the new MSP cycle
- O2: MSP improves regional policy coherence
- O3: MSP contributes to achieving progress towards good environmental status of the Baltic Sea set in the Baltic Sea Action Plan
- O4: MSP contributes to sustainable blue economy
- O5: MSP contributes to climate change mitigation, adaptation and increased resilience of the Baltic Sea Region



HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group frameworks on stakeholders involvement I

Baltic Sea MSP Principles:

Participation and Transparency

All relevant authorities and stakeholders, including coastal municipalities as well as national and regional bodies, should be involved in maritime spatial planning initiatives at the earliest possible stage



HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group frameworks on stakeholders involvement II

Guidelines on Transboundary Consultations, Public Participation and Cooperation:

- *Aim to ensure stakeholder involvement within countries, across the borders and on Pan-Baltic scale*
- *Specify stakeholders consultations steps*
- *Propose steps in organising stakeholder involvement in transboundary consultation process*
- *Suggest engagement of stakeholders best at national level and well organised stakeholder groups at Pan-Baltic level*
- *Underline that subsidiarity principle has to be maintained*

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Interactions and Capacities
Across All Levels

Thank you!

