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Emerging Ecosystem-based  
Maritime Spatial Planning  
Topics in the North and Baltic  
Sea Regions

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# Project in numbers

**Call:** EMFF-MSP-2020

**Funded by:** European Maritime and Fisheries Fund managed by CINEA

**Project duration:** 30 months: September 2021 – February 2024

**Estimated project cost:** € 3,123,394.41

**Requested EU contribution:** € 2,469,145.65

**Project consortium:** 15 project partners and 2 associated organisations (Uni DK; Ministry of the Environment, Finland)

- 8 countries
- 3 transnational organisations

**Lead partner:** Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO)

**Project partners:**

Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of the Netherlands (MINLNV)

Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management of the Netherlands (MIN IenW)

Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency of Germany (BSH)

Gdynia Maritime University (GMU) Poland

Danish Maritime Authority (DMA)

Regional Council of Southwest Finland (FI RCSW)

Government of Åland (FI GA)

Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management (SwAM)

French Naval Hydrographic and Oceanographic Service (SHOM)

De Blauwe Cluster (BC) Belgium

The Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission (HELCOM)

VASAB Secretariat

Nordregio

Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE)



# Aim of the project

The project will **enable maritime spatial planners of managing authorities and policymakers from the North and Baltic Sea Regions to reflect:**

- on current MSP practices, especially the MSP implementation,
- to learn effectively from each other,
- to collectively identify future problems and solutions.
- on ambitions and challenges for MSP stemming from policy developments under the EU Green Deal and other related EU initiatives.

This will provide new knowledge and information to national governments and the European Commission on:

- implementation,
  - development and research actions,
  - managerial approaches,
- that can or should be taken to deal with future challenges and opportunities afforded by the sea in a coherent way** and with involvement of industry, academia and non-governmental organisations.



# Project topics

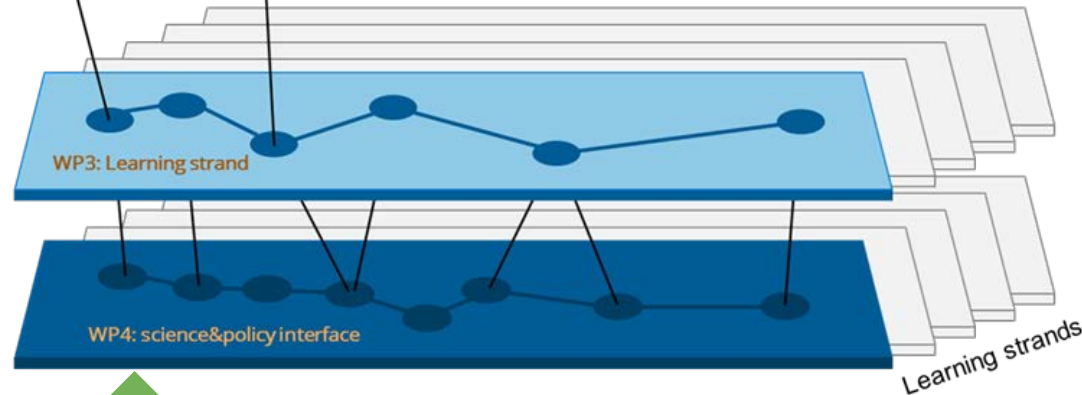
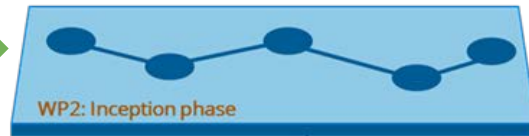
The project will generate new knowledge that is relevant for the North and Baltic Sea Region in **five key emerging topics** (project learning strands), each addressed by two cross cutting issues – **climate change and the EU Green Deal**:

1. **Ocean governance;**
2. **Ecosystem-based approach;**
3. **Sustainable blue economy;**
4. **Monitoring and evaluation;**
5. **Data sharing, information and communication technology serving MSP.**

# Project structure

## Inception phase

- Provides **working frame** for 5 learning strands by examining the existing MSP context in the North and Baltic Seas.
- Builds **relationships with the stakeholders** outside the MSP community.
- Creates common understanding of the **climate challenges in the North and Baltic seas**.



Learning strands

- Community of Practice (CoP) model, **creating forums for policymakers, practitioners and researchers** to discuss important MSP developments in 5 thematic areas.
- Activities to be conducted through the CoPs will enable maritime policymakers and professionals to **adequately address future challenges in the maritime environment** by improving the design, implementation and monitoring of Maritime Spatial Plans, and using the best available knowledge from science and innovation.

Science & policy

- A **'glue' between all topics** - science and policy interface running along the entire project time and through a group of scientists, closely linked to project work.
- Scientific point of view will help to establish the methods and how the different thematic learning strands best can feed in learning into subnational, national and international processes.



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